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International Conference

Theology of Vocation in a Technocentric Age: Rethinking Work, Family, and Community

Day 1 – Opening Ceremony & Keynotes

26th of March 2026

14:00-14:05 Opening of the Conference, **Dr. Guntis Kalme**, Assistant Professor, Luther Academy

14:05-14:15 Welcome Address 1/Prayer

Jānis Vanags D.D., Rector, Luther Academy, Latvia

14:15-14:20 Welcome Address 2

Dr. Njenga Beatrice Khamati, Deputy Vice Chancellor for Advancement, International Leadership University, Kenya

14:20-14:25 Welcome Address 3

Dr. Torbjörn Johansson, Rector, the Lutheran School of Theology in Gothenburg, Sweden.

14:25- 14:55 Keynote 1

The Political Vocation in an Age of Fracture

Dr. Michael Ignatieff, Professor Emeritus at CEU in Vienna, Austria, Chair the Advisory Council of the Centre for Ethics in AI at Oxford, member of the Board of the Carnegie Corporation of New York

14:55- 15:05 Q&A Session

15:05-15:35 Keynote 2

Biblical and Ethical Considerations on Using AI for Communicating the Truth in Church, Business, or Society

Dr. Krisztina Olah, Professor, Bakke Graduate School, USA, Budapest Business School, Hungary

15:35- 15:45 Q&A Session

15:45-16:15 Keynote 3

Leadership in a Technocentrix Age to Rethink Work, Family and Community

Dr. Timothy (Tim) Kiruhi, Professor, Vice Chancellor, International Leadership University, Kenya

16:15- 16:25 Q&A Session

16:25-16:55 Keynote 4

Embodied Vocation: Biblical Anthropology and Technological Challenges

Dr. Uģis Sildegs, Assist. Prof., Luther Academy, Latvia

16:55-17:05 Q&A Session

17:05-17:20 Reflection Session (Afterthoughts)

17:20-18:00 Summary of the 1 st day /5 min per each group

Day 2 – Sessions

27th of March 2026

9:00–12:45 Parallel Sessions 1 and 2

Session 1. **Theological and Historical Foundations of Vocation**

Moderator: S.T.M. Gints Graudiņš, Luther Academy, Latvia

Time	Presentation	Speaker
9:00-9:30	Vocation in African Indigenous Knowledge: Prospects for a Theology of Work in Christian Thought	<i>Dr. Komi A. Hiagbe, International Leadership University, Kenya</i>
9:30-10:00	Christ-centered Vocation in the Age of Algorithms: Reclaiming the Moral Responsibility in a Technocentric World	<i>PhD Joseph M. Muutuki, Daystar University, Kenya</i>
10:00-10:30	AI and Vocational Identity in the Digital Age: A Theological Reflection on Calling, Work, and Human Dignity	<i>PhD, D.Min Abiodun Rowland Peters, Ames ICM Bible College, Nigeria</i>

10:30-11:00	Artificial Intelligence in the Analysis of Luther's Psalms Commentaries: Methodological and Epistemological Aspects	<i>S.T.M. Gints Graudiņš, Luther Academy, Latvia</i>
11:00-11:15	Break	
11:15-11:45	Pauline and Reformation Theology of Vocation in an Algorithmic Age: Rethinking Romans 12 and 1 Corinthians 7 in Light of AI and Digital Labor	<i>PhD, M.Div. Walter O. Andhoga, International Leadership University, Kenya</i>
11:45-12:15	Boaz's Field and the Threshing Floor: Rethinking a Vocational Theology in Ruth for Africa's Technocentric Challenges	<i>Dr. Benea Alukwe, International Leadership University, Kenya</i>
12:15-12:45	Technology and Cosmetics in the Cosmos of Psalm 104: <i>Creatio Continua</i> as a Human Vocation in the Workplace	<i>PhD Aleksandar Apostolovski, Evangelical Theological Seminary, Croatia</i>

Session 2. **Vocation, Work, and Public Theology in a Technocentric Age**

Moderator: *PhD David Ngaruiya, International Leadership University, Kenya*

Time	Presentation	Speaker
9:00-9:30	Rethink, Reimagine, and Recalibrate Christ-centered Business Education in an AI-mediated Workplace	<i>PhD Maria Lai-Ling Lam, LCC International University, Lithuania</i>
9:30-10:00	Reimagining the Personhood, Soul, and Human Dignity of the <i>Anthropos</i> in the Context of Technocentrism and AI	<i>Dr. Mwaniki Karura, International Leadership University, Kenya</i>
10:00-10:30	Lutheran Theology of Vocation and Military Chaplaincy in Hybrid Warfare	<i>Dr. Guntis Kalme, Luther Academy, Latvia</i>
10:30-11:00	From Image to Mould: AI Shaping Human Reality and Faith?	<i>MTh/drs Julijana Mladenovska-Tešija, Evangelical Theological Seminary, Croatia</i>
11:00-11:15	Break	
11:15-11:45	<i>Imago Dei</i> in the Age of AI: Rediscovering Humanity's Purpose in Work	<i>Rev. Dr. Peter Mutua Maurice, Daystar University, Kenya</i>

