



“The Church of Central Africa Presbyterian 1924-2024: A Centenary Assessment”

Book Event

Date: Wednesday, 30 October 2024

Time: 11:00 UK / 13:00 MW

Location: Edinburgh City Chamber, Mandela Room & Zoom

Duration: 90 minutes + additional 30 minutes of networking for those attending in-person.

In this open, hybrid event, we hear from:

Programme

Time UK / MW*	Item	Speaker/s
10:30 UK	In-person welcome and briefing	SMP team
11:00 UK / 13:00 MW	Welcome and house keeping	Natasha Adodo – Communication and Engagement Officer, SMP
11:05 UK / 13:05 MW	Moderator’s opening comments Meeting overview	Dorothea Nelson, Membership & Admin Officer, SMP
11:15 UK / 13:15 MW	Book review	Father Francis Bonongwe
11:25 UK / 13:25 MW	Book Review	Prof. Scott Spurlock – University of Glasgow
11:35 UK / 13:35 MW	Q & A with editors	Dr Mwawi Chilongozi & Prof Kenneth Ross
12:10 UK / 14:10 MW	Members’ comments, questions and contributions	All attendees
12:25 UK / 14:25 MW	Closing remarks	Stuart Brown, SMP CEO
12:30 UK / 14:30 MW	Meeting closes	
12:30 UK	Networking and social	In person attendees only
13:00 UK	Event ends	

*all times are approximate

Please see bios of speakers on page 2.

Fr Francis Bonongwe is a Catholic priest in the Catholic Diocese of Zomba, Malawi. Fr Francis has served as curate (assistant priest) at St Agnes, Mlombozi Parish (from September 2008 to January 2010). From Mlombozi, he went to Nankhunda Minor Seminary to serve as teacher and formator from January 2010 to June 2013. During his time at Nankhunda he also served as Vice Rector. He studied Church History at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome, Italy, obtained a bachelor's degree in history and Cultural Heritage of the Church in 2014 and a Licentiate in History of the Church in 2016. Fr Francis is currently a lecturer and formator at St Peter's Major Seminary. Fr Francis has contributed to many articles in the academic world and is currently writing a book on the history of the Catholic Diocese of Zomba.

Prof Scott Spurlock is a Professor of Scottish and Early Modern Christianities at the University of Glasgow with a particular focus on Scottish and Irish religious cultures. Before coming to Glasgow, he held academic appointments at the University of Aberdeen, Queen's University Belfast, the University of Edinburgh, Trinity College Dublin and the University of Manchester. He is a member of the Royal Society of Edinburgh's Young Academy of Scotland.

Dr Mwawi Chiongozi is the Secretary General at CCAP General Assembly and holds a PhD in Practical Theology from Stellenbosch University in South Africa. Her research focuses on how the Church can promote socioeconomic empowerment through microfinance, especially among rural women, in order to alleviate poverty and strengthen social networks.

Prof Kenneth Ross was much involved in the inception of the Scotland Malawi Partnership and serviced as its chair for several years. He is a Professor of Theology and Dean of Postgraduate Studies at Zomba Theological College in Malawi. A Theological Educator (Africa) with the Church of Scotland, he also serves as Visiting Professor at the University of Livingstonia, University of Nkhoma, and University of Blantyre Synod in Malawi, Nile Theological College in South Sudan and the Theology Department, Evangelical Church of Christ in Mozambique.