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## **A greeting from the General Secretary of the World Council of Churches**

### **Journeying Together Toward Just Peace**

Welcome to the International Ecumenical Peace Convocation in Kingston. It is good to be here together.

We have come to Jamaica from all regions of the world. I believe we are called together to this place to share a common hope. That hope is evoked by our theme, “Glory to God and Peace on Earth”. Words that greeted the birth of the Prince of Peace are the right words indeed for the precious days that lie ahead.

Each one of you brings gifts to this gathering—gifts of faith, understanding, compassion and ministry. All of you are leaders of one kind or another. You serve in various walks of life. May we find strength from each other here to serve the cause of peace locally, regionally and internationally.

What each of us brings to this place includes the fact that we are all here for others. Let us keep them in mind as we work together and then return home with much to share with those we represent.

The International Ecumenical Peace Convocation is a harvest, a celebration and a new stage in the long ecumenical journey of peace. Here we will harvest the fruits of the ecumenical Decade to Overcome Violence: Churches Seeking Reconciliation and Peace, 2001-2010 (DOV). Here we will celebrate ministries and communities where the work of peace is moving closer to the centre of church life and witness. Here we will learn from good practices and models of the DOV and other church-related endeavours for justice and peace.

Here we will also begin a new and promising stage in the ecumenical journey of peace. How? By exploring the concept of Just Peace,

by developing its ethical and theological aspects, by applying it in different fields of work, and by strengthening the networks and partnerships necessary for ecumenical peacebuilding and peace advocacy today.

Your invitation to that journey, the *Ecumenical Call to Just Peace*, invites us to walk together on “a journey into God’s purpose for humanity and all creation, trusting that God will guide our feet into the way of peace”.

God’s grace and mercy are sure. Our harvest and celebration can be filled with thanksgiving. Workshops and discussions will assess how far we have come; worship and prayer will remind us where we are going.

Let us also bring open hearts and inquiring minds to each encounter. These are needed for the plenaries, seminars, workshops, Bible studies and more. God’s peace is a gift that invites goodwill and imagination, even when it surpasses human understanding.

Current affairs and the Caribbean context will inform our explorations of peace and peacemaking. We meet in a country and region scarred for centuries by oppression, exploitation and inequality. Events of this year are marked by violence and disaster here and in other regions. However, our era is also marked by courage, cooperation and much-needed reforms. The first decade of the twenty-first century has not been a decade of peace, yet our programme will share recent advances in the vast work of peace as well as new insights and examples of service to the common good that is one key to the concept of Just Peace.

The information offered on these pages will help us make good use of our time together. This handbook gives details of the programme, activities and opportunities that will happen each day. It lists the conference documents. It explains Caribbean Day, Stitching Peace, the exhibition area, the youth programme and ways to limit our impact on the environment. There is information about meals, getting messages, security, health and well-being.

Many are praying for this convocation. More prayers will be offered as parishes in many countries take part in our “World Sunday for

Peace” on 22 May 2011. Some prayers have already been answered in the expertise and financial support that have made this conference possible, including contributions from many of you. Other prayers will be answered as we share faith and fellowship here and when we return home and find new partners for the ministries of peace.

Thank you for answering the call to be here. We have a unique opportunity to help set a new course together and begin sharing it with people of faith and good will in many lands. May God bless us and grant just peace to all peoples.

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Rev. Dr Olav Fykse Tveit  
General Secretary  
World Council of Churches





## **A message of greeting from Caribbean and Jamaican churches**

### **Gathered for Peace**

Dear Friends in Christ,

On behalf of the Caribbean Conference of Churches (CCC) and the Jamaica Council of Churches (JCC), it is with great joy that we welcome you very warmly to the International Ecumenical Peace Convocation (IEPC) and to Jamaica, one of the gems of the Caribbean. We pray that the time spent together at the convocation will be rewarding, as we seek ways to engage the challenges associated with peace-building. Through the sharing of our experiences and insights during this process, we also look forward to the strengthening of our ecumenical bonds in Christ who “is our peace.” (Ephesians 2:14)

We are honoured that the World Council of Churches (WCC) has chosen the Caribbean region and the city of Kingston to host this very significant event. As you might know, Kingston was the Caribbean venue of the precursor of the Decade to Overcome Violence (DOV) – the Peace to the City Campaign.

Historically, our beloved region has faced, and continues to face, a myriad of factors that threaten peace. In large measure, these factors originate in the colonial enterprise, the salient features of which were the degradation of the God-given dignity of persons and the exploitation of natural resources.

The site where we will gather for the Convocation – the Mona campus of the University of the West Indies (UWI) – was actually a site where the violence that has marked our history was perpetrated. It was one of the sugarcane estates where enslaved Africans were forced to work under harsh, cruel and inhumane conditions. Today, gratefully, it is one of the campuses of the premier university of the anglophone Caribbean – an institution internationally recognized for

its scholarship and the many Caribbean leaders it has fashioned.

Despite the many challenges that beset the peoples of our region, we have much to celebrate and to thank God for and much to share with the rest of the world in terms of what it means to build a just peace in Christ Jesus. As true companions, we hope to bring some of this fare to the "table" of our mutual edification during the Convocation.

We do hope that you have planned to stay on for a day or two after the IEPC so that you can experience some of the beauty that Jamaica has to offer.

Again: Welcome! Willkommen! Welkom! Bienvenue! Bienvenidos!

"The God of peace be with you all." (Romans 15:33).

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Mr Gerard A. J. Granado  
General Secretary  
Caribbean Conference of Churches

Rev. Gary Harriott  
General Secretary  
Jamaica Council of Churches

## How the International Ecumenical Peace Convocation Works

The WCC invitation to the International Ecumenical Peace Convocation (IEPC), the *Ecumenical Call to Just Peace*, says “The way of Just Peace is a journey into God’s purpose for humanity and all creation, trusting that God will ‘guide our feet into the way of peace’ (Luke 1:79)”. This is the starting point for the work of the IEPC, and beyond.

With God’s blessing, the IEPC will provide orientation for the journey of Just Peace and begin to identify steps that lie ahead.

The lead-up to the IEPC has already made clear what may well happen here. Individuals and groups that examine the four themes of Just Peace have gained new understanding about what they can do for peace. They see that each theme links peace with people, a place and the sanctity of life. The IEPC offers many opportunities for us to do likewise:

- For Peace in the Community – *so that all may live free from fear*
- For Peace with the Earth – *so that life is sustained*
- For Peace in the Marketplace – *so that all may live with dignity*
- For Peace among the Peoples – *so that human lives are protected.*

The convocation’s purpose is oriented toward people, plans and partnerships. The *Call* invites Christians to approach the “way of Just Peace” together and make that dynamic unity the basis for what is achieved at the convocation. In fact, the outcomes of the IEPC may be better judged in terms of cooperation and collaboration than by declarations and manifestos. It is also worth noting that the IEPC is not a decision-making body that adopts formal positions; it is a convocation to build understanding and connections.

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## What is the work of IEPC and how will it take place?

The work of the IEPC is to help build a new ecumenical consensus concerning justice and peace, and stronger commitments and partnerships to pursue peace.

Bible studies, prayers, plenaries, innerstandings (seminars) and reasonings (workshops) are where much of the work happens. The programme offers a variety of opportunities to deepen Christian understanding of justice and peace and to explore the development of an ecumenical theology of Just Peace. It encourages consideration of new approaches and new forms of collaboration in the practice of peace and peace-building. Follow-up discussions and deliberations will add to what happens each day.

