

# TANGAZA UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

## SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

Teaching Minds, Touching Hearts, Transforming lives.

### Department of Islamic Studies

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Tangaza Annual Summer School on Islam and Christianity in Dialogue in Africa (TASSICDA)

1-20 July 2018, at Tangaza University College, Nairobi

The great Theologian Hans Kung stated:

**"No peace among the nations without peace among the religions. No peace among the religions without dialogue between the religions. No dialogue between the religions without investigation of the foundation of the religions."**

At the beginning of the new millennium, members of different faiths feel committed to favour an evolution and transformation in our religions so that the current manipulations to justify violence, discrimination and segregation will be decisively overcome. Pope Francis, during his trip to Africa in December 2015, shouted in Bangui (Central Africa Republic) with energy **"No more violence in God's name"**, before touring the city together with the local Imam as a **symbol for their togetherness - we aim to put this symbol into practice.**

Today academic institutions like Tangaza are the main actors to influence positively the mindset of students and future leaders from diverse religious backgrounds, so that they draw from faith elements that enable them to engage with others. Now the time is right to launch TASSICDA, the **1<sup>st</sup> Tangaza Annual Summer School on Islam and Christianity in Dialogue in Africa.**

#### Major Topics of the offered Theoretical Modules (around 30 altogether):

- 1) **Understanding Christian and Muslim Perspectives**  
(such as: Mutual Threat or Challenge to the two religions and their respective Missions)
- 2) **Understanding Common Issues for/between Islam and Christianity**  
(such as: The Islamic Law (sharī'ah), Canon & Christian Customary Law and questions of Human Rights and Modernity from an African perspective)
- 3) **Understanding Dialogue**  
(such as: Politicized Religion and Religionized Politics in Africa: Patterns of Manipulation and Abuse, or Religious Fundamentalism and Conflict: Deconstructing roots and current African issues.)

**Practical experiences (15 Modules)** will include workshops on Personal identities and their effect on individual perceptions, Scriptural reasoning, Joint spirituality, Participatory experience sharing and Practical Dialogue; and visits to different Christian & Muslim denominations' places of worship and Faith-based- and Interreligious Projects in and around Nairobi.

Accommodation and full board is available as part of the TASSICDA package, if needed.

For inquiries, please contact [IRD@tangaza.ac.ke](mailto:IRD@tangaza.ac.ke), Fr. Innocent Maganya (HoD Islamic Studies and Mission), +254 (0) 711583895, or Matthias Eder (IRD Advisor), +254 (0) 707378144

See you in Summer!

