

Handbook

Appendix G. Warshas

Warshas (Workshops)

The warshas are an important feature of the Conference on World Mission and Evangelism. *Warsha* is the Swahili term selected by the organizers to describe the workshops that will take place during the conference. They are intended to be safe spaces for discussing new ideas in mission and evangelism with the aim of advancing creative thinking on critical and cutting-edge issues and of equipping participants with new skills through the sharing of knowledge.

Three types of warshas are being offered in Arusha.

- a) **Two-day warshas (March 9 and 10):** There are 20 workshops in this category. Each warsha will be comprised of **two sessions** of 90 minutes which will run on March 9 and 10 from 14:00 to 15:30.
- b) **One-day warshas (March 12 and 13):** There are 40 workshops in this category. Each warsha comprises a **single session** of 90 minutes. Twenty of these warshas will run on March 12, and the remaining 20 on March 13, from 14:00 to 15:30. **Please ensure that you have chosen one workshop from the ones offered on March 12 and another from those being offered on March 13.** Kindly check that you have the correct dates for your preferred warsha.
- c) **Group sessions on spiritual exercises (simultaneously with the other workshops on March 9, 10, 12, 13):** Alongside the regular workshops, the Spiritual Life Committee offers four group sessions on spiritual exercises—ways of deepening prayer and intimacy with God—drawn from different strands of Christian tradition. Each session will run from 14:00 to 15:30 on March 9, 10, 12, and 13 in the Prayer Tent. You will be given the opportunity to practise a particular way of praying after a short historical introduction. Before the session ends, there will be a chance to share ideas on how the method could be used in various mission ministries.

How to select your workshop

Each participant needs to select THREE workshops in total. This must include

- a) ONE two-day workshop (for March 9 and 10)
- b) ONE workshop running on March 12
- c) ONE workshop running on March 13

Also, **we ask that you indicate an alternate option for each selection**, in case the workshop you choose is overbooked. Workshops will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. Though all attempts will be made to accommodate participants' choice of workshops, this cannot be guaranteed in all cases.

The numbers given below for each workshop are intended to make your selection easier. They contain the dates when a particular workshop will take place (e.g., 9–10, 12, or 13) followed by a serial number (1, 2, 3, etc.). **Make sure you have chosen one workshop beginning with (9-10), one beginning with (12), and one beginning with (13).**

Description of Two-Day Warshas
to be held on March 9 and March 10
(2 x 90 minutes each)

No: (9-10/1) Title: Called to Be a Church *of All and for All*

Leaders: EDAN

Description: People with disability (EDAN) are in prime positions to witness to God's saving acts in the lives of the marginalized. As a marginalized group, people with disability are at the frontlines, changing mindsets and transforming the narratives within the churches and in the wider society. Using international conventions and legal tools like the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD), and engaging international development campaigns like Leave No One Behind, EDAN will showcase the agency of a marginalized group in asserting its rights and dignity, and in changing the ecclesial landscape through sharing their gifts in mission and evangelism. As this is to be an African conference, a special focus of this warsha is Africa and the African diaspora as locations for demonstrating mission and evangelism from the margins.

Date and time: March 9 and 10, 14:00–15:30

No: (9-10/2) Title: Navigating Uprootedness and Displacement: Called to Transforming Discipleship in a Context of Racism and Xenophobia

Leaders: Garland Pierce, Angelique Walker-Smith, Heather Robinson, Michael Blair

Description: Vast populations have been displaced and are being uprooted by economic inequalities and injustices, poverty, corruption, conflict, and war; by corporate land grabs for farming, tourism, minerals, and oil; and by the realities of climate change in droughts, desertification, and hurricanes. National and international responses to these global challenges are influenced and informed by histories of colonialism, slavery, and economic policies that marginalize people through racial discrimination and prejudice. Reactions of racial violence and xenophobic politics toward migrants and refugees are well documented. This workshop will argue that mission from the margins is about dismantling the structures, public policies, and cultural norms that prevent the formation and building of beloved community. It will raise the voices of people marginalized by racial discrimination, particularly young migrants and refugees whose experiences of displacement/uprootedness are further exacerbated by their experiences of racism and xenophobia. It will demonstrate how the theme Transforming Discipleship is integral to prophetic responses to fear, hate, and division. Using theological, social, political, and spiritual tools, it will seek ways to disrupt and resist systematic processes of marginalization that problematize particular groups into invisibility and silence. We will also be launching the global ecumenical Racial Justice Network during the two days of this workshop. A short message will be drafted for agreement by the end of the workshop.

Date and time: March 9 and 10, 14:00–15:30

No: (9-10/3) Title: Building Capacity for Migration and Multicultural Ministries: From Chaos to Hope

Leaders: Raafat Girgis, Mervin Torquero

Description: This workshop will draw on biblical, theological, spiritual, and social models of discipleship from the margins to inform and inspire mission and ministry with marginalized groups, and in particular, migrants and refugees. Here the marginalized person is both transforming agent and transformed subject. Using a pilgrimage of justice and peace framework, the workshop will showcase the creative and innovative models of discipleship from the margins. Migrant churches in diaspora will be a focus as spaces or labs for growing harmonious, inclusive communities of faith, shaped by prophetic discipleship and leadership.

The realities for many migrants today are chaotic, unsettled, and fragmented. This workshop will want to emphasize signs of hope for churches, both traditional and migrant, in terms of the many possibilities of building vibrant, cohesive, multicultural bodies of Christ where they are. It will be a pilgrimage from chaos to hope.

Date and time: March 9 and 10, 14:00–15:30

No: (9-10/4) Title: Holy Disruption, Holy Subversion: Snakes – Sinners, Saints, or Snacks

Leader: Adrian Jacobs

Description: Snakes are disruptive, subversive creatures—see the Genesis story. This workshop will use Indigenous metaphors to interrogate and deconstruct long-accepted biblical metaphors or interpretations of biblical metaphors for the purpose of bringing new meanings to how we understand the Bible, God’s call to mission, and the way we are being church. These are tools for contextual hermeneutics of suspicion and examples of mission from the margins that are liberating because they allow people to interpret the biblical text in their own terms—which we label holy disruption/subversion.

