GUIDELINES FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE JOINT NORDIC DOCTORAL SEMINAR IN MISSION STUDIES

For the benefit of all participating in the joint Nordic doctoral seminar in Mission Studies please consider the following guidelines in your preparation for the seminar. Please note also that these guidelines are not suggestions for presenters and participants but expectations on behalf of the NIME board.

For presenters:

-Texts presented in the joint Nordic doctoral seminar in Mission Studies should be no longer than 15 pages or 10000 words in total. This includes footnotes and references.

-It is expected of all presenters to include one introductory page in your paper that explains (i) the purpose of the presented paper and (ii) how it relates to the research

project that you are currently working on.

-In this introductory page include also 3-4 questions which particularly concern you and related to which you want to receive constructive criticism. This will help the readers to formulate constructive criticism in the areas which are most important for you.

-The text should be sent in for distribution at least 1 week before the seminar or as otherwise stipulated by the organizing committee

For participants:

-Participants are expected to read all the papers that are being presented at the seminar in advance and to be prepared to participate in the discussion. Read the papers with the questions formulated and attached by the presenter in mind so that the discussion focuses on criticism that is meaningful for the author and helps them progress in their writing.

For respondents:

-The respondent is expected to be well prepared in order to give an adequate and meaningful response to the paper. This includes not only commenting on the presenter’s questions, but also to raise critical and methodological issues as well as theoretical perspectives to the benefit of the project. Suggestions on relevant literature are welcomed. The overall aim is progress. Thus, appraisal is also required.

-The favorable approach will be that of a short introductory monologue allowing plenty of time for dialogue with the presenter as well as plenary discussion. As everybody participating in the seminar has read the texts in advance it will not be necessary to present the content of the paper at the seminar. Instead the respondent can briefly summarize the main points and then proceed to open up the discussion.

It is the belief of the NIME board that these guidelines will help us to help each other in our writing, and to help stimulate a constructive and beneficial discussion during the seminar.