



IAMSCU CONFERENCE 2014



Hiroshima, Japan

Date : May 24-28, 2014

**Hiroshima Jogakuin University
International Conference Center Hiroshima**

Main Theme:
Peace, Reconciliation, and Human Rights
Promoting peace education for a new generation of global leaders



IAMSCU

IAMSCU – The International Association of Methodist-related Schools, Colleges, and Universities was established at the 16th World Methodist Conference in Singapore in 1991. At present, there are more than 800 Methodist educational institutions around the world affiliated with IAMSCU. The vision of IAMSCU is to develop a dynamic, worldwide network of member institutions, resulting in effective inter-institutional cooperation and collaboration to prepare a new generation of Christian leaders..

Preamble

Education is an important mission of Methodists around the world. In some countries Methodist education is quite mature, involving over 250 years of development and experience, whereas in other countries the quest for education is just beginning. We share many common goals and ideals. We know that it is desirable to pool our wisdom and to learn from one another. It is within this diversity of experience and heritage of common roots that we seek to develop closer cooperative and supportive relationships among the Methodist-related educational institutions and those with a Methodist tradition for our mutual benefit.

Members

Schools, colleges, theological seminaries, and universities from throughout the world that are connected to the Wesleyan and Methodist tradition of education.

Mission and Goals

To promote the development of quality and value-centered education, thereby providing a better life for people.

1. To increase the availability of education opportunities throughout the world;
2. To improve the quality of education; and
3. To enable Methodist-related educational institutions and those with a Methodist tradition to cooperate through the development of common understandings.

History of the IAMSCU Conferences

1. The first IAMSCU Conference was held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in 1996
2. The second conference was at Kingswood School in Bath, England, in 1998, celebrating the 250th anniversary of the founding of Kingswood School—the first school founded by John Wesley in Bristol, England.
3. The third IAMSCU Conference took place at Methodist College in Belfast, Northern Ireland, in 2001.
4. The fourth conference was held at Westminster School, in Marion, South Australia, in July 2005.
5. The fifth conference was held in Rosario, Argentina, in July 2008.
6. The sixth and most recent conference was held in July 2011, in Washington, DC, the United States, jointly with the National Association of Schools and Colleges of the United Methodist Church (NASCUMC).

The IAMSCU 2014 Conference in Hiroshima

Since its founding in 1991, in Singapore, IAMSCU has continued to affirm its commitment to Methodist education in Asia and the Pacific. IAMSCU will now hold its conference in Hiroshima, Japan. This location is very relevant to the theme "Peace, Reconciliation, and Human Rights."

The history of Hiroshima goes back to 1589. The city became an important urban center in the 19th century. On August 6, 1945 the city was a target of the atomic-bomb, an event that left an indelible mark on millions of people. The destruction and suffering caused by the war has now given place to beautiful parks, a thriving economy, a cultural center with many museums and touristic attractions, and new developments that may easily make us forget the meaning and importance of what happened in Hiroshima. Amidst the destruction of the war, one important sign remained standing: the cross of Nagarekawa Church, bearing witness to the Christian commitment to peace. Many schools, colleges, and universities are connected to IAMSCU in Japan and continue to show the resilience of the Wesleyan and Methodist traditions of education amidst situations of war, environmental disasters, human suffering, and the struggle for human rights.



Presidents, Faculty, Chaplains, and Students from Methodist-related institutions in Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America, and North America are invited to present papers on Campus Ministry, Human Rights, Theology & Peace, and Ethics & Responsibility.

Hiroshima Jogakuin University



Hiroshima Jogakuin University (HJU) was founded in 1866 by T. Sunamoto in cooperation with W.R. Lambuth, from the Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States. Under the leadership of Miss Nannie Gaines, HJU started as a school for women's education. The school was once near the epicenter of the atomic bomb that destroyed its facilities and is now an internationally recognized center for peace education, global studies, human rights, and intercultural understanding. The five key concepts characterizing HJU are:

Christianity, Women, Hiroshima, Peace, and Cosmopolitanism. The university is located on a beautiful campus in the hills, surrounded by parks, equipped with state-of-the-art facilities, and connected to a network of 18 Methodist-related institutions in Japan that will join forces to host this very special conference.