Date and time: March 9 and 10, 14:00–15:30

No: (9-10/5) Title: Being Evangelized by the Margins: Challenging the Centres with Counterclaims and Visions

Leader: Peter Cruchley

Description: The agents of change and transformation are not the powerful, preferred, or pre-chosen, but the excluded and the rejected and the lost. These are the companions of Jesus who together announce the gospel of the poor, as opposed to the gospel of the empire, of the rich. This workshop sets out to explore the implications of this for our understanding and practice of evangelism. It will also be an opportunity to explore issues and perspectives developed through the shared work of the WCC and the CWME on evangelism. We will look at contexts in which the good news of Jesus is not coming from the powerful at the centres of churches or from dominant groups, but from those who are excluded and marginalized. It will use the stories of community action and biblical wisdom to offer a further perspective on evangelism which will assist in reforming the orientation of the church to the good news of Jesus Christ.

Date and time: March 9 and 10, 14:00–15:30

No: (9-10/6) Title: Prophetism and Evangelism in Africa: Emancipation or Servitude?

Leader: Christian Tsekpoe

Description: Whether positively or negatively, it has been recognized that prophetism or inquiry into the sacred is key to ministry among Africans. The workshop/warsha therefore aims to evaluate the roles and challenges of prophetism in evangelism among Africans. Participants will also have the opportunity to discuss ways by which Christian leaders in Africa (and among African Christians in the diaspora) can respond effectively to the African concept of the spirit world in order to meet the spiritual needs of the growing African Christian communities, without compromising biblical truths of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Date and time: March 9 and 10, 14:00–15:30

No: (9-10/7) Title: Cultivating Contextualized, Holistic Evangelism Practices

Leader: Heather Lear

Description: During this workshop, we will examine Jesus’ holistic model of evangelism and evaluate your ministry setting’s current practices. Participants will be invited to pay attention to the moving of the Holy Spirit in their context and reflect on places in their community where the good news needs to be spoken and embodied. On the second day, we will focus on developing creative practices that emerge from the Spirit’s nudging and God’s desire for

justice, peace, and fullness of life for all, and examine how these practices initiate people into a process or system of ongoing discipleship.

Date and time: March 9 and 10, 14:00–15:30

No: (9-10/8) Title: Proclamation of the Gospel as Speaking Truth to Powers

Leader: David Ruiz

Description: The church today is always hearing the call to mission in the middle of challenging contexts. We are facing terrible challenges that confront the proclamation of the gospel and sometimes make us fear and doubt. Moral relativism, the advance of Islam, and the advance of secularism are growing challenges in the context in which we have to proclaim the gospel today. We have to remember that the Great Commission’s passage begins with a statement Jesus made about his authority: “Then Jesus came to them and said, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me’” (Matt. 28:18, NIV). His word is a declaration of authority for us to speak truth to powers.

Date and time: March 9 and 10, 14:00–15:30

No: (9-10/9) Title: Land and Water for Transforming Lives

Leaders: Manoj Kurian, Christopher Rajkumar, Dinesh Suna, Susan Smith

Description: Land and water are gifts of God, and all have the right to live in dignity with access to them. Land and water anchor people to the earth, their heritage, faith, and culture, and provide them with a sustainable livelihood to live life in all its fullness. But increasingly, land and waters are being commodified and commercialized. Local and Indigenous people are being uprooted by greedy individuals and corporate forces as they are involved in grabbing land and water resources, depriving communities of their access to food and livelihood. These could range from mining and urban expansion to the establishment of rampant industrial agriculture and genetic modification. The workshop will highlight these challenges faced by communities, and will give examples of good practices of resistance from churches and people and how to help societies to find ways to live and flourish in a sustainable manner. The workshop will give insights to churches and communities in formulating strategies to overcome injustice against people and creation.

Date and time: March 9 and 10, 14:00–15:30

No: (9-10/10) Title: Churches as Healing Communities

Leader: Mwai Makoka

Description: Medical missions have been at the heart of missions, alongside education. The health landscape has now changed drastically. Whereas considerable progress has been made to address the scourge of communicable diseases globally, non-communicable diseases have emerged in epidemic proportions in almost all parts of the world. The developing countries are struggling to cope due to poor access to medicines and medical technologies, chronic shortages of trained health workers, and perennially underfunded health systems. The Sustainable Development Goals, with the aim of leaving no one behind, are both challenging and inspiring on the health front. How can medical missions be an expression of the gospel mandate today?

Date and time: March 9 and 10, 14:00–15:30

No: (9-10/11) Title: Together toward an Economy of Life

Leader: Norman Tendis

Description: Jesus calls for an economy of life where all people “have life in its fullness” (John 10:10). How can we—as churches, congregations, Christians—be ambassadors of life-in-fullness? How can we be places of hope? How can we be change agents for urgently needed transformation in the global economic system? A convincing way of mission in today’s context needs to respond to these questions. In a world dominated by capitalist mindsets, we must

rediscover and share old traditions and new methods of promoting economic justice in our communities and as a worldwide communion in Christ. A handbook on building “economies of life” to be presented in the workshop may help congregations get into action back home.

Date and time: March 9 and 10, 14:00–15:30

No: (9-10/12) Title: Indigenous Spiritualities and Theologies of the Oikos: A Gift for the Transformation of the World

Leader: Lukas Andrianos

Description: Life-in-creation today is imperilled by climate change (we are well on track to reaching 4 degrees Celsius of global warming by the end of this century!) and other burgeoning ecological crises rooted in unsustainable economic systems and lifestyles. If humanity is to thrive, we have to learn to live within the regenerative limits of the planet. Indigenous peoples possess alternative narratives of the Oikos—wisdom and experience that can make an important contribution to transforming ecologically destructive ways of living and addressing climate change. The workshop will be a space to reflect on and discuss Indigenous teachings and eco-theologies and how these could guide us in living in harmony with the Earth. Participants will also exchange concrete experiences and initiatives to nurture and share God’s gift of creation.

