



## Global Consultation for the Commemoration of the 20th anniversary of the Decade of the Churches in Solidarity with Women

### Annotated Agenda

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#### Objective

In the context of the 70th anniversary of the World Council of Churches (WCC), the pilgrimage of justice and peace and the 2030 sustainable development agenda, the main objective of the 2018 commemoration of the 20th anniversary of the Decade of the Churches in Solidarity with Women is for: *member churches and ecumenical partners, in an inter-generational setting, to reflect on the achievements and challenges in building a just community of women and men and to strengthen ecumenical collaboration in reading the signs of our times in order to map the future direction of our work.*

#### Expected outcome

Shared ecumenical reading and interpretation of signs of our times for moving towards a just community of women and men in the church and society and a vision statement.

#### Activities

In light of this objective, the consultation will focus its activities around three areas, namely:

1. Celebrate our gifts, visit the wounds and transform injustices in the relationships between women and men in the church since 1998;
2. Throughout the consultation to highlight the four priority topics for the decade:
  - violence against women in its various forms,
  - women's full and creative participation in the life of the church,
  - the global economic crisis and its effect on women, and
  - racism and xenophobia and their specific impact on women.
3. Take stock of how the Thursdays in Black has spread to member churches and the wider society; analyse how the Thursdays in Black campaign intersects with gender justice advocacy and the 2030 agenda, and recommit to our active solidarity through the campaign;
4. Develop a vision statement for furthering conversations to build intergenerational just communities of women and men among: (a) church leaders, (b) church groups, (c) theological networks (d) ecumenical leaders and (e) women and youth on the margins of the church and society and (f) from churches which are on the margins.

## **Framework Agenda**

The agenda has main building blocks (Community Building, Spiritual Life, Framing the issues, Celebrating the gifts, Visiting the wounds, and Transforming injustices) all of which are an integral part of the celebration and together contribute to reaching the objectives. Your participation is desired throughout all sessions.

## **How to prepare for the consultation**

These are guidelines to help you prepare yourself for the Global Consultation for the Commemoration of the 20th anniversary of the Decade of the Churches in Solidarity with Women:

1. Be ready to share, connect and network with participants
2. Your active participation and interaction makes the consultation better
3. Bring materials for display from your church or organisation
4. Bring a small basket which can fit either in your checked in or your hand luggage
5. Bring a strip of cloth to weave into a basket

## **Methodological elements**

### **Role of session intergenerational moderators**

The moderators of the session are responsible for ensuring direction, flow, timing of the session, and inviting participants to speak. Clear direction to the “park attendant” is helpful for issues to be dealt with in upcoming sessions. The moderators will also call upon the listeners to summarize the session at its end.

### **Role of Listeners:**

8 listeners from amongst the participants will be identified prior to the conversation. They will be called to summarize what they have heard after each session. By Friday 5<sup>th</sup> Friday, they will be asked to present a) a first draft of consultation report b) a first draft of a vision statement based on the discussions of the past three days.

### **Guiding questions for daily checking:**

- What have you heard today?
- What are main points you would like to highlight for each day?
- How do you feel this is connecting with what we have heard previously?
- What needs more time to discuss?
- What is missing?
- What should go to the vision statement?

### **Role of “park attendant”**

One park attendant will be identified amongst the participants per day with the specific role to note on a flipchart issues, questions and comments that need to be addressed in other sessions.

## Spiritual Life

The spiritual life of the Global Consultation is formed by common prayers and bible studies in the morning and a symbolic ritual in the evening. The bible readings used in the morning will serve as reference for the symbolic rituals in the evening.

A basket (or baskets) and cloth will be the main symbolic elements of the spiritual life. They will become the “liturgical center” or “symbolic center” of the Consultation carried throughout the whole Spiritual life of the Global Consultation.

## Resources

Documents for the meeting can be found on the following link:

<https://seafle.ecucenter.org/d/4c5fc44ea2934b88a1de/>

The documents will be updated to also include presentations done during the sessions. The list will include:

1. Information sheet about Jamaica
2. List of Documents
3. Concept note
4. Annotated agenda
5. Some presentations

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## **Annotated Agenda**

### **Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> October 2018**

10:00 – 12: 00 International and local Planning Group meeting

14:00 – 20:00 Registration

17:00 – 18:00 Orientation

18:30 Dinner

### **Tuesday, 2 October 2018**

**“Celebrating our gifts as a community of women and men in the church”**

**Symbol: Basket**

#### **07:30-08:30: Breakfast**

**Venue:** Webster Memorial United Church

**08:30-09:30 Thanksgiving Common Prayer for God’s gift: “Thus far the Lord has helped us.”**

**Regions:** The Caribbean and Latin America

**Liturgy leader:** Rev Gloria Nohemy Ulloa Alvarado, WCC President for Latin America and the Caribbean

**Preacher:** Rev Merlyn Hyde Riley, President of the Jamaica Council of Churches

#### **09:30-10:30: Opening Session**

The goal of the session is to frame the discussion, acknowledge each other and share expectations.

