

# **‘TO US A THEOLOGY IS BORN, TO US A THEOLOGY IS GIVEN’: THE RECEPTION OF ECOTHEOLOGY IN AFRICAN PENTECOSTALISM**

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Different theologies have emerged over the years, as ways of responding to some practical needs of humanity. These include theologies of liberation; Black Theology and Feminist Theology as ways of emancipating certain disadvantaged groups in society.

Ecotheology has emerged lately, to respond to threats posed by human activities to the ecosystem. Eco-mission has been fully integrated into the mission paradigm of the evangelicals in the belief that wholistic mission must include strategies to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth. Notwithstanding, some Pentecostals scholars, notably, Amos Young, Andrew Williams, and Aaron Swoboda have also ignited discussions on the place of flora and fauna in Pentecostalism. However, a fully-fledged ecotheology curriculum and eco-mission strategy is yet to be birthed in African Pentecostalism.

In October 2019, the Pentecost Theological Seminary in Ghana, took the initiative to introduce ecotheology curriculum for the training of pastors of the Church of Pentecost and to enable the church to fully integrate eco-mission into the church’s mission paradigm. This paper highlights the reception that the course received from the ministerial students of the church of Pentecost after the first batch of ministers were taken through the course. It subsequently recommends steps to be taken for a possible greening of Pentecostal doctrines.

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