Date and time: March 9 and 10, 14:00–15:30

No: (9-10/13) Title: Christian–Muslim Relations in Africa: Dialogue and Diapaxis as Indispensable Forms of Christian Mission in Africa

Leaders: Johnson Mbillah, Arngeir Langås

Description: In Christianity and Christians’ encounter with Islam and Muslims, the Programme for Christian–Muslim Relations in Africa (PROCMURA) focuses on Christian constructive relations with Muslims as a foundational base for interaction; the WCC sub-unit on Dialogue with People of Living Faiths and Ideologies, on the other hand, focuses on “strengthening inter-religious trust and respect,” while Danmission, in conjunction with the Eastern and Coastal Diocese of the Lutheran Church in Tanzania, evolved the Diapaxis programme with the understanding that building relations and engaging in dialogue find added value in diapaxis—tangible action. We propose a workshop with a triple focus of relations, dialogue, and diapaxis as theological, missiological, and existential imperatives in the churches’ engagement with Islam and Muslims in Africa.

Date and time: March 9 and 10, 14:00–15:30

No: (9-10/14) Title: *Christian Witness in a Multi-Religious World*: Global Perspectives on a Global Document

Leaders: Amita Santiago, Roger Gaikwad

Description: The document *Christian Witness in a Multi-Religious World* was jointly published by the World Council of Churches, the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue, and the World Evangelical Alliance as a means of providing clarity on the question of Christian witness vis-à-vis pertinent themes, including proselytism and conversions. This workshop will focus on global ecumenical responses to this document, taking into consideration two concrete examples from India and Germany. While the Indian example will pay attention to the experiences of the margins, particularly the Dalit communities who have embraced conversions as a way of freedom from the caste system, the German experience will focus on the ways in which reception of the document has facilitated a dialogue process among “ecumeniacs” and evangelicals and Roman Catholics in Germany.

Date and time: March 9 and 10, 14:00–15:30

No: (9-10/15) Title: Christian Mission in Contexts of Multiple Belongings

Leaders: Joseph Prabhakar Dayam, Karen Georgia Thompson

Description: Since 2014, the World Council of Churches has been engaged in theological reflection on the phenomenon of Multiple Religious Belonging (MRB)—a reality in which people tend to identify themselves simultaneously with more than one religious tradition. MRB poses significant theological and pastoral challenges for the churches. This workshop will focus on the missiological dimensions of this phenomenon, especially on the four global consultations organized by the WCC so far: in Chennai 2014, Cleveland 2015, Birmingham 2016, and Matanzas 2017. While inter-religious hybridity challenges churches to rethink exclusivist, inward-looking, evangelizing, and converting approaches of Christianity, it also challenges us to rethink dialogue, mission, tolerance, and religious harmony. The workshop will explore how this context of celebrating hybridity as a gift and embracing hospitality as a virtue opens up new possibilities for reconstructing Christian missiology, pastoral practices, and theologies of religions.

Date and time: March 9 and 10, 14:00–15:30

No: (9-10/16) Title: Youth Working Inter-religiously for Justice and Peace

Leaders: Isay Brown, Sam Mourillo

Description: It is essential for the pilgrimage of justice and peace to be both inter-religious and intergenerational to be translated into concrete action. This workshop will focus on the diverse means, modes, and motivations for youth to work inter-religiously for justice and peace. It will pay attention to unconventional ways of dialogue—including the use of art for dialogue. History shows that art has a way of bringing people and ideas of different faiths together in a unique and effective manner. Art succeeds where words fail, and in many ways, it has the capacity to democratize dialogue, breaking barriers of age, language, religion, and region.

Date and time: March 9 and 10, 14:00–15:30

No: (9-10/17) Title: Mission to Africa and Mission in Reverse

Leaders: Claudia Bandixen, Magdalena Zimmermann

Description: After a brief introduction by Claudia Bandixen, Magdalena Zimmermann, who has been responsible for education, exchange, and research for many years at Mission 21, will present the European understanding of mission from the 19th century. From which image of man did the missionaries come from, and what interactions existed between the different cultures? In the second part of the workshop, people from the former so-called mission fields describe their interpretation of this missionary history. Finally, we develop visions for a meaningful “reverse mission.”

Date and time: March 9 and 10, 14:00–15:30

No: (9-10/18) Title: Missional Formation in Theological Education

Leader: Bård Mæland

Description: How missional is theological education? How can theological education foster missional formation? How are such questions reflected in theological learning and curricula? In light of how contexts of theological training differ globally, it seems important to discuss how missional formation is placed within the overall theological education that is provided at different theological seminaries and schools, as well as at universities. In this warsha, diverse approaches to the place of missional formation in theological education will be explored by different theological educators and discussed with warsha participants. Two case studies will be presented of how missional formation relates to theological education at two theological institutions:

- Matanzas Theological Seminary, Cuba (Dr Carlos Ham)
- Candler School of Theology, Emory University (Dr. L. Wesley de Souza)

Date and time: March 9 and 10, 14:00–15:30

No: (9-10/19) Title: Missional Formation from the Margins

Leader: Henry Mbaya

Description: Understanding mission from the perspectives of the marginalized (minority) communities. Considered from a missional perspective, at the core of marginalization is the issue of power, identity, and meaning. The workshop will discuss how power dynamics continue to shape marginality in missional formation within a global framework and interrogate how these present opportunities and challenges in modern-day missional formation. The goal of the workshop is to critically engage the participants with a view to generating experiential and intellectual knowledge as a resource that can inform the activities of CWME and also be used in various contexts of mission today.

Date and time: March 9 and 10, 14:00–15:30

No: (9-10/20) Title: Youth in Missional Formation

Leader: Mika Vähäkangas

Description: Youth form more than half of the population, and often of the churches' membership in many majority world countries. Even where the number of youth is smaller, youth represent the future of the churches. Thus, whether youth feel ownership of the churches and their missional nature, churches have bleak prospects. In this warsha, different approaches to youth missional formation are presented by youth and youth workers. These approaches are compared and discussed with the warsha participants.