The IEPC will involve participants and presenters in reflection and action. The programme encourages those who take part to learn from the past and to look to the future. There are lessons and practices to share from the experience of the WCC *Decade to Overcome Violence* and other peace projects. There are plans to make in order to engage with the challenges inherent to the Just Peace approach.

The resource documents for the IEPC provide insights and examples from churches, ministries and academic institutions to prepare participants for these tasks (see list of documents in this handbook). Reading the material will help advance the work of the IEPC.

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## What can be achieved at IEPC?

Early results are foreseen as part of the programme. These are listed below. Additional ideas are welcome in keeping with the nature of the convocation.

- The final “message” of the International Ecumenical Peace Convocation
- Final day ceremonies of “weaving” and commitments based on what has happened
- Material to add to the *Just Peace Companion* resource after IEPC
- Networks and partnerships gain new members and deepen relationships with existing members
- Plans to start new networks, partnerships or campaigns related to Just Peace
- Commitments to take part in international ecumenical observances, such as:
  - International Day of Prayer for Peace, on 21 September each year
  - Ecumenical Prayer Cycle which covers every country, each year
  - The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
  - World Day of Prayer (first Friday of March)
  - International Women’s Day (8 March).

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## What can be achieved after IEPC?

Sharing inspirations and reflections in Kingston will have results after the event. These follow-up measures include:

- Theological institutions or networks address specific themes and topics of Just Peace
- Collaboration toward developing an ecumenical theology and consensus on Just Peace, especially during the lead-up to the WCC Assembly in 2013
- Resources and activities for worship and for peace education, including the annual International Day of Prayer for Peace, the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle and the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (see list on prior page)
- Initiatives that link Christian unity with the church's witness for peace
- Interreligious dialogue and cooperation on issues related to peace, including participation in the United Nations' new World Interfaith Harmony Week

Network-building, strategy development and other actions at IEPC also invite follow-up work. Results may include:

- Participants introducing the *Call* and the Just Peace approach in churches and related organizations
- Churches, ministries and networks set strategies and priorities related to Just Peace; these include increased cooperation across themes, sectors and disciplines
- Further development of the Just Peace approach as a framework of analysis and criteria for action in peace-building and advocacy work, especially among churches and related organizations.

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## What you can do at IEPC

The gifts, commitment and experience of a thousand participants will bring to life the work described above. Churches, participants and organizations are encouraged to share proposals with each other and make follow-up plans. The starting point is to assess how well a proposal contributes to the ecumenical understanding and the practice of Just Peace. For example:

- Is your proposal primarily about reflection or action? (Refer to the results in the respective lists, above; make plans accordingly.)
- Using the Just Peace approach, can you find common ground with other participants, churches or ministries? How are your shared interests related to the four themes? (See "Main Challenges" and "Main Directions" in the *Ecumenical Call to Just Peace*.)

- Reflection and action are necessary and can lead to various outcomes – from resources for worship and peace education, to mobilization, advocacy and lobbying. Which ones are best suited to your work for peace?
- All participants have the potential to be “multipliers” – as leaders, thinkers and doers. How will you share the collaborative approach and the common journey begun in Kingston?
- After answering questions like these, participants are welcome to share information about plans with the appropriate listening group at the IEPC (below). Examples of follow-up commitments will be featured during the closing plenaries.
- The theme of the next WCC Assembly is “God of Life, Lead Us to Justice and Peace”. How might plans, initiatives or partnerships begun at IEPC help the churches witness for peace leading-up to that 2013 Assembly in Busan, South Korea?

The work of the IEPC does not end at the meeting; it goes home with participants to churches, related organizations and networks.

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## Overall results

The overall results of the IEPC for the international ecumenical community are:

- Shared inspiration for beliefs and actions concerning peace.
- Stronger cooperation and more networks pursuing common agendas related to Just Peace.
- A strategic focus for and within the World Council of Churches in a few key areas of Just Peace in the lead-up to the 10th Assembly in 2013 and beyond.

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## IEPC facilitation

Four working groups are facilitating the work of the IEPC and helping to make it available to others after the convocation.

### Plenary-Innerstandings Listeners

They will gather and process information from plenaries and Innerstandings (seminars) for possible use by the Message Committee and Just Peace Companion Team.

### Reasoning (workshop) Listeners

They will gather good practices, lessons learned and main conclusions of select Reasoning workshops, primarily for the Just Peace Companion Team.

Message Committee

They will draft the brief final “Message” of the International Ecumenical Peace Convocation.

Just Peace Companion Team

They will assess and prepare material for the post-IEPC edition of the Just Peace Companion resource, mainly from innerstandings and reasoning sessions.



# Annotated Agenda

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## Wednesday, 18 May 2011

**08:15** Orientation session for participants going on local exposure visits

**09:00** Departure for visits to local projects and initiatives

**14:30** Opening Prayer

**16:30** Opening Plenary: Welcoming the Convocation, celebrating the Decade to Overcome Violence and inspiring IEPC participants with a keynote address on "A Different World Is Possible".

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## Thursday, 19 May 2011

**08:15** Morning Prayer

**09:00** Bible Study

**10:30** Plenary: Peace in the Community, concluded with Midday Prayer

Peace begins with oneself and at home. We as Christians hope for peace on earth as we strive to uphold the value of "loving our neighbours as ourselves". But how do we live out this hope in a fragmented world? The plenary addresses violence of patriarchy and sexism, of racism and casteism and the violence which is caused by irresponsible assertion of identities - religious, ethnic and linguistic - while exploring the way forward through the affirmation of dignity and rights of all, nurturing mutuality and interdependence and building the church as a just and inclusive community.

**14:00** Innerstandings and Reasonings

**15:45** Innerstandings seminar on the *Ecumenical Call to Just Peace* from a Christian perspective, and Reasoning

**17:30** Evening Prayer

**19:15** Film evening: Pray the Devil Back to Hell

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## Friday, 20 May 2011

**08:15** Morning Prayer

**09:00** Bible Study

**10:30** Plenary: Peace with the Earth, concluded with Midday Prayer

The "groaning creation" expresses the earth crisis which includes as key component violence against the Earth. The plenary addresses climate change, over-exploitation and

destruction of the environment while exploring active ways of caring for the earth and of eco-justice based on spiritual and theological groundings.

**14:00** Innerstandings and Reasonings

**15:45** Innerstandings seminar on Interreligious reflection on the *Ecumenical Call to Just Peace*, and Reasoning

**17:30** Departure for Peace Concert in Emancipation Park, downtown Kingston, where dinner will be served and concluded with Evening Prayer

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## **Saturday, 21 May 2011**

**07:00** Morning Prayer before breakfast

**09:00** Bible Study

**10:30** Plenary: Peace in the Marketplace, concluded with Midday Prayer

Can markets sow peace and security? Under what conditions can markets aid nonviolence? The plenary aims at reflecting on the links between economic justice and violence based on biblical and current examples, taking stock of economically related violence particularly against vulnerable groups and exploring an ecumenical way forward for promoting peace based on economic justice.

