

## Madang workshops at the World Council of Churches 10th Assembly

**Monday, 4 November, 2013      Time: 14:15-15:45**

### **The Many Faces of Global Pentecostalism (WS101)**

*International Pentecostal Holiness Church*

Room: 101

**Description:** Media headlines about global Pentecostalism are often misleading at best. This workshop is intended to empower people from around the world within this community to testify to ways in which they bring to life the prayer "God of Life, lead us to justice and peace." Particular attention will be given to Palestine, China, Ghana, and Chile.

### **Stop Climate Change Now! Save Peoples' Environment and Livelihoods! (WS111)**

*United Evangelical Mission, Communion of Churches in Three Continents*

Room: 102

**Description:** Since 2008, member churches in the United Evangelical Mission have given special attention to climate justice and environmental protection. Churches in the UEM Asia, Africa and Europe have developed or rediscovered their contextual creation theologies and spirituality. Furthermore, through ecumenical team visits they have assessed the impact of climate change, environmental destruction and the exploitation of natural resources on peoples' lives, especially those who are most vulnerable. This workshop will explore the results of work in this area.

### **Threats and Challenges of Globalization (WS119)**

*Conference of European Churches and Latin American Council of Churches*

Room: 103

**Description:** The impact of economic globalization has emerged as one of the more controversial points on the ecumenical agenda in recent years. Given their diverse experiences, the Conference of European Churches and the Latin American Council of Churches initiated a dialogue between churches from both continents addressing threats and challenges of globalization based on their respective experiences, concerns and engagements. The workshop will bring participant witnesses on a common journey of European and Latin American churches from 2009 to 2012. The workshop will outline different realities in Europe and Latin America, difficulties and critical moments of the dialogue, as well as trust-building and achievements of the process.

### **Christian Minorities in Asia and Interreligious Dialogue: Life at the Margins (WS130)**

*Washington Theological Consortium*

Room: 104

**Description:** In Asia, Christians live in the shadow of Hinduism, Islam and Buddhism. While such minority status has its drawbacks, especially in the context of a resurgence of religious fundamentalism, it also provides opportunities for interfaith conversation on and engagement for life. This workshop first takes stock of the real-life situation of Christians in such minority settings. It then examines the agenda of such religious minorities within locations of growing religious fundamentalism. Finally, this workshop explores resources that such marginal communities provide for interreligious dialogue on our common journey toward life.

### **How to Convert the Private Sector (WS135)**

*ICCO*

Room: 105

**Description:** This workshop will foster conversation among those delegates working with or interested in working with the private sector on how to implement the United Nations Guiding Principles (UNGP) on Business and Human Rights.

### **Orthodox Theology of Mission and the Global Demand for Justice and Peace (WS162)**

*Volos Academy for Theological Studies*

Room 106

**Description:** This workshop of the Volos Academy for Theological Studies is intended to discuss crucial aspects of Orthodox Theology of mission within the current global and ecumenical context. The workshop will familiarize the participants with new trends in Orthodox theology and concentrate upon their ecumenical and pastoral dynamics.

### **Spirituality of Resistance and Solidarity: A World without Empire (WS167)**

*Peace for Life, Oikotree, National Council of Churches in the Philippines*

Room 107

**Description:** The workshop will serve as a space for participants to share and sharpen analysis of current geopolitical developments and the challenges that they pose to the attainment of genuine peace and justice. The worsening multiple crises have pushed

the empire to further intensify its militarism and war in hopes of reviving its declining economy - keeping its forces in the Middle East and now paying special attention to Asia. It is thus incumbent on faith communities and people rooted in struggles for justice to forge solidarities, draw strength from and nurture courage in one another; engage in analysis, discourse, advocacy and mobilization for the task of dismantling global hegemony and patriarchal rule; and build in its place life-giving structures and systems grounded on the imperatives of justice and peace.

### **Learning to Live in Multifaith Europe (WS169)**

*Armenian Orthodox Church, Holy See of Cilicia*

Room 108

**Description:** This workshop will examine how the European Project for Interreligious Learning has pioneered a pedagogy that can help Christian women, together with women of different faith traditions, to deal with cultural, social and religious differences, especially those that might cause tensions or conflicts in living together. It enables women of diverse cultures and religions to get a much clearer picture both of the "other" and of themselves and of the ways their identities are shaped by different histories and assumptions about life and faith.

### **World Christianity and Our Ecumenical Future (WS174)**

*Global Christian Forum*

Room 109

**Description:** The centre of world Christianity has moved decisively to the global South and also toward the East. One out of every four Christians in the world today is Pentecostal or charismatic. We are witnessing the development of a post-Christian West, and the dramatic growth of non-Western Christianity. New divisions are arising in world Christianity, which are geographical, theological, institutional, and generational. All this creates major challenges for the search for Christian unity. This workshop will engage participants in reflective dialogue over the meaning of these trends for the World Council of Churches, the Global Christian Forum, and other ecumenical initiatives.

### **Ecumenical Perspectives on Global Development Goals? (WS181)**

*Bread for All*

Room 110

**Description:** For 20 years, the international community has been trying to help the concept of sustainable development to break through, with meagre results. Currently at the international level, there is discussion of what overall objectives are to replace the UN Millennium Development Goals after 2015. For the ecumenical movement there are fundamental questions to pose and explore in this workshop: What does sustainability mean in the ecumenical context? What specific tasks do the churches and aid agencies undertake to contribute to a more equitable, sustainable and pluralistic world in the future? Are there something like Ecumenical Development Goals that can be formulated to complete the global goals of the UN?

### **The God Monologues (WS182)**

*United Church of Canada*

Room 201

**Description:** What do young adults outside the church have to say to the church? What does it mean to be "spiritual but not religious"? In a study funded by the United Church of Canada, statements were collected from over 400 young adult Canadians who seek peace and justice but express their spirituality outside organized religion. Young adults within the church have collated these statements into scripts, protecting the anonymity of individual respondents, and developed the scripts into live theatre and video presentations. The workshop will present the research design, summarize the findings, and present some of the videos.

