Call for Papers
African Association for the Study of Religions
At the American Academy of Religion annual meeting
Boston, November 2020

1. In Memory of John Mbiti
In light of the recent passing of John Mbiti, we solicit papers that explore the legacy and impact of his work in both the Academy and the Church, especially his work to foster ecumenism. We welcome engagement on a variety of topics including his many books, his approach to the relationship between the African church and the global communion, and his influence in the creation of the field of African religions in Christianity. This session is a panel with formal papers. Please submit proposals for 15-minute papers.

2. In Memory of John Pobee
In light of the recent passing of John Pobee, we solicit papers that explore the legacy and impact of his work in both the Academy and the Church. We solicit papers that engage his work in African Christianity, religion, and culture, particularly ecclesiology and missiology in global perspective. This session is a panel with formal papers. Please submit proposals for 15-minute papers.

3. Religion(s), Natural Disasters, and Pandemics
More than many peoples, Africans read their lives religiously, especially inexplicable phenomena. In light of the recent COVID-19 pandemic and past pandemics that have affected the Continent, like HIV, the Ebola crisis and other natural disasters, we invite papers that explore how religion is utilized by affected communities to explain such phenomena and sustain themselves. We especially welcome papers that explore the history of the use of religion and religious attitudes from ancient/traditional to modern/technological times. This session is a panel with formal papers. Please submit proposals for 15-minute papers.

Please submit a word document with a proposed title and a 250- to 500- word abstract by **April 30, 2020** to the co-chairs of the AASR/AAR: esther.acolatse@utoronto.ca and hartmant@ctsnet.edu. Please use a subject line that begins with AASR and includes the topic of the panel (for example: AASR: In Memory of John Mbiti).