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Missiological Networks Notice: DGMW Award for Intercultural Theology

In a festive act on 6 October 2022 in Wittenberg, Germany, the “Research Prize for Intercultural Theology”, endowed with 5,000 euros, was awarded for the first time at the annual conference of the *German Society for Mission Studies* (DGMW; cf. www.dgmw.org). Among the thirtynine submitted scientific publications, the study of the Baptist theologian Dr. Eraston Kambale Kighoma, who teaches in Goma / Democratic Republic of Congo, was awarded. In his published doctoral thesis entitled “Church and Mission in the Context of War” (Langham Publishing 2021), he examines how the Baptist Church in Central Africa responded to the various wars in eastern Congo during the period of 1990 and 2011. The jury stated: “This study sheds new light on existing theories of mission while offering specific insights into the missionary task of the church in the context of conflict. It is an excellent addition to existing studies on missions, convincingly combining research and practice.” In his laudatory speech, Prof. em. Dr. Richard Friedli (Fribourg, Switzerland) highlighted Kighoma’s courageous and concrete engagement with the cruel reality of war and the ethical implications for missionary practice from the “defiant power of hope”.

The award is intended to honour outstanding research in the field of intercultural theology, such as published qualification works and monographs. Consideration is given to publications from the entire disciplinary breadth of the discipline, dealing with topics of Christianity as a global religion in its intercultural, interreligious, and multipolar social relations in an inter-disciplinary or multi-perspective manner. The DGMW Research Prize is sponsored by the EMW (Evangelical Mission Worldwide, Hamburg) and the Steyler Mission (SVDS, St. Augustin). The academic jury for the prize is made up of members of the DGMW and associated reviewers. The award is presented at the annual conference of the DGMW. The prize particularly invites submissions by researchers from Africa, Asia, Oceania, and Latin America. It is awarded every two years; the next call will be open in January 2024. With this award, the DGMW intends to recognise the growing significance of Intercultural Theology as a progressive

discipline within theology and missiology and as public theological contributor to contemporary social and cultural discourses.

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