**14:00** Innerstandings and Reasonings

**15:45** Innerstandings seminar on Interreligious reflection on the *Ecumenical Call to Just Peace*, and Reasoning

**17:30** Evening Prayer

**19:00** Evening events organised by Youth participants

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## **Sunday, 22 May 2011**

**From 07:00** Eucharistic services, see section on Spiritual Life

**09:00** Ecumenical Prayer

**11:30** Caribbean Day, see page 38

**19:00** Musical: Streetlight by Gen Rosso

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## **Monday, 23 May 2011**

**08:15** Morning Prayer

**09:00** Bible Study

**10:30** Plenary: Peace among the Peoples, concluded with Midday Prayer

An interdependent world means that Christians must work in new ways to prevent violence and promote reconciliation. But how? Does Christian self-identity include

other “peoples” or exclude them? Are Christians identified more often with the rule of law or the use of force? Through personal stories and group debate by people with first-hand experience and responsibility in the face of war and mass violence, the plenary will explore the links between just peace, the international rule of law, and instruments of accountability and conflict resolution. It will connect peace work with faith, as a widely shared call within and beyond the church.

**14:00** Innerstandings and Reasonings

**15:45** Innerstandings seminar on the *Ecumenical Call to Just Peace* from a Christian perspective, and Reasoning

**17:30** Evening Prayer

**19:15** Film evening

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## **Tuesday, 24 May 2011**

**08:15** Morning Prayer

**09:00** Bible Study

**10:30** Plenary: Weaving the Convocation Together, hearing a first draft IEPC message; and sharing commitments for just peace.

**14:30** Plenary: Weaving the Convocation Together, hearing the final IEPC message; and continuing the journey for just peace.

**16:45** Sending Prayer and Celebration Dinner

# IEPC Documents

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## **The following documents are available online in advance of the convocation:**

<http://www.overcomingviolence.org/?id=7394>

- *An Ecumenical Call to Just Peace* – invitation and basic document for the convocation and its work; of special relevance for presenters. English, French, German, Spanish.
- *Just Peace Companion* – resource document for the *Call* and the convocation; offers biblical, theological and ethical treatments of issues, ideas for further study and examples of good practice. English, German.
- *Overcoming Violence: The Ecumenical Decade, 2001-2010* – final report of the Decade to Overcome Violence: Churches Seeking Reconciliation and Peace. English.

Printed versions will be available in limited quantities at the IEPC and especially for participants not able to print emailed versions.

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## **The following documents will be distributed in Kingston:**

- *Handbook of the International Ecumenical Peace Convocation* – programmatic and practical information for participants. English, French, German, Spanish.
- *Singing Peace* – songbook for the IEPC
- *Orders of service for prayers*
- *Daily Bible Study texts* – English, French, German, Spanish.

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## **Suggested reading to prepare for the convocation:**

- *Call, Companion and Overcoming Violence* report (above).
- *Ecumenical Review*, March 2011
- *New Roots 1/2011* – journal of the Life and Peace Institute in Sweden; edition on peaceful co-existence and the IEPC. <http://www.overcomingviolence.org/?id=7394> or <http://www.life-peace.org/default2.asp?xid=315>
- *IEPC Bible Study reflections* – <http://www.overcomingviolence.org/?id=7394>

# Spiritual Life

The daily prayer offers an opportunity for introducing and closing the theme of each day in diverse ways. All prayers will take place in the plenary tent unless noted otherwise.

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## Morning Prayer

**Daily 8:15**

Prayer begins each morning at 8:15 in the plenary tent with time for song and gathering beforehand. On 21 May it begins early at 7:00 before breakfast. Morning Prayer will be ecumenical and was prepared by the Spiritual Life Working Group.

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## Midday Prayer

**Daily after morning plenary**

At the end of every morning plenary session there will be a short midday prayer. Midday prayer will follow the same structure every day: prayer and song with commissioning people for the symbolic action of tree planting.

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## Evening Prayer

Evening prayer will be the responsibility of confessions which are particularly representative of the Caribbean context. On 19, 21 and 23 May, participants will gather for evening prayer at 17:30 in the tent. On 20 May prayer will take place at the end of the public event in Emancipation Park.

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**Opening Prayer****Wednesday, 18 May, 14:30–16:00**

The opening prayer will take place in the plenary tent. The celebration will gather all IEPC participants and people from local churches and groups.

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**Eucharist Services****Caribbean Day, Sunday, 22 May, 7:00**

Before the ecumenical prayer there will be the opportunity to celebrate Eucharist services either jointly according to agreements for some confessional families or separately following the tradition of one's confession. While the Spiritual Life Working Group is ready to help coordinate these services, confessional families are invited to organize these services themselves. Times and places will be announced during the convocation.

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**Ecumenical Prayer Service****Caribbean Day, Sunday, 22 May, 9:00**

People and congregations from Kingston invite the convocation to join them for prayer service and sharing in and around the plenary tent.

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**Sending prayer****Tuesday, 24 May, 16:45**

The sending prayer will take place in the plenary tent.

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# Bible Studies

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**Daily, 9:00–10:00**

Bible Studies take place every morning from Thursday, 19 May, till Tuesday, 24 May, except for Sunday, 22 May. The venue of the Bible Studies will be indicated at the Convocation.

Five Bible Studies are organized in small groups, led by the same leader each day; the Bible Studies work in four languages.

Five biblical texts have been selected for each theme of the day:

- 2 Samuel 13:1-22 (Peace in the Community)
- Isaiah 11:6-9 (Peace with the Earth)
- Matthew 20:1-16 (Peace in the Marketplace)
- Ephesians 2:11-22 (Peace among the Peoples)
- 2 Kings 6:8-23 (Go in Peace)

Initial reflections were done by WCC staff with the help of the *ad hoc* Bible Study group. See the material at <http://www.overcomingviolence.org/en/resources-dov/wcc-resources/documents/bible-studies/iepc-bible-studies.html> .

A small group of biblical scholars (Dr Sarojini Nadar, Rev. Dr Gosbert Byamungu and Rev. Dr Jione Havea) worked on the guidelines for the Bible Study leaders. The guidelines provide the interactive methodology for each biblical text. There are about 45 Bible Study leaders selected from the registration list.

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# Plenaries

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## Opening Plenary

**Wednesday, 18 May, 16:30–18:30**

The opening plenary will inaugurate the Convocation with words of welcome, stories of churches seeking peace and reconciliation and will provide inspiration for the pursuit of peace in the community, with the earth, in the marketplace and among the peoples. It will begin the weaving of prayer, testimony, celebration, dialogue and sharing that will take place during the life of the International Ecumenical Peace Convocation.

In the first part of the opening plenary participants will receive an official welcome from the Commonwealth of Jamaica, University of the West Indies, from the Caribbean Conference of Churches, from the Jamaica Council of Churches and from the World Council of Churches.

During the plenary, different speakers will address how the theme of the Convocation, “Glory to God and Peace on Earth”, challenges and inspires the churches and all people of faith to embark on a journey towards just peace.

The plenary will look back to recall the history of the Decade to Overcome Violence (2001–2010) in which the churches found new ways to join together in strengthening their search for reconciliation and peace.

The plenary will culminate with words of inspiration from Dr Paul Oestreicher, who has devoted his life to the pursuit of peace and social justice as a witness of Christian love, with a keynote address entitled “A Different World Is Possible”.

Keynote speaker: Dr Paul Oestreicher is a globally recognized Christian peace activist who fled to Aotearoa, New Zealand, with his parents in 1939 to escape Nazi persecution. His ministry has been shaped by a lifelong interest in politics and a commitment to pacifism. He served as the chair of Amnesty International (British Section) in the 1970s and as director of the Coventry Cathedral Centre for International Reconciliation from 1985 to 1997. Today he is a chaplain at Sussex University and Canon Emeritus at Coventry Cathedral. Dr Oestreicher is an Anglican priest and a member of the Religious Society of Friends.