### **Walking with Indigenous Peoples to End Global Apartheid (WS208)**

*Mennonite Central Committee Canada Indigenous Work Programme*

Room 202

**Description:** In 2012 the WCC central committee adopted a statement denouncing the Doctrine of Discovery, a body of law and policy that hurts indigenous peoples around the globe. Since 2009, many WCC member churches have demonstrated friendship with indigenous peoples by adopting policies that repudiate the doctrine. This workshop will reveal the impact of the doctrine by sharing case studies of indigenous peoples around the globe. It will further explore how the WCC and member denominations can join indigenous peoples who seek to dismantle the laws and policies that, for generations, have enforced a brutal form of apartheid.

### **The Healing Power of Faith-Language (WS195)**

*National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA*

Room 203

**Description:** This workshop explores how a healing mission expresses itself in the power of language to create welcoming and inclusive communities. In baptism, the church is called to be such a community. Participants will hear and share stories about the power of faith language. Participants will explore the use of expansive language as a tool of welcome. The workshop will envision the role of faith language in engagement in mission as healing and wholeness, and provide practical tools and strategies to enhance churches as welcoming and inclusive communities.

## Asian Theological Education: Ecumenical Encounter in Struggling Lives

(WS215)

*Asian Forum for Theological Education in Asia*

Room Madang Meeting 1

**Description:** The Asian Forum on Theological Education (AFTE) is an ecumenical platform for national and regional associations of theological schools in Asia. It promotes dialogue on contextual Asian theologies and caste, gender and indigenous contextual issues, as well as quality assurance, accreditation and recognition of degrees in theological education across the different denominational and national systems of affiliation. This workshop will introduce some of the results of the three workshops of AFTE held since 2010, particularly the last joint conference with WOCATI in Torch Trinity Divinity School, South Korea, in 2013, and will invite further networking on theological education in the Asian region.

## Walking Together in Hope for Palestine and Israel (WS237)

*Norwegian Church Aid and Church of Norway*

Room 205

**Description:** This workshop will present how the Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme in Palestine and Israel (EAPPI) has been a useful instrument for churches around the world to participate in the search for a just peace in the Palestine-Israel conflict, through protection and advocacy. The workshop will present "success" stories to show how the presence of Ecumenical Accompaniers reduces or prevents human rights violations and how systematic advocacy work is helping churches to rethink their position vis-à-vis the conflict.

## Troubled Waters: Accompanying Communities in Conflict Situations (WS238)

*Ecumenical Water Network*

Room 206

**Description:** Since ancient times, water has been a source of conflict, given its primordial importance for life and the growth of civilizations and as a source and sign of prosperity. The book of Genesis describes such a "quarrel" between the ancient Israelites and the Philistines (Genesis 26:12–22). Today, conflicts over water, land, and other natural resources are increasing because of population growth, changing lifestyles, and climate change. It is the poorest and most vulnerable whose lives and livelihoods are most at risk when their sources of water run dry, become polluted, or turn into sources of conflict and objects of competition. Yet water is also a uniting force, and water conflicts can be turned into signs of hope, if nonviolent solutions are sought. This workshop will explore different kinds of conflicts and what churches can do to promote just peace in these situations.

## Life-Affirming Communities WS243

*Council for World Mission*

Room 207

**Description:** Participation in God's mission takes shape in the life and witness of our local churches. How can they be more effective as agents of mission? The Council for World Mission in its work with its members is focussing on the development of missional congregations, understanding them as life-affirming communities that are engaged with society and with the Bible, living out their faith in expressions of solidarity and prophetic witness, sustained by a spirituality of hope. This workshop will introduce participants to the approach and methods we are using as a tool for responding to the assembly theme and the WCC's new affirmation, *Together towards Life: Mission and Evangelism in Changing Landscapes*.

## Korean Traditional Music Worship and Ecumenical Spirituality (WS249)

*Hyanglin Church*

Room Grand Ballroom

**Description:** Hyanglin Church (est. 1953) is unique in South Korea, because for 20 years it has adapted Korean traditional melodies in worship. Hyanglin Church has published its own proprietary traditional hymn book of 236 songs and worshipped with its own Korean traditional musical instruments. This workshop will introduce participants to Korean Christian spirituality through its own native melodies. Further, Hyanglin Church seeks to form a connection with ecumenical churches through the participants' learning and adopting their interpretation of this spirituality in their own services.

## Churches Respond to Violence against Women (WS252)

*National YWCA in Korea*

Room Hall 3

**Description:** Violence against women is a matter of concern globally, especially as it affects negatively whole Christian communities. This workshop will share examples and experiences for preventing violence against women and discuss the role of the church in addressing this issue.

## Co-Existence with Neighbouring Religions (WS253)

*Korean Conference of Religions for Peace*

Room 208

**Description:** This workshop will look at how Protestant Christianity has been established for over 100 years in Korea. The workshop will also explore how Protestantism has cooperated and coexisted with neighbouring religious traditions in Korea.

### **One Baptism (WS268)**

*Baptist World Alliance*

Room Madang Meeting 2

*Description:* This workshop furthers the conversation raised by the Faith and Order Commission in its study text on *One Baptism: Towards Mutual Recognition*. *One Baptism* raises interrelated questions about the mutual recognition of baptism and ecclesial recognition, the consequences of putting mutual recognition fully into practice, and remaining issues that prevent such recognition.

### **Globalization and Catholicity (WS273)**

*Old Catholic Church in the Netherlands*

Room 204

*Description:* As a follow-up to the international conference on globalization and Catholicity, this workshop will explore the meaning of the marks of the church, as professed in the Nicene Creed, in the context of globalization. What does it mean to be one, holy, catholic and apostolic church in a continually globalizing world? The aim of the workshop is to see how, in the face of globalization, the churches could discover a shared understanding of catholicity.

