

Tentative Agenda

RACIAL JUSTICE FOLLOW-UP CONFERENCE ALL of Us or NONE of Us

***Redesigning the Ecumenical and Inter-faith landscape
for a Racially Just, Radically Inclusive and Healing Community***

**An Initiative of the Racial Justice Working Group of the Diocese in Europe
of the Church of England and Partners**

Venue: *The Evangelische Akademie Bad Boll, Akademieweg 11, 73087 Bad Boll, Germany, located at the foot of the Swabian Alb, Germany (Tel.: 0049/71674/79110)*

Nearest Airport: Stuttgart

Arrivals: 4th December 2024, Wednesday

5th December 2024, Thursday Opening Session

08:00-09:30

Morning Worship – lead person tbc *(Local Planning Committee)*

Welcome and Introductions – The Venerable Dr Leslie Nathaniel
(Archdeacon of the East, Germany and Northern Europe and Chair of the Diocesan Racial Justice Working Group and member of the Focal Group Racial Justice Unit, Church of England)

Words of encouragement from Rt Rev Dr Robert Innes – read *(The Bishop of the Diocese in Europe will be joining us on 6th December)*

Greetings from the Landesbischof Ernst-Wilhelm Gohl,
(The Bishop of the Evangelische Landeskirche in Württemberg)

Greetings from Bishop Prof Dr Heinrich Bedford-Strohm, *the Moderator of the World Council of Churches and former Bishop of the Evangelische Lutherische Landeskirche in Bavaria and Chair of the Council of the Evangelische Kirche in Germany (EKD)*

Greetings from the Racial Justice Unit of the Archbishops Council of the Church of England – Revd Guy Hewitt *(Director of the Racial Justice Unit of the Church of England)*

Logistics for the day/event – Local Planning Committee

Part One

Tears of the Alienated Across Generations

OPENING BIBLE STUDY

09:30-10:15

(Theme: **THE TEARS OF ALIENATION** – in the journey from strangers to one new humanity) - **Ephesians 2:11-22** suggested text to be clarified) **Prof. Dr Esther Mombo** (*Full-Professor of Theology at St. Paul's University in Limuru, Kenya*)

THEME ADDRESS

10:15-11:00

EITHER ALL OF US OR NONE OF US, Prof Dr Azza Karam (*President and CEO Lead Integrity, Professor at the Vrije University of Amsterdam, and a member of the UN Secretary General's Advisory Board on Multilateralism; was until recently also the Secretary General of Religions for Peace*) followed by Q&A.

11:00-11:30

Short Tea Break

WORKSHOP 1

11:30-12:30

Panel Discussion: THE INTERFAITH LANDSCAPE TODAY: A REALITY CHECK WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO RACIAL INCLUSION

Are we doing the right things at the right time in our public witness so that faith communities can be catalytic for ensuring racial justice through peace making and bridgebuilding. Participants:

Prof Dr Azza Karam 2. **Revd Canon Dr Sarah Siddique Gill**, a priest ordained in the Church of England with origins in Pakistan; after parish ministry currently serving as Canon Missioner in the Cathedral, Diocese of Leicester. Her special interest is interfaith and racial inclusion. 3. **Ms Anette Adelman**, the General Secretary of the International Council of Christians and Jews 4. **Dr Carola Roloff**, Professor for Buddhism at the Academy of World Religions, University of Hamburg

12:30-13:15

Panel Discussion: SHARING OF EXPERIENCES AND GROUND REALITIES

Voices of advocates from a diversity of contexts. 1. **The Revd Dr Daniel Eshun**, Dean of Chapel and Lecturer– University of Roehampton 2. **The Revd Dr Patrick Schnabel**, Oberkirchenrat Evangelische Kirche in Deutschland 3. **Revd Julius Anozie**, Church of England 4. **Dr Joycia Thorat**, a visionary leader who has worked with diverse communities across the globe, including the Roma community in Turkey.

