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Contribution to
Global Anglican
Mission

DACB FILM PROJECT



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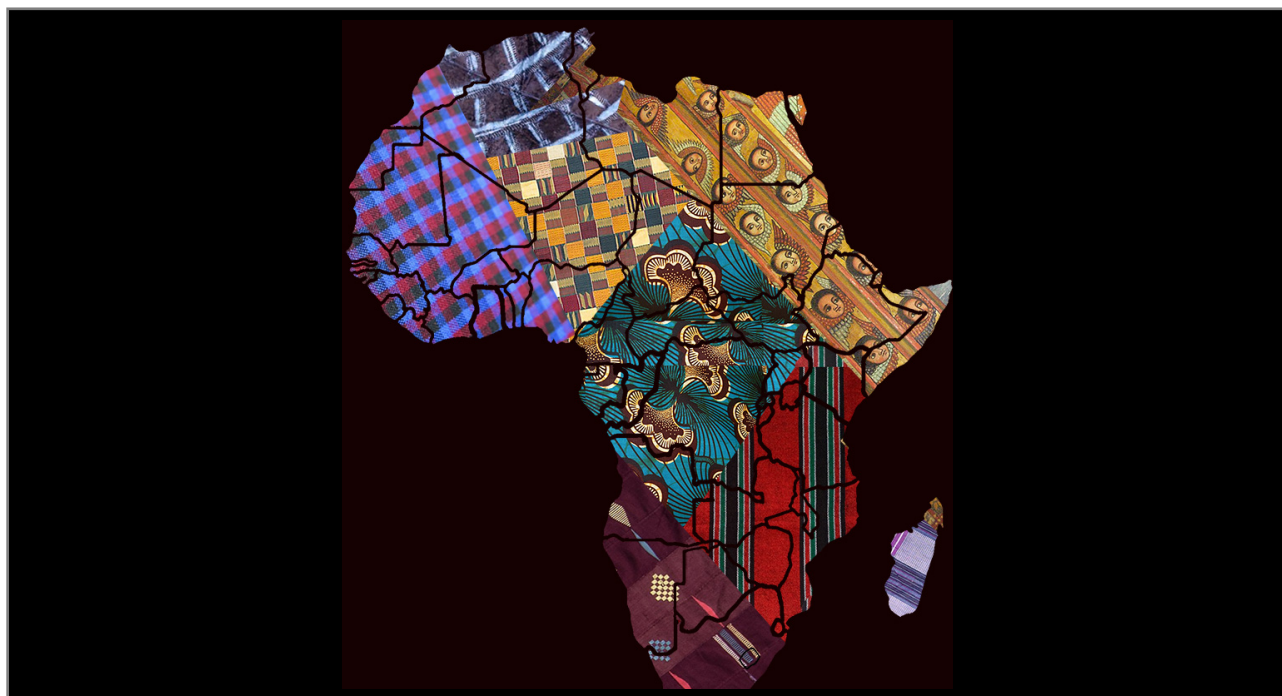
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DACB Awarded Grant

This summer, the *Dictionary of Africa Christian Biography* (DACB) Executive Director Michèle Sigg was awarded a \$47,000 grant from the Constable Fund along with fellow church member and scholar Michael Glerup, Director of the Center for Early African Christianity.

This grant will use materials from the DACB to create new films about African Christians

The Constable Grants, endowed by Marie Louise Constable in 1939,

provide funding for religious education and mission initiatives in the Episcopal Church. Their project, entitled “The African Contribution to Global Anglican Mission” will produce six 10-12 minute videos with accompanying study guides on the lives of African Christians whose lives and ministries significantly impacted the global Anglican Communion. The goal of the project is to provide educational resources to shed light on the growing importance of African Christianity in the global church.

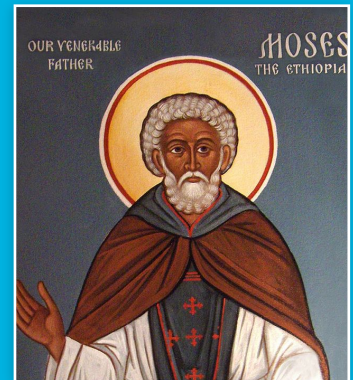
Because the Episcopal Church is grounded both in the Ancient Church and the Protestant Reformation, the project will include ancient African Christians and post Reformation African Christians. In Ancient African Christianity, the focus will be on three lesser known but important figures in the formation of Western Christianity, figures such as Abba Moses, Pachomius, and Quodvultdeus. Post-Reformation figures will include figures such as Samuel Crowther Ajayi and Apolo Kivebulaya— well known to Africans but relatively unknown to most Episcopalians in the United States. At least one video will focus on African women figures.

The six videos will be repackaged for various online delivery systems and for use on social media platforms. The aim is to produce works for use in religious education classes, university settings, and for broader public consumption. These pedagogical materials for the church will be relevant on a global level but also will address the challenge to pursue the work of racial justice here in the United States. The digital format makes the material accessible in the age of COVID-19 and online education.

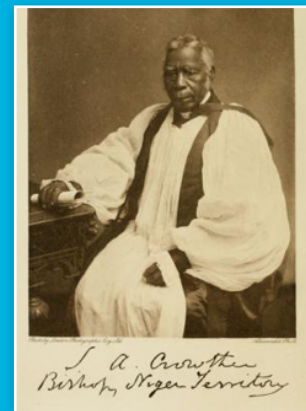
For more information on the Dictionary of African Christian Biography, visit the full website at www.dacb.org.