Date and time: March 9 and 10, 14:00–15:30

No: (9-10/21) Title: Group Sessions on Spiritual Exercises: The Jesus Prayer (March 9); Lectio Divina – Divine Reading (March 10)

Leaders: Sahaya Gnadaselvam Antony, Pauline Nyamwitha Mwangi

Description: This is a group session on spiritual exercises. Developed particularly in the Orthodox tradition, the Jesus Prayer is a way of repeating a short prayer focusing on the name of Jesus. We pray without ceasing “so that at the name of Jesus, every knee should bow” (Phil. 2:10). A way of meditating on scripture, building a delightful intimacy with God, such that we become like trees planted by streams of water (Ps. 1).

Date and time: March 9 and 10, 14:00–15:30

Description of One-Day Warshas
to be held on March 12
(1 x 90 minutes each)

No: (12/1) Title: Discipleship in Secularized Contexts: Challenges and Blessings

Leaders: Michael Biehl, Christoph Anders

Description: *Together towards Life* offers very few hints to secularized societies. Mission bodies from the Northern European region under the umbrella of EEMC propose to restudy secularized societies as their contexts for discipleship. The main questions are how far discipleship is transformed by secular settings and how it can be reformulated to respond to these contexts and to engage with secularized expressions of believing and living in these contexts, and thus be transformative.

Date and time: March 12, 14:00–15:30

No: (12/2) Title: Accompaniment of Vulnerable Communities on Occupied Palestinian Territories: A Learning Model for an Inclusive and Innovative Discipleship (*English/Spanish*)

Leader: Owe Boersma

Description: Part of the workshop is explaining the model of ecumenical accompaniment in Palestine and Israel to a wider (global South) constituency. The experience in Palestine/Israel provides an opportunity for discipleship within a wider human rights and humanitarian context. Interestingly, in this context the faith-based approach of this accompaniment model turns out to be a unique and convincing inclusive opportunity. Part of the workshop must therefore be first-hand witness accounts. A second step is to brainstorm with participants/church leaders on how those churches and countries which cannot participate under the present circumstances could be taken on this journey in a creative way.

Date and time: March 12, 14:00–15:30

No: (12/3) Title: Crossing Borders: Oxford Centre for Mission Studies, Contributing to Discipleship, Global Mission, and Evangelism

Leaders: Paul Samuel-Bendor, Marina Behera

Description: For 30 years, the Oxford Centre for Mission Studies, with its origins in the networks of mission practitioners and students of missiology based in the majority world (Asia, Africa, Latin America) and deeply rooted in the evangelical world, has offered a space for the global church to explore cutting-edge topics and issues in global mission and missiology through academic studies, conferences, and research: the present and future of mission. OCMS and the continuation of the Edinburgh study process through the Edinburgh Study Series is offered as a model on how networking and cooperating will serve the church in participating in God's whole-life mission.

Date and time: March 12, 14:00–15:30

No: (12/4) Title: Interdisciplinary Teams for Evangelizing People in Different Cultures (*English/Spanish*)

Leader: Oscar Corvalan-Vasquez

Description: The workshop proposes new models of training for preparing missionary teams seeking to minister in non-Christian and formerly Christian societies, taking into consideration four different challenges. First, the irrelevance of certain types of biblical language: e.g., the concept of salvation. Second, the inadequacy of the old personal missionary model to deal with socio-cultural-political-psychological concerns of people today. Third, the need to learn about the main questions and concerns that people in missional contexts struggle with before providing the answers. Finally, not reducing people's needs to spiritual concerns. The workshop also emphasizes the need for cultural orientation regarding the culture where missionaries intend to serve.

Date and time: March 12, 14:00–15:30

No: (12/5) Title: Ambassadors for Christ: Living the Ministry of Reconciliation

Leader: Sara Pottschmidt Lisherness

Description: 2 Corinthians 5:17 reminds us that if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; everything has become new! This powerful passage reminds us that Christ's saving, redeeming grace calls us to be his ambassadors, engaged in the ministry of reconciliation. And yet, we live in a deeply divided world where our conflicts and differences become destructive obstacles to reconciliation and peace. Through prayer, biblical reflection, and participatory exercises, this workshop will offer participants the opportunity to consider the basic skills that will strengthen our calling to the practice and ministry of reconciliation.

Date and time: March 12, 14:00–15:30

No: (12/6) Title: Proselytism: Conversations about a New Draft Statement

Leader: Rosalee Velloso Ewell

Description: Come hear about and discuss with some of the drafting team a new statement on proselytism that is part of a working group convened by the Global Christian Forum. The key topics are the practice of mission in multi-Christian contexts, the issues and problems that proselytism presents, and recommendations for ethical witness. It is a historic work that includes representatives from WCC, WEA, PCPCU, and PWF. It is a key resource for churches and Christians of all traditions, and we hope it will be used in multiple contexts around the world to inspire and help Christians wherever they find themselves engaged in mission.

Date and time: March 12, 14:00–15:30

No: (12/7) Title: Reception of the Ecumenical Diakonia Document and Study Guide

Leaders: Isabel Apawo Phiri, Carlos Ham, Kjell Nordstokke

Description: The WCC and ACT Alliance jointly took the initiative to produce the Ecumenical Diakonia Document in 2014, with the purpose of clarifying the understanding of ecumenical diakonia and providing a common platform for acting and reflecting together. The intention was to have a document “to be used for formation and training in ecumenical diakonia, to strengthen the institutional capacity of our respective constituencies,” and to “foster the dialogue and cooperation between churches, ecumenical partners and the WCC.” The purpose of this workshop is to

- facilitate the reception of the Ecumenical Diakonia Document addressing WCC member churches, regional and national ecumenical councils, and ecumenical partners such as the ACT Alliance, the LWF, and their respective constituencies and related agencies;
- facilitate the study of the Ecumenical Diakonia Document, indicating key themes and concepts and providing tools for applying it in the context of the readers;
- propose questions for discussion, with the aim of actualizing the issues that the document raises as related to local diaconal practice and how this relates to ecumenical partners and other networks; and
- indicate issues to be included in the feedback to the WCC.