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This plenary aims to:

- Focus on violence against women in many forms; violence of racism and other forms of discrimination; and violence caused by the assertion of religious identities
- Unmask and name those forces which allow, legitimize and glorify violence against people
- Hold forth affirmation of the dignity and equality of all human beings, realizing the values of mutuality and interdependence as necessary actions in our vocation of nurturing peace
- Explore positive and life-affirming meanings of power that enhance our capacity to be human, compassionate and considerate towards those we live with and
- Re-imagine churches as open, just and inclusive communities.

Our understanding of ourselves and those around us determines our attitudes and actions towards the wider world, including our concepts of peace and community. We Christians seek to witness to the hope of peace by responding to the commandment to “love our neighbours as ourselves”. But how do we live out this hope in our communities and in a world deeply marred by violence in a variety of ways? The reality of certain sections of the society – (a) women, (b) people discriminated against on the basis of their skin colour, the Dalits in the Indian subcontinent and similarly groups elsewhere, and (c) the religious, ethnic and linguistic minorities in many contexts, as the largest categories and as the worst victims of different forms of violence - calls us to explore the causes of violence deeply embedded in our social, religious, political and economic structures and cultures. Besides being violent in themselves, these also allow and legitimize violence against the weak and the vulnerable. This reality also exposes the fact that most community formations are often oppressive and discriminatory and that these are governed by certain detrimental notions of others and unjust power dynamics. Peace in the community is often disrupted by the interplay of these forces and factors.

Nurturing peace involves nurturing positive views and attitudes towards others, realizing the relationality of life and nurturing it with justice. Hard tasks indeed! But then, peace is not a mere feeling of togetherness but a lived-out ethic that is informed by the values of dignity, respect, hospitality and justice. The challenge, therefore, is: what do we, as churches, peace activists and movements, have to offer as alternative models of community? How do we encourage and ensure our communities to be open, just and inclusive?

#### PANEL

Rev. Dr Lesley Anderson, a Methodist pastor from Panama, based now in Trinidad and Tobago, is the president of the presidium of the Caribbean Conference of Churches. Dr Anderson will be the “weaver of thought” for the plenaries in the IEPC.

Dr Martin Luther King III, from the USA, a human rights advocate, is the head of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, and executive director of the King Center for Nonviolent Social Change. Dr King is the eldest son of the famous civil rights leader, the late Dr Martin Luther King Jr.

Ms Asha Kowtal, from India, a Dalit activist, is general secretary of All India Dalit Mahila Adhikar Manch, New Delhi (campaign for Dalit women's empowerment). Ms Kowtal chose to work with Dalit women because of their triple discrimination on account of caste, class and patriarchy.

Dr Muna Mushahwar, a medical doctor, is a Palestinian Christian from Jerusalem. She is actively involved in organizing Christian youth in Palestine and a board member of the Arab Orthodox Club in Jerusalem. As a leading voice for women, she has also been actively promoting the Kairos Palestine document since its launch in December 2009.

Prof. Ram Puniyani, from India, is a writer-activist well-known for his relentless struggle to uphold the secular ethos of India, and the human rights of the marginalised sections of the society. He has been a part of the Peoples' Tribunal on communalism and issues related to terrorism.

Rev. Karen Thompson, born in Jamaica and now living in the USA, is the minister for Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations for the United Church of Christ (USA), having previously served as the UCC's minister for Racial Justice.

Dr Tania Mara Vieira Sampaio, from Brazil, is a professor at the Catholic University of Brasilia (UCB). She coordinates research in the area of ethics and trains people in ecumenical formation and community-based reading of the Bible from the perspectives of gender, ethnicity and class.

Dr Deborah Weissman, was born in the USA and has lived in Jerusalem since 1972. She serves as President of the International Council of Christians and Jews. She has been an activist in both the Israeli peace movement and the Jewish religious feminist movement.

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## **Peace with the Earth**

**Friday, 20 May, 10:30–12:30**

This plenary aims to:

- Raise awareness on the various threats to creation
- Present churches' statements and actions addressing caring for creation
- Offer theological and spiritual insights from various religious perspectives on peace and creation
- Share practical examples on what churches can do on peace with the earth.

Violence against the earth and creation does not receive adequate attention while humanity continues in its reckless path of overexploitation and destruction. The "groaning creation" expresses the earth crisis, which includes as a key component violence against the earth. Our relationship with the earth does not escape from the fascination with the

exercise of power and violence that is revealed in many domains. The way the present dominant civilisation treats the whole creation is a violent way: Extracting, modifying, deforesting, expanding monocultures, in short, changing the environment in order to produce more to consume more.

Climate change and water crises are expressions of this earth crisis. Many times instead of facing them, the human response has been to deny them and find scapegoats.

Violence against the earth is violence against life, the future of life. It is also a matter of justice as those who are suffering the most terrible consequences (increase of frequency of hurricanes, typhoons, droughts and floods, rise of sea level, among others) are the most vulnerable communities who have contributed the least to the present situation of the earth.

But there is a possibility of change, of *metanoia*, as the gospel teaches us: change of paradigms, change of our mindsets, lifestyles and instruments of international law. Furthermore, there is an urgent need for this change.

Peace with the Earth responds to these challenges when churches' actions contribute to highlighting the importance of life giving agriculture, the efforts made for mitigating of and adapting to climate change, the advocacy work with others for fair, ambitious and binding international instruments which respond to the challenges.

Creation cannot speak for itself; human beings are the tellers of its tale in a significant way. The church is challenged to confront the issue of Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation, twenty years after the Convocation in Seoul, in radically new ways and with new patterns of *koinonia* and *diakonia*.

#### PANEL

Lic. Elias Crisóstomo Abramides, from the Ecumenical Patriarchate, Argentina, and representative to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change Secretariat, has been an active participant in various UN conferences related to environment and climate change in the last twenty years.

Rev. Tafue M. Lusama, general secretary of the Ekalesia Kelisiano Tuvalu (Congregational Christian Church of Tuvalu) and chairperson of the Tuvalu Climate Action Network. An outspoken advocate on environmental issues at local and international levels, he has been voicing the situation of his home country in various gatherings.

Rev. Dr Prof. Kondothra M. George, from the Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church in India, principal of the Orthodox Theological Faculty, Orthodox Theological Seminary, Kerala, South India, has written extensively on a theology of peace and creation.

A choir from the Global Network of Religion for Children

Sr Ernestina López Bac, a Kaqchiquel indigenous theologian from Guatemala, is

the secretary of the National Commission of Indigenous Pastoral Ministries of the Guatemalan Bishops Conference, having deepened the indigenous peoples' earth spiritualities and theologies.

Mr Adrian Shaw is the project officer at the Church and Society Team of the Church of Scotland dealing with, among other responsibilities, eco-congregations in Scotland.

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## **Peace in the Marketplace**

**Saturday, 21 May, 10:30–12:30**

This plenary aims to:

- Reflect on the links between economic justice and violence based on biblical and current examples
- Take stock of economically related violence particularly against vulnerable groups such as women, youth, Indigenous People and persons with disabilities and how peace and justice can be forged in the market by sharing good practices
- Propose an ecumenical way forward for promoting peace based on economic justice.

God's vision of peace is imperilled by the massive socioeconomic inequalities –among and within nations– characterising our world today. In attempting to understand the logic of wars and terrorism in various forms, it has become increasingly clear that, in part, violence stems from the infliction of misery on others by depriving them of material goods and dignity. It is structural violence embedded in the market that brings death instead of life.