11:45-12:15	Incarnation and a Theology for Rethinking Community in a Technocentric Age	<i>PhD Rugi Davidson, International Leadership University, Kenya</i>
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Break 12:45–13:30

13:30–17:15 Parallel Sessions 3 and 4

Session 3. **Family, Care, and Domestic Vocation**

Moderator: *Dr. Uģis Sildegs*, Luther Academy, Latvia

Time	Presentation	Speaker
13:30-14:00	Human Dignity and Vocation in the Age of AI: The Perspective of Pope Leo XIV	<i>S.E.O.Lic. Adrián Seman, Catholic University in Ružomberok, Slovakia</i>
14:00-14:30	Reclaiming Christian Vocation in a Technocentric Age: Human Dignity, Work, and Community in the Digital Era	<i>Dr. Hillary Kipchumba, Daystar University, Kenya</i>
14:30-15:00	Today's Challenges in Preparing for Family Life at School	<i>Doctor of social science, professor Birutė Obelenienė, Vytautas Magnus University, Lithuania</i>
15:00-15:30	Beyond Productivity: A Theology of Vocation Centered on Family and Care in Technocentric African Societies	<i>PhD, Mdiv Emmanuel Ofei Ankra-Badu, International Leadership University, Kenya</i>
15:30-15:45	Break	
15:45-16:15	Family Relationships in a Technocentric Age: Implications for the Moral Formation of Nigerian Youth	<i>PhD Victoria Ogunsola & Rev. Olalekan Sunday, Baptist College of Theology, Nigeria</i>
16:15-16:45	Parenting, Digital Formation, and Intergenerational Dynamics	<i>PhD Naomi Makau, International Leadership University, Kenya</i>
16:45-17:15	A Pastoral Response to Youth Unemployment through a Public Theology of (Digital) Work	<i>PhD Kevin Muriithi Ndereba, St. Paul's University, Kenya</i>

Session 4. **Community, Ecclesial Life, and the Common Good**

Moderator: *Dr. Kennedy Ole Kerei*, International Leadership University, Kenya

Time	Presentation	Speaker
13:30-14:00	From Calling to Coding: Reimagining the Theology of Vocation amid Artificial Intelligence, Platform Labour, and Digital Personhood	<i>MA Mojaesi Violet Phejane, University of the Free State, South Africa</i>
14:00-14:30	The Order of Widows in the Early Church: The Vocation to Spiritual Ministry	<i>STD Vilma Šliužaitė, Vytautas Magnus University, Lithuania</i>
14:30-15:00	Contemplative Vocation in a Technocentric World: International Offline Space as a Prerequisite for Authentic Spiritual Life	<i>ThLic., PhD. candidate Lukáš Vaník, Catholic University of Ružomberok, Slovakia</i>
15:00-15:30	Balancing Tradition and Innovation in Church Worship in Nairobi: A Practical, Pastoral, and African Contextual Theological Solution	<i>Rev. Dr. (B.A., M.Div., M.Th., PhD) James Mwangi, International Leadership University, Kenya</i>
15:30-15:45	Break	
15:45-16:15	The Relationship Between the Reformed Church Community and Digital Social Networks in Romania: The Quality of Church Community Relations in the Age of Technology — The Hypostases of Technology-Driven Theology (Decline, Blessing, or Challenge)	<i>PhD Botond Kund Gudor, Babeş-Bolyai University, Romania</i>
16:15-16:45	Theology, Technology, and the Future of Community in Kenya: Re-imagining a Communal Ethic	<i>PhD Student David Bob Kikuyu, International Leadership University, Kenya</i>
16:45-17:15	Digital Fragmentation and the Reconfiguration of Communal Belonging in Nandi County, Kenya	<i>Master of Arts, PhD candidate Collins Kipkoech Togom, Daystar University, Kenya</i>

17:15-17:30 Conference Summary and Closing

Moderator: *Dr. Guntis Kalme*, Luther Academy, Latvia