**Tuesday, 5 November, 2013**

**Time: 14:15-15:45**

### **Rediscovering the God of Life: Radical Solidarity with Struggling Communities (WS113)**

*National Council of Churches in India*

Room 101

**Description:** The workshop aims to address issues emergent in the life situations and reflections of struggling communities in their ground-zero grassroots realities. The focus will be on the ongoing struggles of three communities: minority and excluded communities in Kashmir, the people's struggles against the proposed South Korean Mining Industry (POSCO) in Odisha, and the struggles against the Russian Collaborated Nuclear Power Plant in Kudankualm.

### **Ecumenical Dialogue: Seeking Consensus or Reconciling Theologies? (WS133)**

*Johann-Adam-Moehler-Institute for Ecumenics*

Room 102

**Description:** This workshop will reflect on the results and methods of interchurch dialogues over the past decade. The editors of the fourth volume of *Growth in Agreement* and its German equivalent *Dokumente wachsender Uebereinstimmung* share insights concerning the outcomes of the theological dialogues, which they edited in these volumes. This should provide an impulse for common reflections on the methods and aims of ecumenical dialogues. The workshop aims to elucidate the relevance of theological commissions for interchurch dialogues and to foster the importance of Faith and Order questions for the ecumenical movement.

### **Reconciliation, Religious Conflict and Religious Freedom (WS137)**

*International Institute for Religious Freedom*

Room 103

**Description:** This workshop will look at how, in very different contexts, interreligious cooperation for the sake of the common good and religious freedom is needed. In contexts with prevailing conflicts, particularly those where religion is an important factor, religious leaders should be seeking solutions for peace together. In contexts that have recently emerged from violent conflict, the challenges are reconciliation, justice and restitution. Even in contexts where religious freedom prevails, it needs to be defined and defended in interreligious cooperation. Equally there is need to engage with secularists, to come to a common conviction that an open public square which gives equal space for contributions from adherents of any religion or none is beneficial to the common good.

### **Dialogue on Sexuality (WS148)**

*ICCO*

Room 104

**Description:** This workshop aims to broaden the common ground among clergy of diverse convictions regarding sexual orientation and biblical interpretation. The aim is to grapple dialogically at the intersection of faith and sexuality about human rights, homophobia, transphobia, discrimination, hate crimes, patriarchy, as well as differences in culture, traditions, background, race, and gender. Where is consensus and where parting of ways? Can we find enough common ground within our Christian faith to stand together against abuses, even while we differ deeply on how we read the Bible on sexuality and sexual orientation? The sharing of deep pain and the implications of silence or condoning of violence will be highlighted through documentaries and in-person real-life stories from all sides, not only sexual minorities, their parents, family or friends, but also clergy.

## Just Peace and the Responsibility to Prevent Violence (WS160)

*Bread for the World*

Room 105

**Description:** This workshop aims to explore experiences with prevention of violence at various levels. In numerous cases peace activists have successfully prevented the escalation of conflict into violent confrontation. At the same time, the international debate about the "Responsibility to Prevent" as part of the "Responsibility to Protect" seems to have stalled. What can be learned from experiences across the globe? Can experiences of practitioners revive the international discourse?

## Complexity of Christian-Muslim Relations in Africa (WS161)

*Programme for Christian-Muslim Relations in Africa*

Room 206

**Description:** Christian-Muslim relations in Africa are a complex phenomenon that requires in-depth knowledge of the dynamics that inform the traditions and their interaction. The workshop seeks to unravel the much-publicized violent conflicts in the northern part of Nigeria that seem to embody this complex relationship.

## Just Peace in Burma (WS183)

*American Baptist Churches, USA*

Room 107

**Description:** Since its independence in 1948, Burma, now Myanmar, has been embroiled in one of the longest-running civil wars among its myriad ethnic minority groups. It has been cited for consistent and systematic human rights violations, including genocide, systematic rape, child labour, slavery, human trafficking and lack of freedom of speech and religion. Ongoing conflicts include fighting in the Kachin state, the Rohingya in Arakan state, Shan, Lahu and Karen ethnic groups. This workshop will look at the roots of the conflicts, contributions of ethnic Christians in peacemaking and the role of the international community in advocating for a just peace in Myanmar.

## Nuclear Phaseout or a New Atomic Age? (WS186)

*More Ecumenical Empowerment Together*

Room 108

**Description:** This workshop will offer a discussion on how nuclear power relates to political and ecological justice, justice among generations, and therefore to peace building. The workshop will seek to enable young people from various countries to hear and to learn from each other and to discuss how Christians can contribute to a public reconsideration of nuclear power in their own contexts.

## Uniting Dreams (WS201)

*Convention of Philippine Baptist Churches and Church of Sweden*

Room 109

**Description:** Let us dream together about unity! What does unity look like? What does peace look like? Do we need peace to reach unity? Do we need unity to reach peace? Think beyond obstacles of daily life and nurture your dreams and learn from others! Some elements of this workshop have been used in a number of congregations throughout Sweden to facilitate visionary thinking of what unity within churches and among churches might look like.

## Media! (WS244)

*Mar Thoma Church*

Room 110

**Description:** This workshop will explore the use of media (including social media) in relation to the general theme of the assembly, and how faith communities are sharing information and developing their own critical reflections around issues of life, justice and peace.

## Where Are We regarding Sources of Authority in the Church? (WS218)

*Russian Orthodox Church*

Room 201

**Description:** This workshop will share some of the findings about the role and function of various sources of authority in church traditions. Are we always accurate when speaking about the sources of authority? Are traditional sources still authoritative? Are there new sources, for example, scientific knowledge? What about Experience? Hierarchy? Magisterium? Land? The Holy Spirit?

## Integral Development and Economic Solidarity (WS227)

*Akademie Solidarische Ökonomie; Instituto Políticas Alternativas para o Cone Sul (PACS)*

Room 202

**Description:** Are there alternatives to the dominant form of globalization, especially alternatives in the spirit of an economy of life? This workshop will explore this question from the perspective of the Brazilian market economy.