Structural violence denotes a form of violence which corresponds with the systematic ways in which a given social structure or social institution kills people slowly by preventing them from meeting their basic needs. Life spans are reduced when people are socially dominated, politically oppressed or economically exploited. The term was first used in the 1970s; its invention is commonly ascribed to Johan Galtung.

The political and economic crises of the early twenty-first century thus compel Christians to take a critical look at our core assumptions about wealth and poverty, growth and sustainability and how these might be obstacles to justice and generate violence. As structures for exchanging goods, services and information between buyers and sellers, markets – in particular, increasingly liberalized and globalized markets - no doubt play an important role in these dynamics.

Against this background, the plenary will address the following compelling questions. As an instrument for expanding choices, promoting economic interdependencies and creating and diffusing prosperity, can markets sow peace and security? And if so, under what conditions can markets aid non-violence? Contrarily, is there no way for markets to promote peace? Do they inherently exclude the poor and inevitably widen inequities

between the haves and have-nots? Are markets imbued with values? And if so, do these values support or undermine peace-building? Finally, what is the role of Christians and churches in the world's markets, both as participants and in their witness and ministry for justice and reconciliation?

#### PANEL

Ms Omega Bula is the executive minister for Global Justice and Ecumenical Relations unit of the United Church of Canada. She has been engaged in social and economic justice work for many years.

Rev. Prof. Dr Emmanuel Clapsis is a renowned Orthodox theologian, a member of the Decade to Overcome Violence (DOV) Reference group since 2001 and the IEPC Planning Committee since 2009, and previously vice-moderator of the Faith and Order Commission of the WCC.

Rev. Dr Roderick Hewitt is an educator, a minister of the United Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands, a former moderator of the Council for World Mission, and a member of the AGAPE Reference Group of the WCC. Currently he is a lecturer at the University of Kwazulu Natal in South Africa.

Dr Rommel F. Linatoc is a member of the United Church of Christ in the Philippines, a commissioner of the Christian Conference of Asia for Justice, International Affairs, Development and Service and Executive Secretary of the National Council of Churches in the Philippines for Christian Unity and Ecumenical Relations. As a facilitator of Theatre and Media for Development and an alternative theatre practitioner, he serves as artistic director of various people's theatre projects in the Philippines.

Most Rev. Valentine Mokiwa is president of the All Africa Conference of Churches (AACC) and the Archbishop of the Diocese of Dar es Salaam. He will provide essential input on the plenary theme by sharing about a church initiative to investigate the effects of gold mining on communities in Tanzania, focusing on violence that arose and proposals for a way out. His experience on approaching the problem from an interreligious viewpoint will be a source of inspiration for the participants.

Rev. Garnett Roper is a theologian and president of Jamaica Theological Seminary with thirty years experience in TV and radio broadcasting. He has been a talk show host on commercial radio for almost twenty years. He is a columnist for Jamaica's *Sunday Herald* newspaper and a television interviewer.

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## Peace among the Peoples

**Monday, 23 May, 10:30–12:30**

This plenary aims to:

- Address obstacles and opportunities for building peace among peoples and nations
- Debate critical concerns that inform a collective approach to Just Peace at the international level

- Respond to some of the following questions: Do churchly identities, for example, normally include other peoples and nations, or exclude them? As a world religion with a long history, is Christianity identified more with the rule of law or with the use of force? Who is responsible when deadly weapons in the hands of a few threaten whole communities, or weapons of mass destruction held by a few governments put all nations at risk?

The Christian call to work for peace is a call to act in faith, hope and love. It is as old as the Beatitudes. Yet, in an inter-dependent world, a web of nations whose fate is increasingly shaped by human activities that have effects beyond national boundaries, Christians must answer the call to work for peace in new ways and with new levels of unity.

The session is oriented around the *Ecumenical Call to Just Peace* and the experience of people who are working for peace in different ways today. At the core is this challenge:

We are witnesses to prodigious increases in the human capacity to destroy life and its foundations. The scale of the threat, the collective human responsibility behind it, and the need for a concerted global response are without precedent.” (paragraph 40). The spirit and logic of violence are deeply rooted in human history, yet the consequences of sins of violence have increased exponentially in our era, amplified by violent applications of science, technology and wealth (paragraph 39).

All four IEPC themes have dimensions that are local and global, and each theme can, and should, work to strengthen the others, as the *Call* notes. This plenary will shed light across other themes with international perspectives on building peace and preventing violence. It will link ecological and political challenges to Just Peace, for example, both of which involve violent misuses of the energy inherent in Creation. *Peace with the Earth* is impossible with the proliferation of lifestyles of mass extinction. *Peace among the Peoples* is unattainable amid the proliferation of powerful weapons, especially weapons of mass destruction. A new ecumenical agenda for peace is urgent because of the nature and scope of such dangers now (paragraph 40).

#### PANEL

Dr Christiane Agboton-Johnson, deputy director of United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR) in Geneva, former civil society leader of women’s and church-related initiatives in West Africa in the areas of peace-making, peace-building, armed violence and development, and peace education for young people.

H.E. Archbishop Avak Asadourian, Armenian Orthodox Archbishop of Baghdad, general secretary of the Council of Christian Church Leaders in Iraq; church leader during three wars in Iraq; key role bringing churches together in the face of mass violence and displacement of communities including Christians in the wake of US occupation.

Mr Kjell Magne Bondevik, president of Oslo Center for Peace and Human Rights; two-time prime minister of Norway; moderator of the Commission of the Churches on International Affairs of the World Council of Churches.

Dr Patricia Lewis, deputy director and scientist-in-residence at the Monterey Institute of International Studies; researcher and analyst for the United Nations and governments and universities in Australia, New Zealand and the UK in areas of peace, science and arms control.

Ms Lisa Schirch, Professor of Peace-Building at Eastern Mennonite University (USA) and consultant with a network of civil society organizations in 20 countries, writer and researcher on security and climate change, sustainable development, civil-military dialogue and conflict prevention.

Mrs Setsuko Thurlow, “hibakusha” survivor of atomic bomb in 1945, lifelong advocate against armaments and tireless witness so that no one else may suffer the fate of the half-million casualties of Hiroshima and Nagasaki .

Leaders of networks represented at IEPC join the panel for a forum on Just Peace.

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## **Closing Plenaries**

**Tuesday, 24 May, 10:30–12:30 and 14:30–16:00**

The two final plenary sessions will draw the Convocation to a close, weaving together the experiences, testimonies, prayers and commitments that were shared during the past seven days. Participants will adopt a Convocation message, sharing their invitation and commitment to continue the journey toward just peace in the world.

Just peace is a holistic vision, a tapestry, woven together with the braided cords of Peace in the Community, Peace with the Earth, Peace in the Marketplace and Peace among Peoples. Just peace is also a journey into God’s purpose for humanity and all creation, trusting that God will “guide our feet into the way of peace” (Luke 1:79). During the two closing plenaries, the many experiences, stories and inspirations heard throughout the week will be brought forward, woven together, as illuminations for the journey ahead.

When churches work in a united way for peace and justice, their witness becomes more credible (John 17:21). The Convocation participants will share their experience and commitment with the world through a Convocation message, inviting churches and all people to continue the journey of just peace.

A draft Convocation message, recalling the life of the IEPC and inviting the world to join the journey for just peace, will be presented in the first session for response from the participants. A final Convocation message will be read out during the last session.

