

Tentative Agenda

**God's Kaleidoscope
The International and Ecumenical Call to Racial Justice**

Arrivals: 8th November 2023, Wednesday

9th November 2023, Thursday

Part One: GRIEVING THE PAST

08:30-09:00	<p>Morning Worship</p> <p>Welcome and Introductions</p> <p>Words of encouragement – Rt Revd Dr Robert Innes</p>
09:00-09:45	<p>Bible Study: Breaking Barriers. The story of Jesus' encounter with either the Syrophenician woman (Mark) or Canaanite woman (Matthew) – Biblical texts <i>tbc.</i> Prof. Dr Sathianathan Clarke (a renowned theologian on global Christianity, who brings the gospel of justice, reconciliation, and salvation as the tangible hope for the world).</p>
09:45-11:15	<p>Presentation to set the scene: Defining Racism today: Perspectives on the prevailing narratives of history, followed by Q&A The Rev. Godfrey Adera, a young Kenyan Anglican Priest. Dr Masiwa Gunda, WCC Programme executive for Overcoming Racism Dr Clementine Nishimwe, a young lay leader from Rwanda, who studies issues concerning migration and race Dr Peniel Rajkumar, Theologian and Director for Global Mission, USPG Speaker from International Council of Christians and Jews tbc</p>
11:15-11:45	Short Tea Break
11:45-13:00	<p>Talk: Fr Michael Lapsley SSM, President <i>Healing of Memories Global Network, The Colonial Past and Present - Acknowledging what went wrong – and daring to dream of a racially just today</i> with opportunity for Q&A</p>
13:00-14:30	Lunch Break
14:30-15:30	<p>Panel: The reality of racial injustice- visible and invisible Sharing of Experiences through Vocal Advocates of Racial Justice Bishop David Hamid (Moderator) Bishop Smitha Prasadam, the Bishop of Huddersfield Dr Sonia Diaz – Monsalve Coordinator MSc Global Urban Health, Centre for Medicine and Society - University of Freiburg Revd Canon Dr Bruce Bryant-Scott – Diocese in Europe, Crete (did his dissertation on colonial theologies that supported genocide against the Indigenous peoples) Ms Grace Fagan-Stewart, (Head of Safeguarding: Church of England Diocese in Europe</p>
15:30-16:00	Tea Break

- 16:00-18:00 **Discussion Groups: Daring to Dream**
Eight groups: each of which to identify 3 elements they wish to dream of as their vision for the future. There will be a facilitator and a note taker in each group. The points from each group will be gathered together by the Local Planning Committee.
- 18:00-18:45 **Plenary** the Visions from these Discussion Groups will be put up on screens and discussed in this Plenary. Resource Persons to be involved in Q&A as needed.
- 18:45-19:15 **Evening Worship**
- 19:15 Dinner

10th November 2023, Friday

Part Two: CHALLENGING THE PRESENT

- 08:30-09:00 **Morning Worship**
- 09:00-09:45 **Bible Study: Together as One in the Justice of Jesus**
Galatians 3:28 'There is neither Jew nor Greek'.
Prof. Dr Sathianathan Clarke
- 09:45-11:15 **Working Together in the World of Faiths: A culture of BELONGING and INCLUSION**
Prof Dr Azza Karam, 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 – **an Impulse Presentation**.

The presentation will be followed by three perspectives from:
Dr Clare Amos, the Director of Lay Leadership – Diocese in Europe and former programme executive and coordinator for the WCC's inter-religious dialogue and cooperation programme.
Revd Canon Dr Arun John, a Christian leader with International Interfaith expertise from India, South Africa and UK; he was also on the Archbishop of Canterbury's Advisory Group on Interfaith;
Dr Christian Nweze, a young scientist from the Faculty of Mathematics, Informatics and Natural Sciences, University of Hamburg.
- 11:15-11:45 Tea Break
- 11:45-12:30 **Testimonies: 1. Bishop Antonio Ablon** (IFI Philippines and Chaplain with effect from 01.10.2023 in St Catherine's Stuttgart) - **the Migrant, the Stranger in our Midst - My Journey so far.**
2. Prof Dr Pia Lane, University of Oslo and a member of the TRC
A contribution in the light of Norway's Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) on Injustices against the Sami, Kven/Norwegian Finns, and Forest Finns
Opportunity for Q&A
- 12:30-13:15 **Panel: Practical ways of overcoming racism and envisioning a roadmap for a community free of racial prejudices**
Bishop David Hamid (Moderator)
Rosette Muzigo-Morrison (former legal officer in the Office of the chief prosecutor at the ICC in the Hague, Netherlands; history of working in international, humanitarian, and human rights law).
Revd Dr Carlton Turner, (USPG Trustee and lecturer at the Queen's Foundation, Birmingham, UK).
Dr Elizabeta Kitanovic, Executive Secretary – Human Rights - Conference of European Churches
Prof Dr Sathianathan Clarke

13:15-14:30	Lunch Break
14:30-15:30	Dr. Jyoti Sahi lives in an art ashram in Silvepura Village, just outside Bangalore, India. Of many of the painters of biblical themes active today, Sahi is considered one of the most creative. He will reflect on: Art as a means of challenging racial injustice (a display of various non-European artworks is also envisaged where participants could also bring in their contributions).
15:30-16:00	Tea Break
16:00-18:00	Discussion Groups: Practicalities in the present What are the practical steps forward?
18:00 -18:45	Plenary: practical pointers from the discussion groups
18:45 – 19:15	Evening Worship followed by. Cultural Evening
20:00	Dinner

11th November 2023, Saturday

Part Three: ENVISIONING THE FUTURE

08:30-09:00	Morning Worship
09:00–10.00	Bible Study: Striving for the freedom of the children of God. Romans 8:12-39 (tbc). Prof. Dr Sathianathan Clarke
10:00-11:00	Talk: Prof. Dr. Klaus Schäfer Dimensions of Justice- Racial Justice, Climate Justice, and Justice in the context of Modern forms of Marginalisation Opportunity for Q&A
11:00-11:30	Short Tea Break
11:30-12:30	Plenary: Towards a Conference Statement - Presenting a draft blueprint for a racially just future. What do we want the church and the society to be like?
12:30-13:30	Lunch Break
13:30-14:30	Plenary - Adoption of the Conference Statement and Blueprint for the future
14:30-15:30	Concluding Worship with commitments and a final blessing from the Diocesan Bishop, the Rt Revd Dr Robert Innes
15:30	Departures (or for those staying on in Freiburg till the next day opportunity to get to know the city)

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