### **Guns Are Silent: Where Are the Women?** (WS233)

*Uganda Joint Christian Council*

Room 203

**Description:** In the Karamoja Pastoralist Communities, the government has conducted a successful disarmament programme. Young men, however, who originally were warriors, have not found alternative livelihoods. Women in the community have assumed responsibility to lobby regional governments for their understanding of the peace commitments, to advocate for their effective implementation, and to monitor how youths are being rehabilitated. This is because the women realize that without alternative livelihoods for their sons or husbands, there is increased sexual and domestic violence. This workshop will show how simple rural women are empowered to take on not just local leadership but also regional governments and demand the right to participate in promoting peace and security in their communities.

### **Collaboration for the Integrity of Creation** (WS235)

*Lothar-Kreyssig - Ecumenical Centre of the Evangelical Church in Central Germany (Department of Environment and Development*

Room: Hall 3

**Description:** This workshop will explore commitment to the integrity of creation (in the areas of concrete energy conservation, procurement and environmental design community event) seen through the experience of seven churches in five European countries. The workshop will discuss the results of the ecumenical collaboration of churches of various countries in municipal environmental work.

### **Intergenerational Partnerships and Ecumenism in the 21st Century** (WS242)

*World Student Christian Federation*

Room Grand Ballroom

**Description:** This workshop will look at young adults and ministry and at best practices for age-integrated communities. It will also explore intergenerational aspirations for ecumenism in the 21st century.

### **Refugees in Australia: Ecumenical Learnings, 1945-2013** (WS103)

*Anglican Church of Australia, Diocese of Melbourne*

Room 106

**Description:** Since the formation of the WCC, Australia has received wave after wave of refugees and migrants. Their presence has transformed the face of Australia. This workshop will convey what has been learned, through the particular lens of the Melbourne-based Ecumenical Migration Centre of the Brotherhood of St Laurence. These learnings will invite a conversation with WCC delegates both from nations who receive refugees and those who have citizens fleeing as refugees. The key theme will be learning how, in the "God of life," we can work better together for justice and peace.

### **Peace through Reconciliation** (WS248)

*The Fellowship with the Sufferers*

Room 205

**Description:** Since its founding in 1989, the Fellowship with the Sufferers has continued its ministry of reconciliation and peace based on Christian faith beyond the division of the Korean peninsula. In this workshop, "With Sufferers" will introduce its ministry of the last twenty years and create an opportunity for participants to meet and speak with former long-term prisoners of conscience.

### **Alternative Theological Education for Life-Enhancing Civilization** (WS254)

*Oikos Theology Movement in Korea*

Room 208

**Description:** Today's global crises include economic, ecological, social, political, cultural and value crises. The Oikos Theological Movement is of the opinion that the traditional theological framework is inadequate for responding to today's total global crisis, particularly the ecological crisis. This workshop will explore the need for a new and alternative framework for theological education based on relational cosmic worldviews, such as the concepts of *Ubuntu* from Africa and *Sangsaeng* from Asia.

### **The Feminization of Migration in Asia** (WS256)

*Women Migrants Human Rights Centre of Korea, Asan Migrant Workers Center*

Room 207

**Description:** In the era of globalization, the feminization of migration is becoming a serious issue. In Asia alone, approximately 70 percent of the migrant population are women. Migration of women is a problem in both developing and developed countries, since the human rights of many of the migrants are violated in the arrival countries. This workshop approaches the problems faced by migrant women from the standpoint of feminist/womanist theology and from the perspectives of justice, peace, and life.



## **Dialogue of Theologies in the Struggle for Life: For a New Ecumenism**

(WS260)

*Bishop's College*

Room Madang Meeting 1

**Description:** This workshop is intended to offer new horizons for ecumenism by initiating an alternative conversation on what an affirmation of a God of life means for those who are denied life and dignity. It will do so by engaging in dialogue four theological voices that emerge from the concerns of the Dalits, people living with disabilities, indigenous peoples and theologies that are resisting racism.

## **Life, Free of Nuclear Power (WS272)**

*Korean Christian Network for World without Nuclear Weapons and Nuclear Power*

Room 204

**Description:** Nuclear reactors in Japan and Korea are dangerously disaster-prone, as they are in the most densely populated countries in North East Asia, where there is also an ongoing danger of a nuclear arms race going out of control. Christians and other citizens in Japan, Korea and Taiwan are resisting the nuclear complex of power and weapons and working toward a world free of nuclear power and nuclear weapons. The workshop is intended to advance a theological and general discourse for peace for a world without nuclear complexes and to help form an Asian and global action network, in cooperation with already existing networks on similar issues.

## **Eco-Justice of Palestine (WS274)**

*Environmental Education Center of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land*

Room Madang Meeting 2

**Description:** This workshop will be a presentation and discussion on the promotion and protection of the rights of Palestinians and their environment. The speakers will address the daily injustices of the occupation and the critical condition of the environment in the Holy Land. Water shortage, issues of solid-waste management and food sovereignty, are all pressing concerns for Palestinians. Addressing how these concerns affect the human population economically, culturally, and psychologically, the workshop will inform participants about eco-justice and foster a discussion on the necessity for international solidarity on this issue.

**Wednesday, 6 November, 2013**

**Time: 14:15-15:45**

## **Tackling Greed: The Worst Enemy of Justice (WS102)**

*Orthodox Academy of Crete*

Room 101

**Description:** The workshop is offered as a mutual reflection on what we believe is the worst enemy of justice- structural greed- which allows people to plunder nature and impoverish their neighbours. The goal is to demonstrate the links between poverty, wealth and ecology. Participants will get the opportunity to assess their individual greed index for the first time.

## **Question of Life, Justice and Peace for Minjung (WS105)**

*Center for Dalit/Subaltern Studies and the Association of Minjung Theologians*

Room 102

**Description:** This workshop proposes to look at the theme "Justice, Peace and Life" from the perspective of Dalits and Minjungs and to explore related theological reflections. The workshop will underline the importance of the element of justice in theological reflection that is meant for oppressed communities in order to secure justice in all areas - social, religious, economic and political.

## **Migrant Labour Issues in the Arabian Gulf (WS108)**

*YMCA Gulf Region*

Room 103

**Description:** This workshop will address issues of migrant labour in the Arabian Gulf and the churches' response to the challenges.