## Reasonings (Workshops)

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**Daily, 14:00–17:15**

In Caribbean culture nowadays “reasoning” is used for any form of intellectual interaction. The term was originally introduced in Jamaica by the Rastafarians for their ritual coming-together in a circular seating pattern to share divinely inspired thoughts and insights about their faith, the affairs of the day and their hopes for repatriation and redemption.

The IEPC Reasoning workshop programme starts on Thursday, 19 May and finishes on Monday, 23 May. Workshops take place in the afternoon between 14:00–17:15.

From the healing of memories to the Christian presence in the Middle East, from ecological theology and the work of reconciliation, to interfaith dialogue as a tool for building peaceful societies – IEPC reasoning workshops are designed to engage participants while guiding them through an in-depth exploration of issues. While most workshops have been developed for one 90-minute session, some workshops will be repeated and others will be provided as a series of workshops covering a particular issue.

**Daily lists of workshops, their descriptions and the allocated room schedules will be provided on-site.**

Please note that most workshops are offered in English. Workshops offered in other languages will be clearly indicated in the programme, including the possibility of simultaneous interpretation.

In addition, an orientation session for facilitators is scheduled for Wednesday 18 May at 13:15 in Room 82 of the Humanities Faculty.

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# International Ecumenical Peace Convocation

## 17–25 May 2011 in Kingston, Jamaica

	<b>Wednesday 18th</b>	<b>Thursday 19th</b>	<b>Friday 20th</b>	<b>Saturday 21st</b>
<b>7:00</b>	BREAKFAST	BREAKFAST	BREAKFAST	Morning Prayer
7:30				BREAKFAST
<b>8:00</b>				
8:15	Orientation for Community Visits	Morning Prayer	Morning Prayer	
8:45		Move to Bible Study	Move to Bible Study	Move to Bible Study
<b>9:00</b>				
	<b>Visits to local projects and initiatives</b> 9:00–12:30	<b>Bible Study</b> 9:00–10:00	<b>Bible Study</b> 9:00–10:00	<b>Bible Study</b> 9:00–10:00
<b>10:00</b>		Break	Break	Break
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<b>11:00</b>		<b>Plenary: Peace in the Community</b> 10:30–12:30	<b>Plenary: Peace with the Earth</b> 10:30–12:30	<b>Plenary: Peace in the Marketplace</b> 10:30–12:30
		Midday prayer	Midday prayer	Midday prayer
<b>12:00</b>				
12:30	LUNCH and free time	LUNCH and free time	LUNCH and free time	LUNCH and free time
<b>13:00</b>				
<b>14:00</b>		<b>Innerstandings and Reasoning</b> 14:00–15:30	<b>Innerstandings and Reasoning</b> 14:00–15:30	<b>Innerstandings and Reasoning</b> 14:00–15:30
14:30		Break of 15 minutes	Break of 15 minutes	Break of 15 minutes
<b>15:00</b>	<b>Opening Prayer</b> 14:30–16:00	<b>Innerstandings and Reasoning</b> 15:45–17:15	<b>Innerstandings and Reasoning</b> 15:45–17:15	<b>Innerstandings and Reasoning</b> 15:45–17:15
15:30		Break of 15 minutes	Break of 15 minutes	Break of 15 minutes
15:45	Break	Break of 15 minutes	Break of 15 minutes	Break of 15 minutes
<b>16:00</b>		<b>Innerstandings and Reasoning</b> 16:30–18:30	<b>Peace Concert</b> DINNER Evening Prayer	<b>Innerstandings and Reasoning</b> 16:30–18:30
16:30		Evening Prayer	Evening Prayer	Evening Prayer
<b>17:00</b>	<b>Opening Plenary: greetings, DOV celebration, keynote address</b> 16:30–18:30	DINNER	DINNER	DINNER
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18:30	DINNER			
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				<b>Youth Evening</b> 19:00
<b>20:00</b>		<b>Film: Pray the Devil Back to Hell</b> 19:15		

Tuesday 17th — Arrivals

# "Glory to God and Peace on Earth"

Sunday 22nd	Monday 23rd	Tuesday 24th
BREAKFAST	BREAKFAST	BREAKFAST
Eucharist Services (starting from 7:00)		
	Morning Prayer	Morning Prayer
	Move to Bible Study	Move to Bible Study
<b>Ecumenical Prayer</b> 9:00–11:30	<b>Bible Study</b> 9:00–10:00	<b>Bible Study</b> 9:00–10:00
	Break	Break
	<b>Plenary: Peace among the Peoples</b> 10:30–12:30	<b>Plenary: Weaving Ceremony</b> 10:30–12:30
<b>Caribbean Day Celebrations</b> 11:30–18:00	Midday prayer	Midday prayer
	LUNCH and free time	LUNCH and free time
	<b>Innerstandings and Reasoning</b> 14:00–15:30	<b>Closing Plenary: IEPC message, recommitment, next steps</b> 14:30–16:00
	Break of 15 minutes	Break
	<b>Innerstandings and Reasoning</b> 15:45–17:15	<b>Sending Prayer and Celebration Dinner</b> 16:45
	Break of 15 minutes Evening Prayer	
DINNER	DINNER	
<b>Musical: Streetlight</b> 19:00	<b>Film Evening</b> 19:00	

Wednesday 15th — Departures

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**Innerstandings:**  
Theological seminars on the day's plenary theme

**Reasoning:**  
Workshop for sharing and learning

## Innerstandings (Seminars)

### What Are Innerstandings?

“Innerstanding” is the concept on which we base the seminars that embody the process of theological reflection on the four IEPC themes and the response to the *Ecumenical Call to Just Peace (ECJP)*. The seminars provide a space in which to weave together our shared “innerstandings”. As one example of local spirituality found in parts of the Caribbean, “innerstanding” refers to a process of reflection that aims to find a peaceable understanding of oneself within a holistic relationship to God and creation. For the seminars, “innerstanding” will be used especially to connote the process of birthing a theological understanding of the four IEPC themes (Peace in the Community; Peace in the Marketplace; Peace with the Earth; Peace among the Peoples), woven together with the theology from the ECJP and accompanying documents, the opening and closing plenary, workshops, prayer, Bible studies and other activities that will take place during the IEPC event. The seminars will explore our various “innerstandings” through the facilitation of theologians who are able to weave theology and spirituality in just peace, together with a constant team of 50 (25 in each seminar) church community-rooted theologians leading the rest of the IEPC participants on a journey of life that brings to consciousness the tensions we experience as we dig deep into the existing traditions of peace.

Note: As a deliberate move to have seminars clearly embody the WCC commitment to unity as a building of a just community of women and men, all the seminars will be co-facilitated by a man and a woman, and the panellists will include a man and woman.

All seminars will take place in the tent.

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**Peace in the Community****Thursday, 19 May 2011, 14:00–15:30**

- Gender just peace
- Racial, caste and indigenous justice
- Just communities of peace

Co-Facilitators: Prof. Dr Sarojini Nadar (University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa) and Prof. Dr Ezra Chitando (University of Zimbabwe, EHAIA)

Panelists: Prof. Dr Michael Miller (United Church of Jamaica/Christian Theological Seminary, Indiana, USA) and Dr Muna Mushawar (Medical Doctor, Palestine).

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**Christian Perspectives on ECJP****Thursday, 19 May, 15:45–17:15**

Co-Facilitators: Dr Joseph Prabhakar Dayam (United Theological College, Bangalore, India) and Ms Aikaterini Pekridou (Irish School of Ecumenics, Trinity College, Dublin, Church of Greece)

Panelists: Dr Eunice Karanja Kamara (Moi University, Eldoret Kenya), Rev. Michael Blair (United Church of Christ, Canada).