Date and time: March 12, 14:00–15:30

No: (12/8) Title: Women Pilgrims of Justice and Peace: The Spirituality of Peace-Building
(*English/Spanish*)

Leader: Fernando Enns

Description: Spirituality is one important dimension that the Pilgrimage of Justice and Peace adds to the churches’ engagement in justice and peace. It is especially the engagement, wisdom, and experience of women that witnesses to the importance of spirituality in peace-building and the transformation of injustices. In this workshop, ecumenical women’s networks (PAWEEN, GEMPAZ, et al.) will share their experiences and thereby connect and strengthen each other. Participants will be inspired and empowered by these examples. Everyone is welcome!

Date and time: March 12, 14:00–15:30

No: (12/9) Title: Media Relations and Training

Leaders: Claus Grue, Marcelo Schneider

Description: Why good media relations matter, welcoming publicity as an opportunity (not a threat), and how to set the agenda and take advantage of the free press: these are critical questions and issues we will elaborate upon in the WCC media relations workshop, where we also will provide brief interview training in front of a camera. This is a relevant workshop focusing on opportunities and value for everyone encountering the media.

Date and time: March 12, 14:00–15:30

No: (12/10) Title: Discipleship and Ordained Ministry

Leader: Ani Ghazaryan Drissi

Description: While the understanding of the ecumenical movement as the search for the visible manifestation of the one Church in Eucharistic fellowship has determined the programmatic work of Faith and Order, centred on the overcoming of inherited dividing issues related to the confession of the apostolic faith, sacramental life, ministry, and the common vision of the church, the emergence in the 20th century of what has been known in recent decades as “global Christianity” has been confronting the ecumenical movement each day with ecclesial ways of living the faith that are not only increasingly different from the church described in *The Church: Towards a Common Vision*, but also, and as a result of that, have a very different understanding of what “unity” is and what is necessary for its visibility. The main goal of this workshop is to have a sustained theological dialogue on “Discipleship and Ordained Ministry” between the so-called emerging ecclesiologies and the more historic ecclesiologies mirrored in *The Church: Towards a Common Vision*. Can this encounter and dialogue lead to a growing exchange of spiritual gifts? Could it lead us to discover that traditional and emerging ecclesiologies share more hidden, unearthed similarities than the results of theological dialogues conditioned by a confrontation of truth claims allow us to foresee or to expect? This workshop will allow several key speakers—church leaders, church history experts, and pastors coming from “new” and “emerging” as well as “traditional” churches—to gather together in order to dialogue and to share their own vision of the church, its ministry, and its notion of discipleship.

Date and time: March 12, 14:00–15:30

No: (12/11) Title: Justice in Action: Defending the Most Vulnerable

Leader: Abraham George

Description: In our journey toward a transformed world of justice and peace, there are far too many who face a constant, tangible, very real threat: everyday violence. According to the UN, an estimated 4 billion people—more than half the world’s population—currently live outside the protection of the law. This workshop will examine this hidden plague that is destroying lives and undermining the fight against poverty in the developing world. Together we will explore ways that justice systems—police, courts, and laws—are failing those who need them most, and discuss ways that these broken systems can be repaired.

Date and time: March 12, 14:00–15:30

No: (12/12) Title: Congregations: Use Your Talents

Leader: Jeffrey Huseby

Description: How can the congregation be a primary development agent in the community? How can we use what we have here and now in our diaconal work? That is the essence of Use Your Talents, an approach to development work and mission work that originated in Madagascar but is now spreading to many churches and countries. The workshop will help participants to recognize their own resources and talents, and to learn to take a closer look at what they are already involved in and develop that. They will also learn that this might be a way to get rid of dependency syndrome, a deep-rooted challenge within mission and development work.

Date and time: March 12, 14:00–15:30

No: (12/13) Title: Freedom of Religion and Belief, Mission, and Discipleship

Leader: Jonas Adelin Jørgensen

Description: Costly discipleship and the question of freedom of religion and belief are core themes in contemporary mission practice. In this workshop, we will present the various ways in which these themes have been dealt with by mission societies in a Nordic context as part of our

advocacy. In particular, we share experiences about networking with the academy, human rights organizations, and national politicians to address the often complex questions about discrimination and persecution together with partnering missions.

Date and time: March 12, 14:00–15:30

No: (12/14) Title: Defrosting Christmas: Liturgical Inculturation and Mission

Leader: Michael Wallace

Description: The workshop will consider the relationship between inculturation of worship and mission. Using Aotearoa New Zealand as an example, the workshop will highlight, critique, and respond creatively to the cognitive dissonance between the Western liturgical year and the experience of natural seasons in Aotearoa New Zealand. The workshop will invite participants to consider the liturgical year in their own contexts and imagine possibilities for inculturation of worship in different mission fields.

Date and time: March 12, 14:00–15:30

No: (12/15) Title: An Ecumenical Pilgrimage in Mission

Leader: Olle Kristenson

Description: Receptive ecumenism is a fruitful way of dealing with difficult ecumenical issues, such as the concept of mission. We listen, with integrity, to others and learn from them rather than impose our own view. We experienced this in a process called “mission pilgrimage” in Sweden, and we will share our experience in this workshop. We introduce the method of receptive ecumenism and apply it to the interpretation of mission. By doing so, we will discuss alternative mission texts to the Great Commission in a participatory exercise. The workshop deepens our understanding of mission and thus equips us in our discipleship as agents in mission.

Date and time: March 12, 14:00–15:30

No: (12/16) Title: Intentional Discipleship: Living a Jesus-Shaped Life

Leader: John Kafwanka

Description: This workshop explores the experience across the Anglican Communion which led to the 2016 call for and adoption of the theme “Season of Intentional Discipleship,” and how “Living a Jesus-Shaped Life” is catching the imagination of Anglicans around the world. The workshop also explores the need and tools for equipping the whole people of God for whole-life discipleship in a world where potential sits alongside immense challenges of our time, including the constant threat of conflict among nations and peoples; religious, ethnic- and tribe-motivated violence; gender-based violence and child abuse; economic deprivation among communities and young people; inequalities based on class, tribe, race, and ethnicity; erosion of integrity and widespread corruption in many nations; the challenge of climate change and environmental degradation; growing liberal secularism and decline in appeal of Christian faith; and declining church attendance in some and growing nominalism in others, among many other topics.