## **Enhancing Peace with Justice: Life-Giving Agriculture (WS117)**

*Christian Conference of Asia*

Room 104

**Description:** In the midst of a global crisis caused by human desire resulting in over-production, over-consumption and over-use, conventional agriculture still promotes genetically modified and chemically developed collective agricultural methodologies. They cause problems not only with food safety but also with ecological safety of all creation. We are convinced that life-giving agriculture is God's way to enhance the sustainable Earth Life-Community that God has created, redeemed and sustained. In Asia there are peoples and groups who have been engaged in alternative agricultural movements for a sustainable future. This workshop will explore their work.

### ***Hearing Many Voices for Justice and Peace (WS122)***

*World Association for Christian Communication*

Room 105

**Description:** Participants will explore the relevance of communication rights to the transformation of political, economic and social structures that prevent or stall improvements to the lives of poor, marginalized, excluded and dispossessed people. Presentations will highlight the role of civil society organizations, especially the churches, in promoting communication as a basic human right, essential to people's dignity and community. Topics to be covered include experiences of empowering people through communication to express their aspirations and needs, strengthening the voices of women, the democratization of the media, and the role of social media and digital platforms.

### ***Kairos Global: Justice, Peace and Life (WS134)***

*Oikotree Movement*

Room 106

**Description:** All living beings are being endangered by a destructive human civilization based on unsustainable development. Churches, the ecumenical community and people of all faiths are challenged to respond to this total crisis through their prophetic theological witness to God-given life, peace, and justice. The workshop will be an ecumenical and interfaith space of solidarity for theological reflection on capitalism, empire and possible life-enhancing community, culture and economic systems.

### ***Arms Trade! Fair Trade? (WS140)***

*Christian Council of Sweden*

Room 107

**Description:** The Gothenburg Process has worked on involving churches in a public discourse on Arms Trade by raising awareness and promoting ethical consideration. Four church-based and Christian organizations are behind the initiative. In this workshop we will discuss ethical implications of arms trade and how it relates to Christian ethics.

### ***Farming God's Way and Reducing Food Waste (WS143)***

*Ecumenical Advocacy Alliance*

Room 108

**Description:** We face recurrent food crises, the impacts of climate change, an increasing world population, and rampant wastage of food in a world where almost one billion people still suffer chronic hunger. This workshop will seek to address the challenges of just and sustainable production and consumption of food from the perspectives of Christian stewardship and human rights. It will introduce the concept and principles of "agro-ecology," building on longstanding church-based support for smallholder-based "conservation agriculture." It will challenge, on the basis of both science and ethics, the prevailing industrial-scale monocropping approach to increasing food production. And it will stress the priority of reducing the current outrageous and unacceptable levels of food waste.

### ***Healing and Reconciliation: Essential Dimensions of the Churches' Mission (WS145)***

*DIFAEM Strategy Group on Health and Healing*

Room 109

**Description:** With today's alarming inequalities in health and with situations of conflict, the contribution of Christian churches to healing and reconciliation is strongly needed. Every day tens of thousands of men, women and children die of diseases that could be treated and even cured. In areas of conflicts, many people are traumatized and in need of care and accompaniment. It is therefore necessary to clearly identify and practice a Christian healing and reconciling ministry and to demonstrate ways in which Christian communities can contribute toward healing and reconciliation. In this workshop a holistic understanding of health, healing and reconciliation is introduced, and case studies are presented from the Democratic Republic of Congo and from Malawi.

### ***Covenanting for Ecological Justice (WS158)***

*Evangelical Mission in Solidarity, Protestant Church in Baden, Presbyterian Church in the Republic of Korea*

Room 110

**Description:** Ecological justice concerns everyone. It draws attention to threats to life but also to the promise of life in fullness. The commitment to a lifestyle and a subsistence strategy or economic system that preserves natural resources, to combating poverty, and to a positive vision of social justice and just peace all go hand in hand. Together they are steps on our way to justice and peace. There are, however, conflicts of interest and priorities - in and between the global South and the global North, for example - that need to be taken seriously. Direct ecumenical partnerships between churches in different parts of the world are well suited to work together on these challenges. Conversation with and among church experts from different contexts is equally important. The workshop will bring people from these different areas together.



### ***Gender and Inter-Religious Dialogue (WS172)***

*The Church of England*

Room 201

**Description:** Too often Christian women have been actively prevented from engaging in inter-religious dialogue simply because they are women. This has sometimes been because they have not been welcomed by those of other faith traditions. But more often it is because Christian colleagues, or sometimes even the women themselves, have believed their presence to be inappropriate. Because of this, women's issues have often been sidelined in inter-religious dialogue. This workshop will present the lived experience of women, and some men, actively engaged in dialogue and use their case studies as a means of discerning a Christ-like nurturing of women's involvement in inter-religious dialogue.

### ***What on Earth Did God Create? (WS176)***

*Christian Faith and the Earth project*

Room 202

**Description:** The theme "God of life" is connected to ecumenical debates on sustainability and to theological reflection on God's work of creation. What exactly is the question that creation theology addresses? Is the focus on whether the world was created, on how it was created, on what was created, on who created, or why it was created? The word *creation* may be understood as an interpretation of the world. If so, how do biblical images of God's creation compare with other descriptions of the world, e.g., as beautiful harmony, as inherently violent or predatory, as real estate or as something sublime?

### ***Holistic Cooperation in Empowering the Marginalized (WS194)***

*Ethiopian Evangelical Church*

Room: 203

**Description:** Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesu (EECMY) has a long experience in outreach work in diverse environments. Through experience, EECMY realized that despite teaching about contextualization, empowerment and local leadership, patterns excluding minorities and marginalized groups continued. To get better results, EECMY and the Finnish Evangelical Lutheran Mission created a method that involves the whole church structure in the learning-by-doing process. The cooperation includes sharing resources between north and south without creating dependency. Sharing experiences in all levels continuously improves the method, hopefully also in this workshop.