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**Peace with the Earth****Friday, 20 May, 14:00–15:30**

- Theology of interconnectedness/interdependence
- Water of life
- Climate justice

Co-Facilitators: Prof. Dr Isabel Phiri (Church of Central Africa Presbyterian, Malawi/ University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa) and Mr Michael Schut (Episcopal Church, USA).

Panelists: Prof. Dr Nancy Cardoso (Methodist Church, Brazil) and Rev. Freddy De Alwis (CCA, Chiang Mai, Thailand).

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**Interreligious perspectives on ECJP****Friday, 20 May, 15:45–17:15**

Co-Facilitators: (to be confirmed)

Panelists: (to be confirmed)

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**Peace in the Marketplace****Saturday, 21 May, 14:00–15:30**

- Economic structural greed-related violence
- Globalisation, migration and justice
- Theology of enough

Co-Facilitators: Fr Dr Daniel Groody (Notre Dame University, USA) and Ms Joy Kennedy (United Church of Canada).

Panelists: Bishop Geevaghese Mor Coorilos (Syrian Orthodox Patriarchate of Antioch and all the East, India) and Sr Ernestina López Bac, (a Kaqchiquel indigenous theologian of the Roman Catholic Church, Guatemala).

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**Interreligious Perspectives on ECJP****Saturday 21 May, 15:45–17:15**

Co-Facilitators: (to be confirmed)

Panelists: (to be confirmed)

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**Peace among the Peoples****Monday, 23 May, 14:00–15:30**

- Ethical analysis of rape as weapon of war
- Turning swords to ploughshares
- Just war to just peace

Co-Facilitators: Prof. Dr Fernando Enns (Mennonite Church, Germany) and Mag. Violet Al Raheb (DOV Reference Group)

Panelists: Dr Christiane Agboton-Johnson (Protestant Church of Senegal, and UNIDIR) and Mr Kjell Magne Bondevik (President of Oslo Center for Peace and Human Rights).

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**Christian perspectives on ECJP****Monday, 23 May, 15:45–17:15**

Co-Facilitators: Ms Harriet Olson (United Methodist Church, USA) and Rev. Dr Roderick Hewitt (United Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands).

Panelists: H.E. Archbishop Avak Asadourian (Armenian Orthodox Church, Baghdad) and Prof. Dr Pamela Brubaker (California Lutheran University USA).

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## Cultural Life

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### Film screening “Pray the Devil Back to Hell”

Thursday, 19 May, 19:15

*Pray the Devil Back to Hell* will be screened on Thursday, 19 May at 19:15. It chronicles the remarkable story of the courageous Liberian women who came together to end a bloody civil war and bring peace to their shattered country. Thousands of women – ordinary mothers, grandmothers, aunts and daughters, both Christian and Muslim – came together to pray for peace and then staged a silent protest outside of the Presidential Palace. Armed only with white T-shirts and the courage of their convictions, they demanded a resolution to the country’s civil war. Their actions were a critical element in bringing about an agreement during the stalled peace talks. A story of sacrifice, unity and transcendence, *Pray the Devil Back to Hell* honours the strength and perseverance of the women of Liberia. Inspiring, uplifting, and most of all motivating, it is a compelling testimony of how grassroots activism can alter the history of nations.

In attendance, Etweda “Sugars” Cooper, Secretary General of Liberian Women’s Initiative, is one of the doyennes of the Liberian women’s movement and is known for speaking out. In 1994, during one of the darkest hours of the civil war in Liberia, she and other women – tired of being victimized and frustrated at the stalemate in the peace process – founded the Liberia Women Initiative to advocate for disarmament and free and fair elections, and also to bring pressure to bear on stakeholders for the inclusion of women in negotiating a settlement of the Liberian conflict.

Throughout 14 years of civil war she used mass action including picketing, sit-ins and marches involving grassroots and professional women and their groups to attract world attention to the plight of women and children and to urge the international community to take action to end the war. As a strategist for the Liberian women peace activities under the auspices of Women In Peace Building Network (WIPNET), Sugars was unrelenting in lobbying factional leaders through visits, dialoguing and pleading with them to resolve the stalemate in the Accra Peace Talks in 2003, urging them to agree to a ceasefire and to constitute a transitional government.

Introduction by Rev. Dr Angelique Walker-Smith, executive director of the Church Federation of Greater Indianapolis, National Baptist Convention, USA.

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**Peace Concert****Friday, 20 May, 18:00–20:30**

Emancipation Park in New Kingston will come alive on Friday, 20 May, for the IEPC Peace Concert. The show will boast an array of talented local artists from across Jamaica. They will perform through dance, drama and song, highlighting peace and giving hope in our troubled world.

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**Caribbean Day****Sunday, 22 May**

Caribbean Day will be observed on World Sunday for Peace, 22 May, at the University of the West Indies. It will showcase some of the islands of the West Indies displaying their colours, handcraft and culture.

Come to hear live steel bands and learn to dance reggae! There will be hand-made souvenirs and merchandise for sale, as well as tastings of the culinary delights of the islands of the Caribbean Sea.

Prizes and surprises galore!

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**“Streetlight – The Musical”****Sunday, 22 May, 19:00–21:30**

Caribbean Day will culminate with the musical “Streetlight” by Gen Rosso-Project “Strong without violence”. It will be featuring the National Youth Orchestra of Jamaica, and Gen Rosso, International Performing Arts Group from Europe.

Based on a true story that took place in 1969, but still very real, it is the story of Charles Moats, a young African-American living in a ghetto in Chicago. It’s the story of Jordan, in love with Lisa, and Trey, the head of a gang that controls the neighborhood. Charles and the Streetlight band want to communicate, through music, the values that changed their lives; Charles testifies to this, with its extreme consequences.

The narrative prose is modern with an urban setup. Hip Hop, well blended with choreography, is marked by a variety that ventures into Rock and Blues, Pop and Rap, Tango, Rock’n Roll, Afro and Celtic music.

Theatres, squares, sport arenas, jails, convention-halls . . . educational projects for violence prevention through formation in cultural dialogue reveal the versatility of the musical, which has been performed in many European, Asian, African and American countries.

Gen Rosso – International Performing Arts Group was born in 1966 in Loppiano (Florence) from an idea of Chiara Lubich - Founder of the Focolare Movement and UNESCO prize winner for Peace Education - who gave, as a gift, a red drum set to a group of young people in order to communicate, through music, values of peace and universal brotherhood, and to contribute to the realization of a more united world.

Gen Rosso's activity arises from the artistic cultural heritage and the international backgrounds of its members (from 9 different countries) as well as from their personal commitment to enact the same cultural values in their daily lives, of which each one is an ambassador.

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## Exhibitions

Two special exhibitions on peace and violence will also be set up in the Assembly Hall:

### **Stitching Peace**

A collection that draws together a selection of *Arpilleras* - three-dimensional appliquéd textiles from Latin America, originating as a Chilean folk craft - and quilts from Latin America, Africa and Europe. These quilts and tapestries speak to the social justice concerns that radiate out of violent conflicts, poverty, hunger, displacement and unemployment. The creations juxtapose the chaos of conflict with the ordinariness of daily life and the hope that is sustained during times of war. The exhibition aims at inspiring participants to weave their own stories of overcoming violence in artistic form, as well as in the telling of stories and writing of reports.