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Date	Time	Session	Location
May 24 (Sat)	9:00	Registration Starts	Hiroshima Jogakuin University
	9:00 16:00	Pre-Conference Seminars • Chaplains Gathering • Human Rights • Ethics and Social Responsibility • Theology and Peace	
May 25 (Sun)	8:30 10:00	Meetings of regional associations (AAMIHE, ALAIME, APAMEI, NASCUMC, and others)	Granvia Hotel
	10:00 12:00	Sunday Service at Local Churches	Various
	12:00	Registration Starts	Granvia Hotel
	16:00 18:30	Opening Liturgy & Convocation	Hiroshima Jogakuin High School
	18:30 19:00	Welcoming Reception	
May 26 (Mon)	8:30 9:00	Worship	International Conference Center Hiroshima
	9:00 12:30	Plenary & Panel Discussion	
	12:30 14:00	Lunch	
	14:00 15:00	Plenary	
	15:30 17:30	Visit of Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park & Museum	
	17:30	Conclusion	
May 27 (Tue)	9:00 11:40	Plenary & Panel Discussion	Hiroshima Jogakuin University Auditorium
	11:40 12:45	Lunch	
	13:00 13:45	Worship with University Students	
	14:00 15:00	Plenary : IAMSCU Presentations • Student program • Chaplains Gathering • MISEN program, online education, and students exchange	
	15:30 17:00	Plenary & Panel Discussion	
	19:00 20:00	Banquet & "Ken Yamada Leadership Award" Cultural Evening	Granvia Hotel
	20:00	Conclusion	
May 28 (Wed)	9:00 9:30	Worship	Nagarekawa Church
	9:30 10:30	Plenary : Business Session • President Report • Treasurer Report Reports of Pre-Conference seminars • Campus Ministry • Ethics and Social Responsibility • Human Rights • Theology and Peace Regional Reports	
	11:00 11:30	Plenary • Presentation by Nomination Committee • Elections	
	11:30 12:15	Closing Assembly / Worship	
	12:30 13:00	Adjourn	
	13:00	Optional Tour : Miyajima and other locations near Hiroshima	

Speakers: E. Sirleaf (President of Liberia, Nobel laureate), R. Fischmann (Professor, Methodist University of São Paulo), M. Huang (Professor, Soochow University), Koko Kondo (Atomic Bomb Survivor), Steven Leeper (Former CEO Hiroshima Peace Museum), Jane Love (Dean, Emory University), Douglas Meeks (Professor, Vanderbilt University), Kasap Owan (President, Katanga Methodist University), J.C. Park (President, Korean Methodist University), Bishop James Dorff (UMC Bishop), and others.

Registration for the Conference

Registration & hotel reservations can be made online through the official IAMSCU website: www.IAMSCU.net

Official Travel Agency: Kinki Nippon Tourist Chugoku Chikoku Co., Ltd

Address: Yushin building, 7th floor, 1-24 Tatemachi – Naka-ku, Hiroshima-shi, JAPAN

Conference Contact Email: IAMSCU2014@gmail.com

Registration Fee

- 1) General Public (US \$300)
- 2) Participants from IAMSCU member institutions (US \$200)
- 3) Students (US \$100)
 - Scholarships and travel grants are available upon request.
 - Registration includes conference materials, some meals, and banquet.



Hotel Information (Hotel prices are per room/per person.)

- 1) Conference Hotel: Granvia Hotel Hiroshima **** (JPY 13,000-14,000/approx.US \$130-140)
- 2) Other Hotel options:
 - Sheraton Hotel Hiroshima***** (JPY 16,000-21,000 / approx.US \$160-210)
 - JAL City Hotel***1/2 (JPY 11,000 / approx.US \$110)
 - Via Inn*** (JPY 9,500 / approx.US \$95)
- 3) Economic alternatives:
 - Urbain Hiroshima *** (JPY 8,000 / approx.US \$80)
 - Hiroshima Pacific Hotel*** (JPY 8,000 / approx.US \$80)
- 4) Accommodations for students (mattresses in large hall with collective bathroom)
 - HJU Campus Guest House - for students and volunteers (\$5 per day)

Hosting University

Hiroshima Jogakuin University

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