### ***Microfinance and Poverty Eradication (WS205)***

*ECLOF International*

Room 204

**Description:** Eradication of poverty is at the heart of the ecumenical community's commitment to justice, to enable people to reach fullness of life. In this never-ending challenge, microfinance provides a proven means of addressing poverty by offering poor people access to financial services that enable them to build sustainable livelihoods and open up a path to self-reliance. We ask in this assembly for the God of light to lead us to justice, and this workshop provides a forum for assembly participants to actively engage with ECLOF International in understanding how microfinance in their communities can contribute to the eradication of poverty.

### ***We Are Workers, Not Slaves: Justice for Migrants (WS188)***

*DanChurchAid*

Room 206

**Description:** The International Labour Organization estimates that there are 105 million migrant workers globally (2010). A typical migrant worker comes from a poor, rural, uneducated background. Migrant workers are often exploited by recruiters and can find themselves in extremely exploitative conditions. Cross-border migrants are especially vulnerable to the many diverse duty-bearers along the migration route, from sending locale to transition places to destination country. Based on examples from a five-year regional programme on safe migration with 20 partners across eight Asian and Gulf countries, this workshop will discuss: How can migrants' rights be safeguarded in a world of increasing cross-border mobility? What examples are there to learn from? And how can we cooperate better in effective support and advocacy?

### ***Churches for Water and Human Rights: Challenges and Opportunities (WS239)***

*Ecumenical Water Network*

Room 207

**Description:** Churches throughout the world are committed to defending the rights and dignity of persecuted and socially marginalized communities, including by advocating for economic, social, and cultural human rights. This workshop will engage participants in a discussion of both the theological bases and the practice of human rights advocacy by the churches, highlighting the human right to water. The workshop will attempt to identify general lessons learned through ecumenical advocacy, particularly from the past experiences of the Ecumenical Water Network. It provides a platform for churches and other ecumenical partners to join hands and make their voices heard in support of the international recognition of basic access to drinking water and sanitation as a human right. It will also look at the specific challenges and opportunities for churches and their partners as the work on the right to water is now shifting from international recognition of these rights to their national and local implementation.

### ***Korean Church and World Missions (WS250)***

*Center for World Mission of Presbyterian College and Theological Seminary*  
Room Auditorium

**Description:** The Korean church was a missionary church from the beginning. When its Presbyterian General Assembly was organized in 1912, one of the seven ordained reverends was sent out as a missionary to the Shandong province, China. Mission has been an important factor of Korean church from the early days to the period of its growth. This workshop will introduce the current state of our world mission and present specific cases. Cooperative missions are most fitting examples of Korean church's world mission. The past cooperative mission to Shandong province, China, was the first of its kind, and the South Korea-Ghana-Germany trilateral mission is the latest.

### ***Inter-Island Solidarity for Just Peace (WS257)***

*The Frontiers, Save Our Seas*  
Room 208

**Description:** Since World War II, military expansion and militarization, largely by the U.S. military, has plagued many peaceful and beautiful islands throughout the world. This has led to conflicts and suffering on many islands, such as Okinawa, Hawaii, Diego Garcia, Spratly Islands, Falkland Islands, Jeju (Korea), and others. This workshop will share with those engaged in ongoing struggles and also hear from those, such as people in Vieques (Puerto Rico), the Philippines, and Aland (Finland), who have succeeded in removing unjust and destructive military bases or have successfully demilitarized. We want to develop solidarity among vulnerable islands and their peoples, for protecting their lands, cultures, and traditions, as well as to identify common strengths and resources for peace and just life.

### ***SAVE Toolkit Training (WS258)***

*International Network of Religious Leaders Living with or Affected by HIV and AIDS*  
Room Grand Ballroom

**Description:** INERELA+, in reaction to the conventional "ABC" model, developed and promotes the SAVE methodology for HIV prevention, awareness raising and education. This workshop will look at how the SAVE prevention methodology provides a more holistic way of preventing HIV transmission by incorporating the principles of "ABC" while providing additional information about HIV transmission and prevention; providing support and care for those people already living with HIV; and actively challenging the denial, stigma and discrimination so commonly associated with HIV.

### ***Moving beyond Conflict (WS263)***

*National Christian Council of Sri Lanka*  
Room Madang Meeting 1

**Description:** The military defeat of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam in 2009 signalled a new era for the people of Sri Lanka. The challenges, opportunities and obstacles have been many and multi-faceted in the postwar era. This workshop will bring out the issues of justice, peace, reconciliation and healing from the concrete experiences of the Sri Lankan people. It will also spotlight the varied forms of involvement of the council in working with all ethnic communities--Sinhala, Tamil and Muslim--along with interfaith approaches and strategies with Buddhist, Hindu and Muslim communities.

### ***The UN Recognition of Peace as a Human Right (WS265)***

*Spanish Society for International Human Rights Law*  
Room 205

**Description:** On 5 July 2012, the HR Council adopted resolution 20/15 on "The promotion of the right to peace." Welcoming the important work being carried out by civil society organizations for the promotion of the right to peace and their contribution to the development of this issue, the council established an open-ended working group. Its mandate: progressively negotiating a draft United Nations declaration on the right to peace on the basis of the draft submitted by the Advisory Committee, and without prejudging relevant past, present and future views and proposals. This workshop will analyze with the codification process of the human right to peace.

### ***Overcoming Youth Unemployment and Poverty (WS270)***

*Ecumenical Youth Council in Korea*  
Room Hall 3

**Description:** Being mindful of the phenomenon of tremendous youth joblessness amid rapidly aging populations, this workshop will explore the inevitable issues that are faced by communities. Although these are vivid around the globe, the same are especially concentrated in the North-East Asian Region. How can we address youth unemployment?

**Thursday, 7 November, 2013**

**Time: 14:15-15:45**

### **Fullness and Dignity of Life (WS246)**

*Ecumenical Disabilities Advocacy Network*

Room 101

**Description:** A just and peaceful world is inclusive of all people living in that world. Yet people with disabilities often live on the outermost edge of society. Whether physically displaced, discriminated against, or socially marginalized, people with disabilities are often among those at society's lowest level. Once given the most elementary support for improving their health, education and safe surroundings, however, people with disabilities have no need the stay on the edge of survival. This workshop will broaden awareness of these issues.