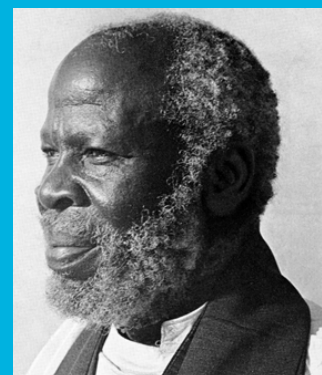
African Contributions to Anglicanism



Abba Moses lived in fourth century Egypt.



Samuel Crowther Ajayi, first African Bishop in the Anglican Church



Apolo Kivebulaya, Ugandan Priest in late 19th - early 20th centuries

Hymnody Mini-Conference

Monday 8 November 2021, 2:30 PM to 5:30 PM

The Boston University School of Theology (STH) has a long history of leadership in global hymnody. The Reverend Dr. Carl P. Daw, Jr., retired Lecturer of Hymnology, and Curator of the Hymnological Collections at STH, wrote a history of some of the notable people associated with Boston University who were prominent in the field, demonstrating the School of Theology's historic involvement and contribution.

To begin a new period in the history of the discipline at STH, a group of faculty and staff have been meeting to determine how best to honor our legacy and collection, and to move forward with a deeper engagement with aspects of global hymnody.

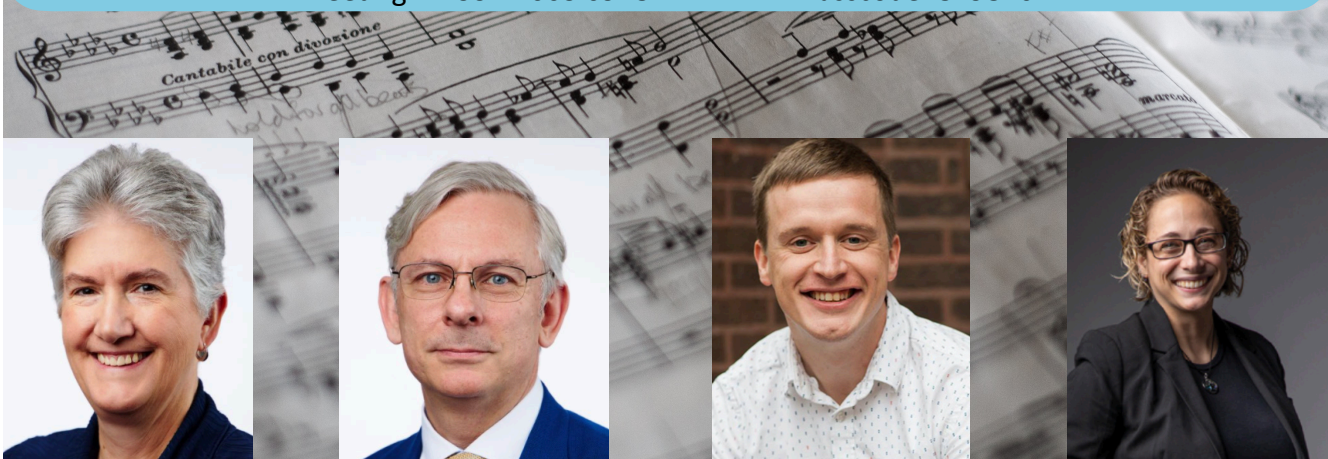
The first event is a mini-conference to be held in person and via Zoom in November, hosted by Professors Karen Westerfield Tucker and Andrew Shenton. This will feature several distinguished alumni including David Bjorlin and Stephanie Budwey. The conference will include discussion on the pedagogy surrounding hymnology, the BU/STH legacy, and initial planning for a larger conference on global hymnody scheduled for 2022.

To join the Zoom meeting on November 8th at 2:30pm EST, use the following link:

<https://bostonu.zoom.us/j/99770636918?pwd=VGQ0OFRyRjhLSzhYYnh1cnpV0Fudz09>

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CGCM Alumni Highlights

CGCM alumni can be found in a variety of teaching, research, and ministry vocations around the world. This Fall we highlight three alumni who have recently embarked on exciting new endeavors. Join us in celebrating their achievements and contributions to Global Christian and Mission scholarship.



Dr. Soojin Chung ('18) has started a new position at Azusa Pacific University's School of Theology as an Assistant Professor of Practical Theology. She also directs the General Education program at the University. Her current work focuses on the Christian Home in Global Protestant Mission Thought and Practice in Asia. This research project is funded by the Council for Christian Colleges & Universities. Chung's new book, *Adopting for God: The Mission to Change America through Transnational Adoption*, will be released later this year with NYU Press.

Dr. Benjamin L. Hartley ('05) has recently been named Associate Professor of Mission and World Christianity at Seattle Pacific University (SPU). He previously served in a similar role for four years at George Fox University in Oregon and for eleven years at Palmer Theological Seminary of Eastern University near Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. In addition to teaching responsibilities at SPU, he is also Director of Strategic Initiatives for Seattle Pacific Seminary. In scholarship, he is currently working on a new biography of 1946 Nobel Peace Prize laureate John R. Mott. In 2022 he will have a chapter coming out on 18th century evangelical mission in the Oxford Handbook on Early Evangelicalism, edited by Jonathan Yeager.



Dr. David W. Scott ('13) is serving as Distinguished Visiting Scholar of Church History at Eden Theological Seminary for the 2021-2022 academic year. In this position, he will be teaching courses in church history and United Methodist studies. Among other academic projects, he is working on a volume on *Methodism and American Empire*, co-edited with Professor Filipe Maia. He is part of the Executive Committee for the North American Missional Collaborations research project.