Workshop “Demons, Magic, Witchcraft and Deliverance in Theological Education”
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Recommendations

We, the participants of the UEM Workshop of theological teachers on “Demons, Magic, Witchcraft and Deliverance in Theological Education” see that demon and spirit beliefs, magic, witchcraft and deliverance are a very strong challenge to the UEM member churches. This is already being addressed in the UEM study process that began in 2010.

Now we recommend that all UEM member churches:

1. recognize that the question of demon and spirit beliefs, magic, witchcraft and deliverance needs to be taken seriously and addressed everywhere in a timely and sufficient manner;
2. develop a contextual theology and practice of healing and deliverance ministry;
3. offer in-service training for pastors in this ministry.

Furthermore, we recommend that all theological institutions in UEM member churches:

4. make issues of demon and spirit beliefs, magic, witchcraft and deliverance a topic in theological education, and in this
5. make use of the draft curriculum that our workshop developed and adapt it to their respective situation and context;
6. offer training in healing and deliverance ministry to all theological students
7. devise ways of exchanging experiences between churches and theological institutions.

We ask the UEM Evangelism Department to assist institutions and churches in this process.

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