

OGBU KALU CENTRE FOR PENTECOSTAL AND CHARISMATIC STUDIES



The Mission and Vision of the Centre

The Centre for Pentecostal-Charismatic studies (now called Ogbu Kalu Centre for Pentecostal and Charismatic Studies) seeks to study, document, and publicise the life, faith and history of Pentecostal-Charismatic Christianity in Africa in relation to its past and immediate setting, particularly its public role as agent of transformation in contemporary African society.

The need for a research center which will study and document the life, faith and history of the Pentecostal-Charismatic movement in Ghana in relation to its past and immediate setting and to the historic Christian faith was conceived by E. Kingsley Larbi when he was doing his doctoral research at the University of Edinburgh, between 1991 and 1995. Before he concluded his research in 1995, it had become abundantly clear that the activities of such a center will be incomplete without addressing the training needs of the leaders of the movement. Thus, the Center for Pentecostal and Charismatic Studies was originally conceived as a research, documentation and educational resource center. It was subsequently registered in Ghana as a company limited by guarantee under the Companies Code, 1963 (Act 179) on 20th September, 2000, with registration no. G.6, 741.

With this move and the heightening of Pentecostal-Charismatic activities on the continent in the context of Africa's socio-political and economic challenges, and the attendant increased interest in Pentecostal-Charismatic studies, the vision of the center has broadened as a research center that will mobilize scholars and encourage research on the various manifestations of the movement all over Africa, and its role in Africa's search for socio-economic and political emancipation. The Center will continue to serve as a research, documentation, and educational resource centre for opinion leaders including church leaders, especially those within the Pentecostal-Charismatic tradition.

To fulfill its aims and objectives, the Centre will work in collaboration with other research centers and scholars globally. It will mobilize African scholars working at home and abroad to engage in in-depth research, data storage and retrieval and publications. As a hub, the Center will achieve this by providing space for scholars in the field around the globe to interact with each other, to write during sabbatical leave, and to facilitate dialogue and collaborative and interdisciplinary research. The Center shall hold conferences, postgraduate seminars, book presentations and public lectures which will critically examine the role of the movement in contemporary African society. It will function as an integral unit within the Regent University College, Ghana. In conjunction with Regent University College of Science and Technology, Ghana, and any other institutions, the Centre will organize conferences, lectureships, seminars, and round-tables that will focus, inter alia, on the public role of Pentecostal-Charismatic Christianity in contemporary African society.



Organisation

The Reconstituted Council is governed by an Executive Council and the day-to-day activities are directed by the Administrative Director, supported by Assistant Director, a Research Assistant, and an Administrative Assistant.

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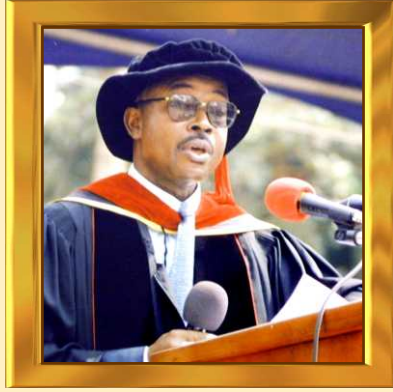
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Profile

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Rev. Prof. E. Kingsley Larbi



The Rev. Prof Emmanuel Kingsley Larbi holds a Doctor of Philosophy degree from the University of Edinburgh, Scotland. His distinguished pioneering efforts led to the establishment of Central University College, Ghana, in 1998, where he served as its founding President/Vice Chancellor from November 1998 until July 2003, before establishing the Regent University College of Science and Technology, Ghana's premier private science and technology university college.

He is the pioneer theological scholar within the Pentecostal-Charismatic movement in Ghana. His classic book, [Pentecostalism: The Eddies of Ghanaian Christianity](#), is the first and so far the leading work on Pentecostal-Charismatic Christianity in Ghana. Prof. Larbi has also served as the chairman of the Code of Conduct Sub-committee of the Inter-Party Advisory Committee (IPAC) which produced the Code of Conduct for the political parties in Ghana towards the 2000 Presidential and Parliamentary elections.

His research interests cover the issues of poverty and wealth, African primal and Pentecostal-Charismatic concepts of salvation, and the new Christian religious movements. His current preoccupation has been the need for Africa to conquer its four main developmental challenges: poverty, illiteracy, disease, and environmental degradation; he thinks the Church in Africa must play a leading role in this crusade.

Profile

Director, CPCS



Prof. C. O . Kwarteng



Prof. Charles O. Kwarteng holds a PhD degree in International affairs from University of Pittsburgh, USA, and a Juris Doctor (J.D.) degree from the University of Maryland, USA.

He served as an in-service trainee at the European Union in 1989-90, where he conducted research on the impact of the European market on the African, Pacific and Caribbean nations. Formerly, he served as a Researcher for Mobay Corporation, a multinational Company in USA. Prof. Kwarteng was a Fulbright Scholar at Baylor University (US), where he developed interest in Church-State relations.

He is the author of *Africa and the European Challenge* (London: Avebury, 1997), as well as scholarly articles in leading social science journals, published by UNESCO and the Royal Institute for International affairs, London.



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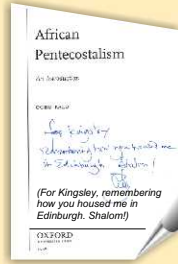
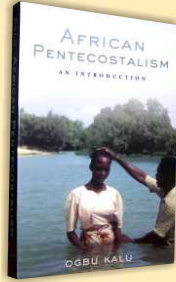
Prof. Ogbu Kalu

(June 2, 1942 - January 7, 2009)

Before the demise of Professor Ogbu Kalu in January 2009, he had shown profound interest in the work of the Centre. He exchanged a lot of ideas with the Executive Chairman of the Centre (Rev. Prof. E. Kingsley Larbi) on the future of the Centre. He submitted a tentative list of potential Research Fellows of the Centre; he twice taught a course in global Pentecostalism to a group of pastors and lay leaders at the University College. He gave the first public lecture of the College. He was scheduled to teach again at the College in May 2009, but alas, this wasn't to be.

In recognition of his immense contributions to scholarship in African Christianity in general and Pentecostal-Charismatic Christianity in Africa in particular, the Centre for Pentecostal and Charismatic Studies has been renamed the Ogbu Kalu Centre for Pentecostal and Charismatic Studies.

OGBU KALU IN MEMORIAM



From Edinburgh way back in 1993 to Pasadena in 2002 to Accra in 2006, you proved to be a true friend and a confidant. Before your departure to the celestial city, we had been seriously discussing the future of the Centre for Pentecostal and Charismatic Studies. We were engrossed in exchanging mails, and occasionally telephone conversations, on the details of the form and structure of the Centre. We never concluded the details. You wrote in December 2008 to indicate that you had prepared a list of fellows with their email addresses who would be part of the Centre. Unfortunately, with your demise, this list never became part of the database of the Centre.

To say that you were a walking encyclopaedia will be an understatement.

You were more than that! Your knowledge of facts and figures, was sandwiched with real passion, enthusiasm, and holy fire. Anyone working on a thesis or a dissertation on African Christianity who came in contact with you, never remained the same. Your ideas and suggestions always impacted on the perspectives of researchers in no small way. Your departure has indeed created an irreplaceable vacuum. Your ideas and thoughts raised several disciples but your shoes were too big for anyone of your disciples to be able to take over from where you left off. May our good LORD raise more Kalus to populate our great continent. We are consoled that God is able to raise capable people to continue his work.

A Presbyterian by denomination but a Pentecostal-Charismatic at heart! As a great intercessor, your prayers were infectious. Your faith was coloured with childlike simplicity and grace.

Though 66 years old in 2008, your countenance radiated life, exuberance, freshness, longevity, handsomeness and dignity, just as we first met in Edinburgh about a decade and a half ago.

Your demise has reminded us that indeed life is very fleeting. And that we should all live our lives as if we will be gone the next moment, to appear before the judgement seat of Christ to give account of our deeds here on earth, on that great day.


But then, we can also see the grace of God which is all consuming that He will spare us the agony of the constant thought of death, to enable us carry out our God given mandate here on earth whilst we are granted the gift of life!

My brother, you are gone but not forgotten. You gave the first of our Public Lectures at Regent. You died at a time when you still had a lot to give to Africa and the world at large. The Regent-Ghana family wishes you save journey until we meet again.

In honour of your memory, the Centre for Pentecostal and Charismatic Studies, will henceforth be called, The Ogbu Kalu Centre for Pentecostal and Charismatic Studies. Fare thee well, "My Brother" (as I affectionately used to call you).

We will profoundly miss YOU!

Rev. Prof. E. Kingsley Larbi



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