Date and time: March 12, 14:00–15:30

No: (12/17) Title: Theology of Pilgrimage: The Holy Land Context

Leader: Dafer Kassis

Description: The context of pilgrimage to the Holy Land is usually contested. Participants will benefit from this in delivering the right message concerning pilgrimage to the Holy Land, and what pilgrimage means to the locals of the Holy Land. Theologians and church leaders have a responsibility toward the Holy Land, and toward the people, the living stones who reside there. This message needs to be clearly addressed to them: that Palestinians are the living stones of the Holy Land.

Date and time: March 12, 14:00–15:30

No: (12/18) Title: A Climate Responsibility and Dialogue with Indigenous Peoples

Leader: Betsan Martin

Description: A renewed ethics of responsibility has come to us with the Paris Agreement and with the Sustainable Development Goals. Responsibility creates community and an ethics with universal attributes for our common home. This workshop will offer insights from Pacific Indigenous knowledge on care for creation and spirituality. Technology is shaping our world and is part of the new horizon in which a spiritual dimension must be kept alive. The theological, spiritual, and cultural contributions of the participants will be a key to shaping the discussions and to identifying steps we can take together in the wider faith community.

Date and time: March 12, 14:00–15:30

No: (12/19) Title: Mission in the Context of Empire

Leader: Sudipta Singh

Description: God’s mission in history has always been a celebration of bearing witness in the midst of empire. God became flesh in Jesus Christ in an imperial world, and Jesus lived out his life in accordance with the will of God as a counter-imperial praxis. The mission of the church is therefore to continue the praxis of Jesus to contest the claims of the empire by affirming, protecting, and celebrating movements of life. Empire is that which claims absolute lordship over God’s creation and commodifies it by disabling its moral agency. The violent face of the empire is exposed in systems and practices that exclude and discriminate against people based on class, race, ethnicity, gender, and sexual orientation. Empire is hence an ungod that rejects God and the flourishing of the community of creation. Mission in the context of empire demands our absolute allegiance to the blossoming of life, exposing and confronting the imperial forces. It is an invitation to resist the temptation to be co-opted by the empire, and the nerve to come out of the empire, creating counter-imperial alternatives.

Date and time: March 12, 14:00–15:30

No: (12/20) Title: Diverse Practicum for Students Engaged in World Mission

Leader: Phoebe Sneed Presson

Description: Diverse Practicum for Students Engaged in World Mission proposes investment in multicultural/intergenerational curricula, through a global mindset. Understanding intergenerational diversity will enable organizations to engage future generations in the ministries of mission and evangelism. As the infrastructure of technology has saturated even undeveloped countries, institutions must make conscious decisions to implement it. Key to this development in our institutions of higher learning is the need to expose students to concepts of social justice, urban education, and community development. Our goals include cultivating ethically responsible and socially aware leaders—integrating vocational discernment and interfaith spiritual exploration to improve communities through direct outreach.

Date and time: March 12, 14:00–15:30

No: (12/21) Title: Group Session on Spiritual Exercises: Centring Prayer

Leaders: Sahaya Gnadaselvam Antony, Pauline Nyamwitha Mwangi

Description: This is a group session on spiritual exercises. The session explores a way of contemplative prayer to develop interior stillness and silence—a prerequisite for hearing God. “Be still, and know that I am God” (Ps. 46:10).

Date and time: Monday, March 12, 14:00–15:30

Description of One-Day Workshops
to be held on March 13
(1 x 90 minutes each)

- No: (13/1) Title:** Discipleship, Presence, and Trust-Building with People of Other Faiths
Leader: Aaro Rytkonen
Description: Churches around the world are living in increasingly multicultural and multi-religious environments. The need for churches to understand people of other faiths—both in Christian-majority as well as in Christian-minority contexts—is more and more important. The work of Al Amana Centre is the result of practical collaboration between Christians and Muslims in a Muslim context for over 125 years. In this workshop it will be explained how Christian presence in such a context will make the difference and be an essential building block for more stable and peaceful societies. Tools for this work will be explained and shared.
Date and time: March 13, 14:00–15:30
- No: (13/2) Title:** Intercultural-Gospel Communication
Leader: C. Gladius Guna Ranjini
Description: Fulfilling God’s call to spread the good news in a foreign place starts with some discomfort, where languages, food, people, transport, and accommodation differ. The comfort level is completely disturbed when the definition of sin and certain behaviours change with culture. Missionaries do not know whether to stay or go back where they came from. Though communication of the gospel is God’s work in the hearts of people, whom he has prepared, this workshop will attempt to help people deal with the complex intercultural process and ways to communicate the gospel interculturally.
Date and time: March 13, 14:00–15:30
- No: (13/3) Title:** Transforming Whom? Or What? And How? Discipleship in the Context of Post-Christian Society of Central (East) Germany
Leader: Ravinder Salooja
Description: In the 20-80/10-90 situation of central (eastern) Germany (10 to 20% of the population are religious, while 80 to 90% consider themselves “normal,” in the sense of post-religious), discipleship becomes a major challenge for the church: How to relate to people who in the fourth generation have no religious link at all? Being post-religious has gained a status of everyday plausibility: if people have religious moments, they consider themselves to be sick, and are sure to recover soon. The workshop presents experimental ways the Evangelical Church in Central Germany tries to go, and it invites participants to reflect on the situation.
Date and time: March 13, 14:00–15:30
- No: (13/4) Title:** A Day in la Casona
Leader: Sonia Skupsch
Description: The workshop intends to show a form of missionary work of the Evangelical Church of Rio de la Plata (IERP) in vulnerable urban popular sectors. The idea is that participants can experience a day of work with the teenagers of the neighbourhood and reflect together on the different aspects involved in the missionary strategy. At the same time, the workshop proposes an opportunity of reflection on the mission in development. It finishes with a celebration of sharing the word of God.
Date and time: March 13, 14:00–15:30

No: (13/5) Title: Toward a New International Economic and Financial Architecture: A New Model of Mission Engagement

Leader: Sudipta Singh

Description: We live in a world of paradoxes. The current financial and economic architecture has not addressed poverty eradication, inequality, and ecological destruction, particularly in developing countries. People living in poverty are denied and deprived of basic human rights to the gifts of God's creation by the social systems, which are designed to further the social appetite of the few at the expense of the many. It is therefore imperative to seriously work on an economy of life. Our concern today is that those who are responsible for formulating economic, financial, and ecological policies have not addressed the real root causes of the problem. The concept of growth without limits is still the mantra of most policy-makers, instead of eradicating poverty by intentionally investing in people. In other words, we need pro/poor growth policies that begin with the people. As far as churches are concerned, they are called in the name of mission to work for an economy in the service of life where poverty is eradicated, social justice is embraced, and ecological justice promoted.

