



# URSHAN UNIVERSITY

## GRADUATE SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

This year Urshan Graduate School of Theology will host an interactive poster session. This is an excellent way to explore new ideas, exchange feedback, and expand ministerial networks. The poster session will accommodate both scholarly theological inquiry and theological reflection. Projects should fit into one of two stands described below:

### **Strand 1 – Faith in Focus:** Scripture, Research and Innovation in the Church

This strand is for biblical scholars, researchers, theologians, practitioners, and church leaders to share their latest findings and insights. We welcome submissions that explore such things as contemporary church issues, congregational development, religious trends, scriptural and theological foundations, and the intersection of faith and society.

Driving question: What did you research?

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| <p><b>Ministry Question</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What question was explored?</li> </ul> <p><b>Why It Matters</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What ministry issue or challenge prompted this work?</li> </ul> <p><b>Biblical or Theological Foundation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Key passages /Important theological principles</li> </ul> | <p><b>Title</b></p> <p><b>Author(s) /Church or Institution</b></p> <p><b>Email or QR Code</b></p> <p><b>Research or Method</b></p> <p>Examples</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Interviews</li> <li>Surveys</li> <li>Historical research</li> <li>Literature review</li> <li>Biblical exegesis</li> <li>Action research</li> </ul> <p><b>Findings</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3–6 major discoveries</li> </ul> | <p><b>Ministry Implications</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How should churches respond?</li> </ul> <p><b>Recommendations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Practical next steps</li> </ul> <p><b>References</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5–10 important sources</li> </ul> |
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## **Strand 2 – Theological Reflection**

A strand for pastors, teachers, biblical scholars, theologians, practitioners, and students to share theological reflections on an important/significant biblical, doctrinal, historical, or ethical question to strengthen and help the Church's understanding and practice.

### **Sample Ideas**

| <b>Biblical Studies</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <b>Doctrine</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <b>History</b>                                                                                                                                                                                     | <b>Ethics</b>                                                                                                                                                              |
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| Examples:<br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hospitality in Acts</li> <li>• The Mission of the Church in Acts</li> <li>• Biblical Models of Discipleship</li> <li>• Spiritual Formation in Paul's Letters</li> </ul> | Examples:<br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What does Scripture teach about spiritual maturity?</li> <li>• The Church as the Body of Christ</li> <li>• The Holy Spirit and Disciple Making</li> </ul> | Examples:<br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lessons from the Early Church</li> <li>• The self-governing model of UPCI churches</li> <li>• Pentecostal Worship Through History</li> </ul> | Examples:<br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Artificial Intelligence and Ministry</li> <li>• Ethical Leadership</li> <li>• Technology and Discipleship</li> </ul> |

| <b>Central Question</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <b>Title</b><br><b>Author(s) /Church or Institution</b><br><b>Email or QR Code</b>                                                                                                           | <b>Ministry Implications</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• State the question being explored.</li> <li>• Keep this section to one or two paragraphs.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                              | Bridge theology to practice. Consider questions such as how should this change -<br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>preaching? worship? evangelism? leadership? discipleship? pastoral care? church culture? Other?</i></li> </ul>                                                                 |
| <b>Ministry Context</b><br>Why does this question matter? Why does this issue deserve attention?<br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Describe the current ministry challenge, or need within the church, or common misunderstandings</i></li> </ul> | <b>Historical or Theological Perspectives</b><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Summarize how Christian thinkers or traditions have understood the issue.</li> </ul>               | <b>Discussion Questions</b><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Invite conversation.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Biblical Foundation</b><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify major passages.</li> <li>• Instead of listing verses, summarize their contribution.</li> </ul>                                                                                 | <b>Key Insights</b><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Present three to six major conclusions.</li> <li>• Each should be concise and supported by the previous sections.</li> </ul> | <b>Recommended Resources</b><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Include: Books, Articles, Videos, Podcasts, Websites</li> </ul> <i>Rather than long APA references, provide resources attendees are likely to explore after the conference. A QR code can link to a full bibliography if desired.</i> |

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## Poster Guidelines

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| <p><b>Text</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 700–1000 words maximum</li><li>• Use bullets</li><li>• Avoid long paragraphs</li></ul> <p><b>Font Size</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Title - 80–100 pt</li><li>• Headings - 32–40 pt</li><li>• Body - 22–28 pt</li><li>• Captions - 20 pt</li></ul> <p><b>Images</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• High-resolution</li><li>• Use charts instead of tables whenever possible.</li></ul> <p><b>White Space</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• At least 30% of the poster should remain blank.</li></ul> | <p><b>QR Codes</b> – Presenters are encouraged to include a QR code that could link to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• full paper</li><li>• handouts</li><li>• ministry resources</li><li>• videos</li><li>• website</li><li>• contact information</li></ul> <p><b>Templates</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Template will be shared with accepted posters</li><li>• Places to print - Fed Ex &amp; Office Depot</li></ul> |
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