13:15-14:30

Lunch Break

KEYNOTE 1

14:30-15:30

THE ECUMENICAL LANDSCAPE TODAY: CHALLENGES AND

PERSPECTIVES TOWARDS A RACIALLY JUST, INCLUSIVE AND HEALING COMMUNITY, Bishop Prof Dr Heinrich Bedford-Strohm, the Moderator of the World Council of Churches

15:30-16:30

Q&A and orientation for Group Discussions

16:30-17:00

Short Tea Break

DISCUSSION GROUPS

17:00-18:30

DARING TO DREAM followed by EVENING PRAYER in the Groups

Six groups: each of which to identify 3 elements they wish to dream of as their vision for the inclusive future. There will be a facilitator and a note taker in each group. The group discussions will close with evening prayer in each of the groups.

(The facilitators and note takers will meet with the Statement Committee later in the evening to consolidate the discussions of the groups and prepare a summary for the Plenary.)

18:30-19:30	Dinner
19:30 onwards	Free Time tbc: Participants are welcome to walk around the grounds, use the other facilities of the Conference Centre, or the <i>Thermal Bad</i> , some may even wish to travel to the nearby Christmas Market in Göppingen.
21:00	Statement Committee meets with Group Discussion leaders (<i>Moderator of the Statement Committee - The Revd Dr Patrick Schnabel</i>)

6th December 2024, Friday

Part Two

Tears of the Excluded Communities around us Today

08:30-09:00	Morning Worship
09:00-09:45	Bible Study: (Theme: THE TEARS OF THE PEOPLE IN INHOSPITABLE NATION STATES - Psalm 137 suggested text to be clarified) <i>Prof Dr Monica Jyotsna Melanchthon, University of Divinity, Melbourne, Australia</i>
KEYNOTE 2 09:45-10:30	REDESIGNING OUR LANDSCAPE TOWARDS A RACIALLY JUST, INCLUSIVE AND HEALING COMMUNITY. <i>Prof Dr Jayakiran Sebastian, H. George Anderson Chair and Professor of Mission and Cultures; United Lutheran Seminary Gettysburg + Philadelphia</i>
10:30-11:00	Short Q&A
11:00-11:30	Tea Break
11:30-12:30	Four perspectives on Keynote 2: <i>1. Revd Dr Peniel Rajkumar, Theologian and Director for Global Mission, USPG; 2. Dr. Katrin Sontag 3. Revd Tariro Mukoja, Church of England, Diocese of Birmingham; Co-founder of UK Minority Ethnic Ordinands and Curates 4. Revd Dr Tomi Karttunen, Chief secretary for ecumenical relations and theology Church Council/Department for international relations, Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland</i>
12:30-13:15	Voices of Young People with opportunity for Q&A <i>Moderator: Ms Grace Fagen-Steward (Head of Safeguarding – Diocese in Europe)</i>
13:15-14:30	Lunch Break
WORKSHOP 2 14:30-15:30	Testimonies: <i>1. Revd Dr Pearly Walter (A Dalit woman in ministry and her experiences in India and Germany)</i> <i>2. Fr Michael Lapsley SSM, President Healing of Memories Global Network.</i> <i>3. The Revd Guy Hewitt</i> <i>4. Ms Grace Fagen-Steward</i> Opportunity for Q&A
KEYNOTE 3 15:30-16:15	EITHER ALL ARE HEALTHY OR NONE? PERSPECTIVES ON HEALING AND RACIAL JUSTICE Few Key Perspectives:

1. **Dr med. Gisela Schneider** (MPH, DTM&H, DRH) Direktorin, Deutsches Institut für Ärztliche Mission e.V.; Träger der Tropenlinik Paul Lechler Krankenhaus, Träger des Hospiz Tübingen (tbc)
2. **Fr Michael Lapsley SSM**
3. **Dr. Manoj Kurian, Director, Health and Healing World Council of Churches,**

16:15-16:45 **Short Tea Break**

DISCUSSION GROUPS

16:45-18:30 **DARING TO DREAM followed by EVENING PRAYER in the Groups**
What are the practical steps forward?