### **Gospel and Popular Culture (WS112)**

*United Evangelical Mission*

Room 102

**Description:** Facebook, mobile phones, pop music, football, telenovelas... and the questions of a young urban theologian: "Is it possible to bring together the deep theological reasoning that I cherish with the culture of my milieu and generation that I love just as much? Rock music *and* the Bible? Cocktails *and* prayer? Hip fashion *and* social justice?" This workshop will introduce material developed by an international group that helps individuals and congregations to recognize the Holy Spirit at work in cultural changes, evaluate their own church life and develop their own ways of being church within popular culture.

### **Community Soundings: Giving Voice to Community Lament (WS120)**

*International Rural Churches Association*

Room 103

**Description:** Across the globe, rural communities face many challenges (exploitive governmental or business practices, unfair resource extraction, and many more). International Rural Churches Association aims to bring rural communities together in a supportive network, sharing best practices to sustain healthy rural lives. "Community Soundings" is a helpful tool in which churches can bring communities together to discover the wisdom within ourselves. In this workshop, participants will have an opportunity to experience the kind of communal environmental lament that gives voice to the rural voiceless and is required by prophetic and biblical witness.

### **God of Life, Make Us Instruments of Justice and Peace (WS123)**

*Church and Peace, Friends World Committee for Consultation-Europe and Middle East Section (Quakers), International Fellowship of Reconciliation*

Room 104

**Description:** The workshop will highlight practical examples of peace-building as expressions of following Jesus in the peace church tradition. It will show how members of the Mennonite, Quaker and Brethren faith communities conceive of the nature of the church in terms of living for and testifying to the peace of Christ. Particular attention will be paid to efforts made toward getting conflicted parties to enter into dialogue, working for reconciliation and peace-building after conflicts have been quelled, and the lobby work of the peace church tradition with relevant international organizations like the European Union and the United Nations.

### **Kairos Palestine: Striving towards Liberation (WS125)**

*National Coalition of Christian Organizations in Palestine*

Room 105

**Description:** This workshop aims at deepening a Christian theological reflection on what it means to love one's enemy and oppressor, while resisting the evils of occupation, humiliation and dehumanization. The Kairos Palestine document, as a reflection of the Palestinian Christian experience in resisting occupation, will be examined as a study case. Other *kairos* experiences from different parts of the world will also be discussed and ways of cooperation envisaged.

### **For a Just World: Combat Sexual Exploitation (WS127)**

*BRIDGES - Eastern European Forum for Dialogue*

Room 106

**Description:** This workshop will explore the issue of sexual exploitation, not as a separate social issue but in relation to poverty and violence. The significance of the workshop is to stress the need for human dignity of all people to be realized, regardless of gender, race, religion, country or age. The participants will be also acquainted with the problem of the modern slave trade on the Balkans—an illegal business earning more than drugs and weapons combined.

### ***Just Peace and the US Churches (WS141)***

*Peace Witness Ministries of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA and the Church of the Brethren*

Room 107

**Description:** This workshop will look at the responses of US churches to the *Ecumenical Call to Just Peace*. Specific focus will be given the response of the major strands of US Christianity found in the WCC: Orthodox, Historic African American communions, Anabaptist, and Mainline Protestant. In addition to presenting feedback from US churches, there will be significant opportunity for discussion with the global church concerning US government foreign policy, just peace ideas, and US church public witness and mission. In addition, attention will be given to finding ways to mutually support and strengthen just peace efforts across regions.

### ***Indigenous and Non-Indigenous Reconciliation Processes in the Nordic Countries (WS152)***

*Church of Norway, Church of Sweden, Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland*

Room 108

**Description:** The Sami people is the Indigenous people of northern Norway, Sweden, Finland and North-West Russia. In spite of centuries of colonization and assimilation policies, the Sami have survived. Yet their history left wounds and structural injustice in the relationships of indigenous and non-indigenous people at many different levels of society. In recent years the Lutheran Majority Churches in Norway, Sweden and Finland—in which a majority of the Sami are members—have embarked on a journey of reconciliation related to the Sami. What are the experiences? What does the path of reconciliation look like? And can the assembly theme, "God of life, lead us to justice and peace!" serve as a guiding principle?

### ***Climate-Induced Displacement: Where's Climate Justice? (WS159)***

*Pacific Conference of Churches, Bread for the World*

Room 109

**Description:** This workshop highlights the challenges of climate-induced migration in the context of climate justice. The session will be underpinned by experiences of people already forced to move because of climate change. Participants will benefit from reflective sharings and from learning about both the challenges and the approaches used by churches in the accompaniment process.

### ***From Ecological Debt to Eco-Justice: Mining, Reparations and Earth Rights (WS171)***

*Economic Justice Network of the Fellowship of Christian Councils in Southern Africa*

Room 110

**Description:** Ecological debt undermines justice and conditions for genuine peace. Large-scale mining generates a tremendous ecological debt owed to the global South, indigenous communities and to the earth itself. This workshop will present case studies from around the world on the economic, social and ecological costs of resource extractive activities and how churches and ecumenical partners are working together with affected communities to halt harmful extractive operations, demand holistic reparations and advance Earth rights.

### ***Justice for Children: Ending Legalized Violence against Children (WS178)***

*Churches' Network for Non-violence*

Room 201

**Description:** Children worldwide suffer from corporal punishment in homes, schools and other settings. Some people use their religion, tradition and scriptures to justify it, and it is legal in many states. But this commonplace violence breaches a child's physical, emotional and spiritual integrity. It is incompatible with core religious values of compassion, respect for human dignity, equality and justice, and it is contrary to Jesus' teachings and regard for children. This workshop will examine global progress toward prohibition, draw on gifts and experiences of participants, and explore ways of ending legalized violence against children as key toward a peaceful, just world.