**Moderator:** Bishop Mary Ann Swenson

- Opening video: “The first 10 years”
- Welcome by local hosts: Rev Gary Harriott, General Secretary, Jamaica Council of Churches
- Welcome by a representative from the Jamaican government
- Welcome by Dr Agnes Abuom, Moderator of the WCC Central Committee
- Keynote address: Rev Dr Olav Fykse Tveit, General Secretary, World Council of Churches
- Introduction of the participants
- Sharing of expectations of this consultation in groups
- Review of the whole programme

- Introduction of listeners

**10:30-11:00: Coffee and Tea Break**

**11:00-12:30: Introduction to the Caribbean context**

The goal of this session is to deepen our understanding of the Caribbean churches and society on the Decade priority themes: violence against women in its various forms; women's full and creative participation in the life of the church; the global economic crisis and its effect on women, and manifestations of racism and xenophobia and their specific impact on women. Local churches will be invited to participate

**Moderators:** Rev. Nicole Ashwood  
Rev. Dr. Wayneford McFarlane

- **Introduction** Rev. Dr Wayneford McFarlane
- The Caribbean: A Panoramic View Video Presentation Rev. Nicole Ashwood
- **Discussion** Rev. Marvia Lawes
- "Mek Wi Show up Di Tings" Dramatic Presentation Ms. Pat Donalds & Women's Media Watch Jamaica
- **Panel:** "Mek Wi Talk Up Di Tings" Conversation between women and men, engagement with questions from Audience - Rev. Christine Benguche
- **Short report from listeners**

**12:30-14:00: Buffet Lunch – with opportunity for bilateral meetings**

**14:00-15:00: From Harare to Kingston (1998-2018)**

We will take stock of the achievements from where the ecumenical movement has come from and where we are now in the churches and society. The Decade priority themes will be used as a guide. These are: violence against women in its various forms; women's full and creative participation in the life of the church; the global economic crisis and its effect on women, and manifestations of racism and xenophobia and their specific impact on women.

**Moderators:** Dr Agnes Abuom  
Mr Heiwa Kataoka

- Video: reflections from Harare to Kingston
- Presentation by the WCC from Harare to Kingston - Dr Gail Allan, member of the WCC Gender Advisory Group
- Table discussions
- Plenary discussion

**15:00-16:00: The community of women and men's experiences in different church and ecumenical contexts**

**Moderators:** Dr Agnes Abuom  
Mr Heiwa Kataoka

### **Introduction**

- World Communion of Reformed Churches- *Ms Raissa Vieira Brasil*
- World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church Women- *Very Rev. Jemima Amanor*
- Council for World Mission- *Rev. Dr Collin Isaiah Cowan*

### **Discussion**

**16:00-16:30: Coffee and Tea Break**

**16:30-18:00: The community of women and men's experiences in different church and ecumenical contexts (continued)**

**Moderator:** Rev. Phyllis Smith-Seymour  
Rev. Mumba Eneless Chilolo

### **Group 1**

#### **Introductions**

- Baptist World Alliance - *Rev. Everton Jackson*
- World Day of Prayer International- *Mrs Gertrudis Cornelia Trommer-Klimke*
- International Association of Women Ministers- *Rev. Marian Shearer*
- Ecumenical Forum of European Christian Women- *Ms Fiona Elizabeth Buchanan*

#### **Discussions in small groups**

**Moderators:** Rev. Ruth Phillips  
Ms Moraima González Ortiz

### **Group 2**

- ACT Alliance/Christian Aid/Side by Side- *Ms Clare Morgan*
- Orthodox Ecumenical Patriarchate- *Dr Despina Prassas*
- National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA- *Rev. Aundreia Alexander*
- Regional councils: Latin American Council of Churches (CLAI) -*Rev. Cecilia Eugenia Castillo Nanjari*

**18:00-18:30: In symbols: Where women and men are in the church?**

Led by *Rev. Lusmarina Campos Garcia*

**19:00-20:00: Dinner**

**19:00-2030** Meeting of the International Planning Group with the listeners.

**20:30-21:30: Movie on issues of the day: MY BODY BELONGS TO ME (45min) –**

**Lissett Vila (MI CUERPO ME PERTENECE) – Cuba (Moraima Gonzalez)**

Subtitled documentary with stories of Cuban women in different situations of violence, gender differences, women with incapacities, internal migration, and work problems. At the end, the film shows how they emerge full of strength from their personal situations.