Date and time: March 13, 14:00–15:30

No: (13/6) Title: Looking for the Liberating Power of the Spirit

Leaders: Jeppe Bach Nikolajsen, Vija Herefoss

Description: Liberation theology has often been related to South America, South Africa, and South Asia. This workshop will widen the scope of our understanding of the transformative and liberating power of the Spirit by bringing perspectives from the global South into dialogue with voices from the global North and the Middle East. We will address various aspects of structural evil and the necessity of being liberated from this as part of God's mission. We will share examples from different contexts and look for different ways to assist each other and learn together how to become part of the transformative work of the Spirit.

Date and time: March 13, 14:00–15:30

No: (13/7) Title: Mission from the Margins: Dalits and Christianity

Leader: Amitha Santiago

Description: The mission story in India is often told as the story of the colonial mission and its missionary as its protagonist. Such narratives often smack of colonial prejudices and subject a mission theologian to moral and theological embarrassment in defending the idea of Christian mission. However, in contexts like India where social prejudices and practices of extreme forms of discrimination relegate a section of its communities to dehumanization, Dalit communities found in the mission a needed condition for articulating a vision for an emancipatory future. Listening to these stories from these contexts of India could open up new possibilities in articulating missiologies from the margins.

Date and time: March 13, 14:00–15:30

No: (13/8) Title: Churches' Commitments to Children

Leader: Muzimba Kuchera

Description: Participants will explore how churches can work together on transforming discipleship through the Churches' Commitments to Children. The workshop will

- provide space for the ecumenical family to discuss meaningful child participation in an environment of mutual trust and learning;
- enable the exchange of information and sharing of knowledge, specialization, and experience, while developing common approaches to best practice around child participation in mission and evangelism;
- demonstrate the interconnectedness of child protection, child participation, and climate justice in relation to mission and evangelism; and

- help to develop guidance around future work and shape child participation in missiological thinking and practice relevant for the 21st century.

The workshop will also present a tool (online platform) to support partnership among churches and other partners within the fellowship.

Date and time: March 13, 14:00–15:30

No: (13/9) Title: Crossing Frontiers

Leader: Wellington Mthobisi Sibanda

Description: “Crossing Frontiers: Healing and Hope” is a timely reminder that the church is called to a particular mission in a particular context, and it requires us to make the choice of a lifetime if we would remain faithful. Contexts vary, as we all know, but whatever our context, by that our mission is defined. The starting point for missional engagement should always be the recognition that mission is a project of God. The notion of missional church arises from the acknowledgment that mission is the invitation for us to participate in what God is already doing, and has been doing from eternity. “Evangelism is what happens at the nexus point, the connection, between our stories—my story and your story—and God’s wider salvation story, where we can see that things that were once cast down are indeed being raised up and old things are indeed becoming new.” The call to build discipleship in the context of empire is pregnant with hope for the mission of the church and the strategic role of young people within this mission.

Date and time: March 13, 14:00–15:30

No: (13/10) Title: Missional Discipleship: Following Jesus into the Lives of Our Neighbours
(*English/Spanish*)

Leader: Michael Gehrling

Description: Transforming discipleship leads to mission. The lives of Christ’s first disciples were transformed by his life, and they were sent out to bear witness to this new life. They joined Jesus’ ministry of healing the sick, welcoming the stranger, and walking with the marginalized. In North America, discipleship is often limited to the improvement of one’s personal life and to “church” experience, disconnecting discipleship and mission. This workshop will explore how engagement with Luke 10:1–10 and an exercise called Neighbourhood Exegesis is reconnecting discipleship and mission and equipping Christians to live like missionaries in their own context.

Date and time: March 13, 14:00–15:30

No: (13/11) Title: HIV Medical Treatment and Faith Healing in Africa

Leader: Ezra Chitando

Description: The issue of the faith healing of HIV has emerged as a topical and urgent one in many parts of Africa. Many people living with HIV have been discouraged from either starting or continuing with their medication. In most instances, traditional healers, Christian prophets, or Muslim healers have created the idea that a faith healer is superior to biomedicine. Participants will learn new strategies of engaging this challenge as they seek to ensure that the people of God have abundant life.

Date and time: March 13, 14:00–15:30

No: (13/12) Title: Whole-Life Discipleship Transforming Whole Communities

Leader: Mark Oxbrow

Description: Christian discipleship is not a course, not a programme, not even a characteristic of ecclesial communities—it is Life. This workshop will explore how “Jesus-shaped living” impacts family life; gender relations; work, employment and creativity; human flourishing in environmentally sustainable contexts; the dialogue of faiths; and so much more. It will draw on

six years of research and work by Faith2Share with 40 mission agencies, the current Anglican Communion “Season of Intentional Discipleship and Disciple-Making,” and Pope Francis’s teaching on missional discipleship as an expression of the apostolicity of the church.

Date and time: March 13, 14:00–15:30

No: (13/13) Title: Embracing the Enemy: “Encounter” in Ecumenical Mission

Leader: Nathanael Bacon

Description: Division, dehumanization, and the discarding of our fellow human beings betray the spirit of the gospel and scandalize our witness. In welcome contrast, Pope Francis’s call to a “culture of encounter,” comprised of mutually transformative relationships, provides a crucial insight into the movement of the Spirit. The love of our enemies is the litmus test of discipleship. Through the narrative lens of incarnational ministry among warring gang members, and missional ecumenism at the margins, this workshop will help participants reflect on their own experiences of mutually transformative relationships, and how best to catalyze such “encounter” in their own contexts, in both personal and public dimensions.