### ***Women Religious Leaders as Peacemakers (WS192)***

*FinnChurchAid*

Room 205

**Description:** This workshop will draw on first-hand experiences of religious women who have been peace practitioners in Liberia and Somalia to illustrate how women religious leaders have managed to take on the role of peacemakers. We will see what lessons can be drawn from these cases and whether it is feasible to multiply these successes, avoiding pitfalls facing women religious leaders elsewhere in conflict situations. This Madang will not only offer to the participants a chance to reflect on their past experiences of peace building by women of faith. It also aims at providing concrete recommendations for action on how churches and other faith groups can succeed in empowering and supporting a positive peacemaking role for women religious leaders in their contexts, as well as how to utilize global alliances and partnerships for greater impact.

### ***Pastoral Care with the Elderly: Self-Help for Peace and Development***

(WS200)

*Mision Urbana y Rural*

Room 203

**Description:** This workshop has an ecumenical and interfaith dimension, looking forward together in building a senior pastoral ministry that is inclusive and participatory, to promote equality of opportunity, peace, development and friendly societies for all ages, with an intergenerational approach and human rights, and with the active participation of the elderly themselves.

### ***Use Your Talents: New Approach for Sustainable Development*** (WS202)

*Malagasy Lutheran Church*

Room 204

**Description:** This workshop will explore a broad initiative (Use Your Talents) inside the Malagasy Lutheran Church that considers the local congregation as the primary development agent. The responsibility of the church is to use the talents of Christians to share peace and justice in the community.

### ***Hearing the Voices of the Marginalized*** (WS213)

*National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Ecumenical Commission*

Room 206

**Description:** We invite you to this workshop to listen to the journey of our Australian Aboriginal People. This exciting workshop will address the issue of how indigenous people can work in a top-down society. It will look at the wholistic approach of aboriginal people that embraces the social, political and spiritual elements of life.

### ***Inter-Faith: The New Ecumenism?*** (WS224)

*Churches Together in Britain and Ireland*

Room 207

**Description:** In a world of conflict there is an urgency about inter-religious dialogue. For many this dialogue will help prevent the "clash of civilizations." Christians throughout the world find themselves living alongside people of other faiths - often as a minority and often amidst great diversity. This workshop will explore questions regarding dialogue: In our context of religious pluralism, has the need to engage in dialogue become a greater priority than Christian ecumenism, which seeks and prays for the visible unity of Christianity? Has the ecumenical movement achieved all that it is likely achieve, and is it now time to place the emphasis upon the inter-religious context? Or is it the case that our commitments to inter-religious dialogue are an expression of that vocation to Christian unity, "that the world might believe"?

### ***Mission, Migration, and Multicultural Ministries*** (WS229)

*The United Church of Canada / Ecumenical Network for Multicultural Ministries - International*

Room 208

**Description:** Today, we are people on the move. Migration is happening within countries and between countries all over the world--it is from everywhere to everywhere. With all of this movement of people, what are the implications for mission and local churches? What opportunities are there for churches to engage with multicultural and intercultural ministries? How can churches more effectively respond to the changing global reality? With reference to the new CWME statement on mission and evangelism, *Together towards Life*, this workshop will share theological insights, resources and tools from different countries and contexts to engage with multicultural ministries as one way of churches living into justice and peace.

### ***Article 9 of the Japanese Peace Constitution*** (WS216)

*National Council of Churches Japan*

Hall 3

**Description:** Japan's 1947 "Peace Constitution" is so called because it contains Article 9, which states: "The Japanese people forever renounce war as a sovereign right of the nation" (Clause 1) and "Land, sea and air forces, as well as other war potential, will never be maintained" (Clause 2). Through lectures, testimonies, prayer, dialogue and faith-based declarations, the Asia Inter-religious Conference on Article 9 has sought to protect the letter and promote the spirit of Article 9 against domestic and international pressures toward re-militarization of Japan. This workshop will share the results of the work in this area.

### ***Korean Women and Justice, Peace and Life Movement*** (WS251)

*Women's Council for Justice, Peace and Life*

Room Auditorium

**Description:** This workshop will introduce Korean women's work in the justice, peace, and life movement to women of churches from around the world, and will explore a process in which shared future direction and networking will be redefined.

### ***Dignity and Justice to the Victims of Military Sexual Slavery*** (WS255)

*The Korean Council for the Women Drafted for Military Sexual Slavery by Japan*

Room Grand Ballroom

**Description:** In conflict situations around the world, women have been the most violated people. History shows that, especially during wartime, violence against women is expressed in its most fearful and inhuman way. This workshop will examine the case of the military sexual slaves who were drafted by the Japanese military as an example. It will then broaden to the case of any such violence, with special attention to crimes committed during wartime. It is clear that these violated women must be supported in their efforts toward restoration of their dignity and to experience justice, healing and reconciliation.

### ***Religious Minority Struggles for Peace with Justice*** (WS261)

*South Asia Council of Churches*

Room 202

**Description:** The National Councils of Churches in each of the countries in the South Asian region (Pakistan, India, Bhutan, Nepal, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka) have been actively engaging the forces that challenge the peace and security of religious minorities in co-ordination with peoples of different faiths and ideologies. This workshop will focus on the initiatives of the South Asian NCCs in building communities of peace and justice amidst the struggles of religious minorities in their respective countries.

### ***Undocumented and Unafraid: U.S. Immigrant Youth Movement*** (WS271)

*Progressive National Baptist Convention, USA*

Room Madang Meeting 1

**Description:** This workshop will focus on how a new civil rights movement has emerged in the United States, led by immigrant youth. There are more than 2 million undocumented immigrant students and young people, who were brought to the United States as children and have been denied basic rights, including access to higher education, voting rights, travel, and work authorization. They have lived under constant fear of deportation. The immigrant youth movement has embraced the teachings of Mahatma Gandhi and Martin Luther King and has launched civil disobedience campaigns, hunger strikes, and sit-ins in the U.S. Senate, inspiring millions of people throughout the United States.