40-minute audiovisual material filmed by Proyecto Palomas that reveals the violence that still remains in society, preventing girls and women from exercising their rights. one of them is the right to denounce without guilt, without fear, without shame. to make visible these conflicts is its objective, with a social impact in Cuba and in other international spaces.

Material audiovisual de 40 minutos, realizado por el “Proyecto Palomas” que revela la Violencia que pervive en la sociedad impidiendo que las mujeres y niñas ejerzan sus derechos. Uno de esos derechos es denunciar sin culpa, sin miedo, sin vergüenza. Hacer visible estos conflictos y sacarlos de lo privado a lo público, con gran impacto social en Cuba y en otros espacios Internacionales.

**Wednesday, 3 October 2018**

**07:30-08:30: Breakfast**

**“Visiting the wounds” as a community of women and men in the church and society**

**Symbol: Incomplete basket**

The goal for this day is to visit the wounds as a community of women and men in the church and society by sharing stories emphasising the cross cutting nature of gender in the area of

- a. Unity
- b. Mission
- c. Theological education and formation
- d. Youth engagement
- e. Public witness and diakonia.

**08:30-09:30: Common Prayer of Confession and Bible Study on the theme of the day**

**Regions:** Asia and the Pacific

**Liturgy leader:** Mr Vili Sam Tauofaga

**Bible Study:** Dr Aruna Gnanadason

**09:30-10:30: Gender in Unity and Mission**

**Moderators:** Rev. Letizia Tomassone  
Rev. Liudmila Hernandez Retureta

- Participation of women in the leadership structures of the church and society- *Dr Eleni Kasselouri-Hatzivassiliadi*
- Church women organisations and men’s fellowships - *Dr Agnes Abuom*
- Gender-based violence, racism, and the church- *Dr Traci C. West*

Summary from Listeners

**10:30-11:00: Coffee and Tea Break**

**11:00-12:30: Gender in Ecumenical Youth Engagement**

**Moderators:** Rev. Dr Roswitha Golder  
Ms Courtney Steininger

**TED Talk Speakers**

Young People on:

- **Gender and Employment-** *Ms Ruth Mathen*
- **Gender and Globalization and Migration-** *Rev. Liudmila Hernandez Retureta*
- **Gender and Climate Justice-** *Mr Vili Sam Tauofaga*

- **Gender and Racism-** *Mr Heiwa Kataoka*

#### **Interactive Zones Facilitators:**

- **Youth and Employment-** *Ms Raissa Vieira Brasil*
- **Youth and Globalization and Migration-** *Ms Sibusisiwe Chibambo*
- **Youth and Climate Justice-** *Ms Celina Falk*
- **Youth and Racism-** *Ms Christeen Darwish*

Summary from Listeners

**12:30-14:00: Lunch**

**14:00-16:00: Gender in Theological Education and Formation**

**Moderator:** - Rev. Dr Peggy Mulambya Kabonde  
Rev. Hans Ulrich Gerber

#### **Introduction**

- Gender in the theological curriculum –*Prof. Dr Esther Moraa Mombo*
- Gender in the theological curriculum- *Prof. Rev. Dr Ofelia Ortega Suárez*
- Gender in the theological curriculum - *Mr Philipp Champion*

#### **Table Discussion**

- Gender and disability and the context of DRC- *Rev. Prof. Dr Micheline Kamba Kasongo*
- Gender in the theological curriculum- *Rev. Dr Marjorie Lewis*
- Women theological networks- *Ms Ana Jael De La Cruz Campos*

#### **Plenary discussion**

#### **Listeners summary**

**16:00 -16:30 Coffee and Tea Break**

**16:30-18:00: Gender issues in Public Witness and Diakonia**

#### **Group 1**

**Moderators:** Rev. Dr Rachele Evelyn Vernon  
Rev. Angela del Consuelo Trejo Haager

- Gender and statelessness *Prof. Dr Mary Anne Plaatjies Van Huffel*
- Gender and economic justice *Dr Aruna Gnanadason*
- Gender and health: Child marriages and child widows- *Dr Mohinder Watson*
- **Discussion**
- **Listeners summary**

## **Group 2**

**Moderators:** Rev. Dr Suzi Unzu Lee

Ms Fiona Elizabeth Buchanan

- Gender trauma transformation and healing *Dr Fulata Mbano-Moyo*
- Gender in the Sustainable Development Goals *Ms Clare Morgan*
- Masculinities and feminities *Prof. Ezra Chitando*
- **Discussion**
- **Listeners summary**

