

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND MUSIC FOR PEACE BUILDING

### Introduction to The International Conference on Spirituality, Religious Education and Music for Peace Building

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The conference is an effort of Sekolah Tinggi Agama Kristen Protestan Negeri (STAKPN) Ambon to build an academic dynamic and collaboration with other institutes. This conference is held in corporation with CURA (Culture, Religion and World Affairs), Boston University, USA and supported by various parties, especially Indonesian Consortium for Religious Studies (ICRS) and Ministry of Religious Affairs for funding the conference.

This conference held under the theme: **Spirituality, Religious Education and Music for Peace Building**. It is very important theme to respond the context of the society thrives for the harmony, tolerance and peace in differences. These aspects are the hope of every individual and group in society that continues to be constructed. What construction of academic communities or universities towards the sustainable peace building in the development of science that can be implemented in everyday life. In this view, religious education and music are potential to be developed as tools and media to construct peace in society. It is necessary to develop concepts, strategies and models that help to reinforce individuals and groups in society to create and maintain social harmony and peace in the spirit of religious, cultural and humanitarian aspects as the common ground.

This conference aims to : (1) presenting the outcomes of the researches and critical thinking related to the development of spirituality, religious education and music as a medium for peace building, (2) build synergy among the researchers to build and develop the knowledge in society, as well as giving solutions to social problems challenged by the society.

Related to the aims and theme as stated, this proceeding focus on four topics, that is: (1) Spirituality for Peace. This topic will explore and develop the thinking on religious-cultural-based Spirituality and humanity for peace. (2) Peace building paradigm. This topic will theoretically and practically explore the critical thinking of peace building. (3) Music for Peace. This topic will develop the concept and praxis of Music for peace building. (4) Development of the Christian Religious Education Paradigm for Peace. This topic will develop the concept and praxis of Christian religious education for peace building.