Date and time: March 13, 14:00–15:30

No: (13/14) Title: Changing the Narrative: Pan African Women Leading and Advancing Just Models of Transformative Discipleship

(English/Spanish)

Leader: Angelique Walker-Smith

Description: The workshop will engage the objectives of the WCC-ETE Pan African Women’s Ecumenical Empowerment Network that is a partnership with WCC member churches and groups like Bread for the World in Washington, D.C. The workshop will give voice to the contributions and special concerns of Pan African Women of Faith in Africa and in the African diaspora about the history of Christian mission and evangelism from their lens. This history will include the narrative of mission and evangelism in ancient places like Ethiopia and Egypt, as well as during the colonial mission period and after. The workshop will engage the critical theological lens of agency, affirmation, woundedness, and transformation (WCC Pilgrimage of Justice and Peace) of these women in this history, today and going forward, as we witness the growth and future of Christianity relative to Africa. It will do this through presentations and discussion that inform renewed models of discipleship and mutual mission partnerships with these women.

Date and time: March 13, 14:00–15:30

No: (13/15) Title: Thursdays in Black

Leaders: Pamela Valdes, Fulata Moyo

Description: A gender justice workshop on ending violence against women as one of the signs of the movement of the Holy Spirit, and a calling of Christian communities to transformative discipleship that safeguards the dignity and worth of every person: for indeed in Christ we are neither male nor female, but one interconnected and interdependent community of love. Since transformative discipleship has effective communication as implied mission imperative, the Thursdays in Black campaign weaves mission, prophetic witness, and diakonia together, toward the fullness of life for all. Violence against women is a serious, endemic problem that remains a major threat to fullness of life. To resist and end such a threat is part of our mission. Effective communication is critical in our ongoing campaign “Thursdays in Black,” where every week of the year we wear black on that day to remind the world about and call them to join in opposing the oppressive reality of violence against women.

Date and time: March 13, 14:00–15:30

No: (13/16) Title: Global Bible Access and Translation

Leader: G. Magi

Description: The workshop will address global scripture access in 2018 and availability of translations of the word of God in the heart language of people around the world. Listeners will be able to follow the full translation journey from the language identification to the user reading of the scriptures. Global Translation Blueprint is revealed to address the remaining people groups that do not have access the scriptures. Bible distribution is discussed as well as electronic channels that are thriving. Finally, the role of the national bible societies is analyzed and best practices are advised in church relations.

Date and time: March 13, 14:00–15:30

No: (13/17) Title: Protestant Pilgrimages? Possibilities and Chances of Responsible Action before God and the World

Leader: Sönke Lorberg-Fehring

Description: After the Reformation in the 16th century, pilgrimage was almost completely abandoned in the churches of the Reformation. But it has been legitimate to speak of a Protestant pilgrim revival in the last 20 years. The workshop informs about this new enthusiasm and invites participants to discuss the new chances of a Lutheran-oriented, living spirituality in relation to the making of pilgrimages. This may not only deepen the theoretic background of Lutheran theology, but also works out the practical relevance of new forms of discipleship and access to new paths in local parishes.

Date and time: March 13, 14:00–15:30

No: (13/18) Title: The Sustainable Development Goals and Discipleship

Leader: Jonas Adelin Jørgensen

Description: The workshop explores areas of correspondence between the UN's SDG initiative and the WCC and member churches' Pilgrimage of Justice and Peace. Central to the WCC initiative, the mission and discipleship of churches in forms of sharing, healing, and reconciliation has been emphasized. Since the 2013 Assembly, the commitment to what we as churches can do together for humanity and creation has been central to the Pilgrimage of Justice and Peace. Regarding the SDGs, what does this mean in concrete terms for churches?

Date and time: March 13, 14:00–15:30

No: (13/19) Title: Pilgrims of Justice and Peace in Israel/Palestine, Nigeria, and Colombia

Leader: Fernando Enns

Description: The Members of the PJP Reference Group had the privilege of being on a pilgrimage to the three WCC-priority countries: Israel/Palestine (2016), Nigeria (2017), and Colombia (2018). Together with the people of those locations, they have “celebrated the gifts,” “visited the wounds,” and witnessed “transformations of injustices.” During this workshop, participants are invited to engage in an encounter of representatives from those three locations who will interact with each other on the meaning of “Pilgrimage of Justice and Peace.” Participants are invited to contribute their experiences and the challenges they see with the PJP in their own context. (If possible, we will invite representatives from Pilgrim Team Visits to South Sudan, DRC, and Burundi as well—highlighting gender-based violence and women's ways of peace-building—to overlap with the workshop.)

Date and time: March 13, 14:00–15:30

No: (13/20) Title: Churches Say No to Homophobic Violence

Leaders: Isabel Apawo Phiri, Evie Landrau

Description: Since its inception, the WCC, as an expression of its commitment to justice, human dignity, and liberation, has been a faithful partner of people who have experienced discrimination and exclusion—racial and ethnic minorities, those with disabilities, Indigenous peoples, Dalits, and others—in their struggles. For decades, the WCC facilitated reflection and analysis, advocacy, and communication among marginalized people, supporting their efforts at local, national, and international levels, and encouraging churches and societies to be more just, responsive, and inclusive. At the 10th General Assembly of the WCC at Busan (South Korea) in November 2013, awareness was raised about homophobic violence based on religious argumentation. Since then it has become an increasing problem in many areas of the world. In this workshop, participants will listen to experiences of religiously motivated homophobic violence and discuss and identify resources developed by churches and the civil society that are helpful in fostering conversations on human sexuality.

Date and time: March 13, 14:00–15:30

No: (13/21) Title: Group Sessions on Spiritual Exercises: Ignatian Examen according to St. Ignatius of Loyola

Leaders: Sahaya Gnadaselvam Antony, Pauline Nyamwitha Mwangi

Description: This is a group session on spiritual exercises. This session is a way of asking God to help us reflect on where we have experienced consolation or desolation, helping us develop in gratitude and discernment “So that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect” (Rom. 12:2).

Date and time: March 13, 14:00–15:30