**18:00-18:30: Symbolic action for healing and transformation**

Led by Rev. Lusmarina Campos Garcia

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

**20:00-20:30** Meeting of the International Planning Group with the listeners.

**20:30-21:30:** Movie on issues of the day:

**Either**

Water is a movie highlighting the plight of child widows and widows in India  
**or**

Whale Rider: a movie highlighting a girl's struggles to be recognized as a spiritual leader in Mauri spirituality but determination against all odds wins the day)

**Thursday, 4 October 2018**

**“Transforming the Injustices as a Community of Women and Men in the Church and Society”**

**Symbol:** Reconstructing the uncompleted basket

**06:30-07:30: Breakfast**

**08:00-09:30: Public event: The open air common prayer will be held at Half Way Tree**

**Regions:** Africa and North America

**Liturgy leader:** Mrs Fanya Kaza-Kwa Burford

**Open air preacher** Rev. Phumzile Mabizela, South Africa

**9:30- 12:30 Pilgrimage visit to local institutions in Jamaica addressing issues of masculinities and femininities**

- **Group 1** Eve for Life
- **Group 2** Women Resource Outreach Centre

**12:30-14:00: Lunch**

**14:00-15:30: Thursdays in Black: sharing narratives of resilience and resistance in the church and society**

**Moderators:** Ms Moraima González Ortiz

- **Introduction**
- Brazil: *Rev. Lusmarina Campos Garcia*
- Mexico: *Rev. Angela del Consuelo Trejo Haager*
- Colombia: *Rev. Gloria Nohemy Ulloa Alvarado*
- **Discussion**
- **Listeners summary**

**15:30-16:00 Coffee and Tea break**

**16:00 17:30 Thursdays in Black: sharing narratives of resilience and resistance in the church and society**

**Moderator:** Rev. Prof. Rebecca Todd

- South Africa - *Ms Sibusisiwe Chibambo*
- South Korea and Japan *Ms Heekyung Jeong* and *Mr Heiwa Kataoka*
- North America “Me Too” campaign *Bishop Mary Ann Swenson*
- Palestine: *Ms Christeen Darwish*

- **Discussion**
- **Listeners summary**

**17:30-18:30: Reflection on the visit and symbolic service of healing**

Led by Rev. Lusmarina Campos Garcia

**18:30-20:00: Dinner** (the planning group to meet with the listening group)

**20:00-21:00 Documentary on ‘City of Joy’: Refuge for women in Eastern Congo**

**Friday, 5 October 2018**

**Towards a statement on future theological conversations on the community of women and men in the church and society**

**Symbol:** Almost reconstructed basket

**07:30-08:30: Breakfast**

**08:30-09:30: Common Prayer of Celebration and Bible Study**

**Regions:** Europe and Middle East

**Bible Study** Mr Philipp Champion

**Liturgy leader** Ms Christeen Darwish

**09:30-10:30: Hearing from Children (13-17 year olds)**

**End Violence in Schools campaign**

**Moderators:** Prof. Dr Mary Anne Plaatjies Van Huffel

Ms Celina Falk

Introduction

Background: Churches Commitment to Children (CC2C) WCC

Stop Violence in Schools campaign: WCC, JCC and UNICEF

Panel presentation by Children (ages 10-17) from Kingston Area Schools & Church Schools

Discussion

Listeners summary

**10:30-11:00: Coffee and Tea Break**

**11:00-12:30: What have we heard?**

**Moderator** Rev. Dr Rachele Evelyn Vernon

Presentation by the listeners and discussion

**12:30-14:00: Lunch**

**14:00- 15:30 Where do we want to be 5, 10, 15, 20, 25 and 30 years from now?**

**Moderator:** Dr Agnes Abuom

Presentation and discussion of vision statement

Method: follow the format of the SDGs and targets which are measurable every five years: 2023, 2028, 2033, 2038, 2043.

**15:30-16:00: Coffee and Tea Break**

**16:00-17:00: Closing symbolic service of celebration and dedication**

Led by Rev. Lusmarina Campos Garcia

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

**Suggested names for listeners****Dr Gail Allan****Convener**

Dr Traci West

report

**Esther Mombo**

vision statement

Dr Eleni Kasselouri-Hatzivassiliadi

report

**Mr Philipp Champion**

vision statement

Prof. Ezra Chitando

report

**Mr Vili Sam Tauofaga**

vision statement

Ms Ana Jael De La Cruz Campos

report

**Rev Nicole Ashwood**

vision statement

Mr Heiwa Kataoka

report

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