
Join us for a virtual round table with esteemed members of the Circle of Concerned African Women Theologians around:

Circle members sharing experiences: Lessons for the academy and faith spaces in contemporary Africa

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3:30-5:30 pm CET; 4:00-6:30pm EAT.

Focus: to explore how African lay women construct, practice and navigate their faith amid complex socio-cultural and ecclesiastical hierarchical realities.

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In dialogue:

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Learning goals:

- Identify and analyze how ordinary African women experience and contribute to the Christian faith
- Understand how African culture, community and historical realities shape the way lay women interpret the Gospel.
- Value the historical and contemporary roles of lay women in evangelism, church planting and sustaining local congregations.
- Explore how lived realities of race, gender and church hierarchy impact women's spiritual leadership



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