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FAITHFUL WITNESS IN A WORLD IN CRISIS

Stott-Bediako Forum 2027



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Why New Wineskins?

A PROCESS,
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CONVERSATION,
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A FINAL WORD.

THE CRISES OF OUR TIME REQUIRE THE FAITHFUL WITNESS OF THE CHURCH

Yet, oftentimes, churches are complicit in violence, oppression, authoritarianism, settler colonialism, genocide, racism - and the list goes on - in many of the places where we live and serve. In such places, we dare to believe that the wine of the gospel still means good news for the world! Especially for the poor, oppressed, and marginalized. But we're also convinced that to be good news today will require new wineskins.

How can communities of God's people respond bravely and creatively to the crises of our time? We know there are faith communities around the world that are engaging with the realities of their contexts with courage and authenticity. We are eager to learn from them! From traditional churches who aren't afraid to engage hard questions and seek renewal. From communities rediscovering and living out historical church practices in fresh ways. And from those who are daring to do and be the Church in entirely radical and innovative ways!

The Stott-Bediako Forum seeks to animate our commitment to Christian community in its renewed and perhaps even radically new forms - so that the Church today can be a faithful witness to the Gospel. Read more about the forum [here](#)...

The Stott-Bediako Forum provides space for fellowship in which to share our stories, nurture our dreams, and encourage one another as we seek to live out a faithful witness in our world.

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The forum combines:

1. Deep reflection around research and stories related to what it means to BE and DO Church in the world today.
2. Fellowship with Christian siblings from across the globe to ENCOURAGE and SUPPORT one another.
3. An encounter that bridges traditional divides between SCHOLARSHIP and PRACTICE, making space for us to be our whole selves and worship God in our diversity.
4. Opportunities for dialogue so that we can LEARN FROM and COLLABORATE WITH one another.



**Do you have serious questions
about the Church?
You will not want to miss this.**

“The carefully designed INFEMIT programs that intentionally invite us to grapple with difficult topics not commonly raised in many of our contexts become formative moments of being equipped anew for living out and sharing the fullness of God’s good news for the world in all dimensions.”

- Laura Yoder, Wheaton College HNGR Program Director

“Our own experience has increasingly convinced us that the Church’s public witness must be understood not as an addition to its spiritual vocation, but as an expression of its participation in God’s mission. This calls for forms of ecclesial life capable of holding together worship and witness, spiritual formation and social responsibility, local rootedness and global solidarity. It also requires the courage to ask difficult questions about inherited habits and structures and, where necessary, to imagine new ways of being the Church for the sake of faithful presence in the world.”

- Ciprian Gheorghe-Luca, Senior Pastor of Centrul Creștin Emanuel

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The forum is a great space to:

1. Bring church groups or staff teams who want to engage in questions of faith cross-culturally.
2. Hold a meeting for a global or regional network, association, or research team (options to stay on before or after the event).
3. Send organizational representatives to build connections with other leaders.
4. Send young leaders or scholars for personal and professional development.

“The event offered a collaborative learning space where theological reflection, integral mission, and spiritual formation met. Participants evaluated together our continental reality, learned from best practices, and identified areas of collaboration to catalyze our potential.”

- Steve Holtrop, Resonate Global Mission

Tearfund has proudly supported young leaders and thinkers to attend previous INFEMIT events, finding them enriching and pivotal for their community work globally. Participants from majority world countries have consistently described the experience as "life-changing" and expressed that it "made me feel I have a voice that matters." The forum provides a vital space for grassroots leaders to engage in contextual theological reflection.

- María Alejandra Andrade, Tearfund



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Sponsors help make the Stott-Bediako Forum possible! We particularly want to make sure that this event is accessible to young, grassroots, and Majority World leaders, many of whom need financial support to attend.

Sponsorship is also an excellent way to get the word out about the work of your organization. Sponsors donating \$1000 or more will have their logo featured:

- On the Forum web page
- In the Forum informational packet
- On announcement slides during the Forum

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- A featured announcement in the participant packet or live during the program
- Materials given to participants at the forum (you will need to cover the cost of printing or production of these materials)
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Additional sponsorship amounts will be assessed in conversation with the organization, since we want to ensure space for smaller and local organizations. In-kind donations may also be considered.



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