
CHURCH AND AI

June, 16-18 2026 – Zurich
University

Call for Papers

With this Call for Papers, we invite researchers in the field of Digital Theology and Digital Religion(s) to submit and present their current research projects at the hybrid workshop “Church and AI”, which will take place in Zurich from 16 to 18 June 2026 and which will be integrated in the annual conference of the GoNeDigiTal-network. We understand the topic for the workshop and call in a rather wide sense, i.e. researchers who deal with fundamental questions of the imaginaries of AI in the horizon of church communication, analyse concrete practices of AI in the church context, and reflect the relationship between church and ethics in view of current and future AI developments, are invited to apply. The project can thus have both a more theory-based or an empirical focus.

Calls of max. 500 words should be submitted by
31 November 2025 to:

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The workshop will be related to the **Annual Online Conference of the Global Network for Digital Theology** on “Digital Theology to Date and Beyond” (June 15-17 2026)

The 2026 GoNeDigiTal Annual Conference will take stock of digital theology, reflecting on the themes and debates that have shaped the field so far and exploring the directions it may take in the future. Paper sessions will highlight contributions to *The Oxford Handbook of Digital Theology*, the first comprehensive survey of the discipline, with authors presenting and discussing the core arguments of their chapters. Panels will bring together diverse perspectives on how digital theology has developed across different contexts, its place within the wider academic landscape, and its future possibilities. This conference will be both a celebration of what has been achieved and an invitation to imagine the next steps in digital theology research.