18:30- 20:00 **Dinner**

20:00 **Cultural Evening with Elin Teilus** a Sámi singer, yoiker (a traditional form of song/cultural expression) and touring artist from Sweden. She is described as a force of nature, with a unique presence and magical voice, a bringer of the beautiful traditional music of the Sámi people into new worlds. At the heart of her artistry is the love of the Earth and all the living. The music encapsulates grand sceneries and at the same time remaining intimately close, always with elements of free creation. Hearing her sing is like sitting by the fire watching stories of the ancient ones come alive. Elin invites you to remember the untouched, sacred connection with life that dwells in human beings. The *Cultural Council of Västra Götaland* notes "... Within Elin Teilus' music the Sámi tradition of storytelling is alive; Listen to her joik and you will meet the reindeers, the clear water of the cold well... It brings hope for the understanding and respect of the Sámi identity and history."

21:00 **Statement Committee meets with Group Discussion leaders**

7th December 2024, Saturday

Part Three

Envisioning a Future without Tears of Estrangement

08:30-09:00 **Morning Worship**

09:00–09.45 **Bible Study: THERE SHALL BE NO MORE TEARS** *with the vision of the new Jerusalem as the dwelling place of God and God's people suggested text - Revelation 21:1-7* **Prof. Dr Esther Mombo**

09:45-10:00 **Short Discussion**

10:00-10:20 **Working towards Racial and Reparatory Justice – Slave Trade and the Church of England – The Rt Revd Dr Robert Innes**

10:20-10:30 **Short Q&A**

WORKSHOP 4

10:30-12:15 **GRACE IS GIVEN, COMMUNION CREATED, FUTURE HOPED FOR –**
Celebrating the 1700th anniversary of the world's first Ecumenical Council in Nicaea in 2025, is a key moment in the history of the Christian faith. In the light of this event what *Fresh Theological Perspectives* will help us in our task of Redesigning Our Landscape towards a racially just, inclusive and healing community?

Perspectives on our journey in faith – 6 Voices:

1. **The Rt Revd Dr Rose Hudson-Wilkin, CD, MBE, the Bishop of Dover and the Bishop in Canterbury;**

2. **Prof Dr Jayakiran Sebastian;**
3. **Fr. Stavros Kofinas**, Moderator of the Commission of Churches on Health and Healing WCC, Protopresbyter of the Ecumenical Throne, and Coordinator of the Network of the Ecumenical Patriarchate for Pastoral Health Care (tbc);

Short 15 min Tea Break

4. **Prof Dr Monica Melanchthon;**
5. **Revd Dr Tomi Karttunen;**
6. **Prof. Dr. Klaus Schäfer**, theological studies in Germany; lecturer at the University of Hamburg; then Professor for Biblical Studies at Andhra Christian Theological College, India; became Executive Secretary at the Evang. Missionswerk; and then Director of the Centre for Global Ministries of the Evang. Lutheran Church in Northern Germany.

12:15-13:00

Plenary:

1. **Voices of the Young People** of the Conference
2. **Conference Statement** - Presenting a draft blueprint for a racially just future. What do we want the church and the society to be like?

13:00-14:00

Lunch Break

14:00-14:30

Plenary - Adoption of the Conference Statement and Blueprint for the future - Moderator – **The Revd Dr Patrick Schnabel**, Oberkirchenrat Evangelische Kirche in Deutschland.

14:30-15:30

Concluding Worship with Holy Communion and commitments
President: The Rt Revd Dr Robert Innes; Sermon: The Venerable Dr Leslie Nathaniel.

15:30

Departures (or for those staying on in Stuttgart till the next day opportunity to be at the Carol Service in Stuttgart and to then enjoy the Christmas Market in the city)

OUR KEY PARTNERS:

