ANNOUNCEMENT OF PHD FELLOWSHIP IN THEOLOGY ON MIGRANT CHURCHES

The MHS School of Mission and Theology, Stavanger, Norway, hereby announces one PhD fellowship in theology. The fellowship is expected to focus on migrant churches/congregations in Norwegian (or European) contexts. Deadline for applications is April 15, 2012.

Migration plays important roles in today’s world. This is the case also as far as religion is concerned, as migration influences concepts and experiences of religion both in migrant and receiver communities. MHS has currently some research focus on the relationship between migration and religion, and the announced PhD fellowship in theology is intended to strengthen this focus. The ideal applicant has her/his background in theology (an excellent cand.theol.- or researched based M.Th./S.T.M degree), and is able to present a research proposal on migrant churches/congregations in Norwegian (or European) contexts, related to one of the traditional theological disciplines (Old Testament, New Testament, Church History, Systematic Theology, Missiology, Practical Theology). The project will be linked to MHS’ research group “Religion and culture globally and locally negotiated”.

The fellowship is for four years, including 25 percent teaching and administrative duties, and will be linked to MHS’ PhD program. In order to achieve a better gender balance in research and teaching staff, MHS particularly encourages women to
MHS wants to see enterprising and results-oriented applicants, with abilities for interdisciplinary work, collaboration and dissemination. MHS is then able to offer an attractive workplace in an international research and study environment, with excellent opportunities for professional and personal development.

Applicants are asked to develop a project proposal of up to 10 pages. The project proposal will be central in the assessment of the application, and it will be reviewed by relevant experts at MHS. It also forms the basis for a possible admission to MHS’ PhD program, and it must have a level that makes it likely that the project will lead to a doctorate during the project period. The following points are expected to be discussed:

- problem and method
- reference to relevant knowledge and theory in the field (research front)
- plan for the progress of the research work

An employment at MHS requires loyalty to MHS’ profile and objectives (cf. MHS Statues and Plan of strategy). Salary according to the MHS scale (approx. NOK 400,000 per year). Pension: Norwegian Public Service Pension Fund.

**Deadline for applications: April 15, 2012.** In addition to the project proposal, the applicant should fill in the PhD application form.

The receiver of the PhD fellowship is expected to start up – at the MHS – on January 1, 2013.

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