



Strengthening our Public Witness as African Education Institutions

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Our Public Witness

- I do not think in this way at the ACU.
- As education institutions, we serve the church by training its members for ministry.
- We are part of the church's mission of making disciples of all nations. We also help to clarify the church's position over current doctrinal and ethical issues.
- Our public witness is mainly through our fruit in the church and our pointing academic scholarship back to God's word.
- Our public witness is also through our lives and those of our students. Are our students really the cream of the crop? (2 Timothy 2:2)

The challenge before us

- The pressure that comes upon the church in the public square also comes upon its education institutions.
- For instance, issues to do with homosexuality and gender fluidity are current affairs and so the churches look to its education institutions for clarity of thought.
- However, often the education institutions in Africa lack the resources to enable them to do in-depth research to make an informed response.
- Also, over cultural issues (e.g. polygamy), we often lack a clear united voice and the world notices that. Thus, our witness is blunted.
- We tend to speak more about where we differ and fail to show the world our unity in Christ or to practice it in love (John 13:35)





Biblical foundations for our public witness

- The task of the church has been well spelt out in the Great Commission. Matt. 28:18–20
 - Jesus refers to his people as the salt and light of the world. Matthew 5:13–16
 - What is our relevance to all this?
 - Education institutions help to ensure that this public witness of the church has doctrinal clarity.
 - What we believe informs how we live.
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