### **Rosenallee 76**

"Rosenallee 76" is a home with furniture and objects that make you feel you have stepped inside a family residence. The unwanted but entrenched family member in that home is violence. The facts about why this happens, who does this, what can be done, when this may happen and where to get help are written on cards on the objects, furniture and walls. Visitors can read them and feel "the thorns on family bliss". The idea is from Germany's *Brot für die Welt* organization. The YWCA of Finland has bought the licence and rents this exhibition to other organizations for their use and display.

# Visits to Local Projects

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**Wednesday, 18 May, 9:00–12:30**

A sign-up desk for the visits to local projects will be in the Assembly Hall from the afternoon of 16 May. At the sign-up desk, there will be staff available to provide multilingual information on the local project descriptions detailed below.

An introduction to the ethos of the visits and practical information including departure times and meeting places will be available during the orientation session on Wednesday, 18 May at 8:15 in the plenary tent.

The visits to local projects will be offered by local staff in English. Participants who can help with whispering interpretation are encouraged to do so.

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## **KYMCA**

This street boy programme uses mentorship, remedial education, sports and leadership training to change the lives of these high risk youth. The programmes and services help build strong kids, strong families and strong communities. A recent World Bank review identified KYMCA as a best practice programme. The programme builds values of caring, honesty, respect and responsibility. We believe in the equality of opportunity for all members of the community, regardless of age, race, gender, religion, ability or economic circumstances.

## **The Women's Centre of Jamaica**

Providing outreach to teenage mothers and their parents, this is a highly successful good practice programme achieving a high level of reintegration into high school and a low level of repeat pregnancy. The fathers' programme is a new addition that has shown tremendous results.

## **The University Township Project**

The University Township Project seeks to foster a more symbiotic relationship between the University of the West Indies (UWI) and the community. This initiative has seen members of the August Town community benefitting from programmes in education, skills training, health and nutrition, culture and sports, economic development, as well as violence and crime reduction and prevention. UWI Emeritus Professor of Social Anthropology Barry

Chevannes was instrumental in the development of the project, and envisioned mutual benefits flowing to the UWI and the greater August Town community.

### **Area Youth Foundation**

The Area Youth Foundation use the arts, drama and culture to change the lives of young people and to build bridges of friendship between the divided, marginalized communities of Kingston. Presentations in many counties have showcased this docudrama approach, successful in turning around high-risk youth. An aquaculture project is now being used to provide a sustainable economic alternative for these unattached youth.

### **Holy Networks**

Reaching out to window-washer children from the juvenile court: Its mission is youth empowerment, violence prevention and the promotion of healthy lifestyle choices through arts-based, spiritual and remedial educational activities. It aims to provide youths from inner-city Kingston with social and life skills, to effect attitudinal and behavioural change and impart useful skills - in particular literacy - which enhance opportunities for employment and healthy living.

### **Pentecostal Assembly Rehboth**

Offering a Community Good News Club programme aiming to evangelize, disciple and introduce children to Church. Members of the church volunteer as outreach teachers, helpers and prayer partners. Good News Clubs meet once a week in neighbourhoods, homes, community buildings or churches. Personal follow-up to children and their families may increase church growth and most importantly continue the growth of God's kingdom and bring glory to God's name. Child Evangelism Fellowship (CEF) provides training for all club volunteers, teaching materials, programme, mentoring encouragement, staff support. The church provides the team leader, teachers/support staff, prayer partners, finance to facilitate the club, snacks/refreshments, follow-up of children/families, and a church home for children.

### **Grace and Staff**

Within the past 31 years, the foundation has provided educational and financial assistance for children in need. The foundation has also initiated a number of projects including job shadowing, parenting education, school fee support and homework centres. "When we went to the homework centre, we had no doubts in our minds that we were safe." Community stability has been seen through outreach work to gang members and other high-risk youth. Financial sustainability is via worker contribution matched with company donations.

### **City Mission**

We want to remind the people that despite the challenges around them, God still cares and wants them to recognize that God is in our midst and God can take them through all

these challenges. Church members still suffer from residual trauma and require support. As worshippers at the Church of the Open Bible in Tivoli mourned the death of a member of the congregation who was killed during an operation, they reflected on the many lives that had been lost. They focus on bringing healing to the affected communities by offering hope amid the pall of death, destruction and despair.

### **Child Resiliency**

The Child Resiliency Programme of the Hope Counselling and Wellness Centre is an outreach programme of the Hope United Church. It is a collaborative effort between the church, schools, families and health services in order to build a broad enough network of protection for our young people. It seeks to meet the needs of pre-adolescents and build on their competencies as the most effective strategy for preventing multiple problems and preventing school dropout. It also focuses on promoting physical, social, cognitive, vocational and moral competence.

### **Mona Baptist**

Church's Help Ministry, which is serving the spiritual, physical, emotional, educational and economic needs of many communities: The outreach gives particular support to those who are weak, sick, poor, and disenfranchised. The men's programme is of particular interest, as it targets the most-at-risk-groups in the communities, including drug users.

### **Children's First**

A unique community organization providing life changing programmes for children and adolescents. Internationally recognized for its creative participatory approach building resilience by a long-term developmental process that involves integration of our neighbouring schools, mental health services, church and community organizations. Programme development is guided by the children at every level of the organization's unique approach to community outreach which is done via its "Bashment Bus".

### **Boys' Town**

Boys' Town is a multi-service faith-based complex embracing education from Early Childhood to All-Age levels, Sports Clubs, certified Youth Skills Training Centre and social centre activities which fall within the traditional vision and mandate of youth development. Boys' Town and its key partners (CIDA, HEART Trust/NTA, JFLL, MOE, NYS, and UTECH School of Public Health) in its 15-18 Youth Development Programme (YDP), uses Personal Development & Life Skills Programmes (Sports, Music & Culture); Communication Skills (including Remedial Education); Skills Development; Mentoring and Computer Literacy to engage at-risk inner-city youth. We expect our programme to include: Tour of Complex (Basic & All-Age Schools, HEART VTC, Computer Lab & 15-18 YDP), 45 minutes; a Cultural Exchange (music, drumming, rapping), 60 minutes; and Tour of Culture Yard with Festival and Cornmeal Porridge – 60 minutes.

## **Dispute Resolution Foundation**

We aim to achieve accommodative and nonviolent relationships between citizens, corporations and other organizations within a democratic and restorative justice framework, thereby profiting citizens, communities and the country, by strengthening and expanding the use of mediation and other alternative effective methods of preventing and resolving disputes in Jamaica and the region. This centre located in Trench Town, home to Bob Marley, offers “walk-in” peace-building and mediation services to community residents.

## **Agency for Inner City Renewal**

Trench Town-based Agency for Inner-City Renewal (AIR) - a non-governmental organization (NGO) run by business consultant, pastor and self-described “social entrepreneur” Dr Henley Morgan. It brings the promise of sustained economic activity to depressed Trench Town and its neighbours. “I want to show that you can make money out of these communities,” Morgan explains, confident that the incubator concept can be a vehicle for social change in the inner cities. He believes that given Trench Town’s cultural and historical resonance, developments there have the potential to attract outside interest and to spread throughout Jamaica.

## **Joy Town**

The Covenant Community Church (CCC) is a group of five churches born out of the original Covenant Community Church (97 Old Hope Road, Kingston 6, Jamaica) in May 1991. We are a product of the Deeper Life/ Charismatic Renewal Movement of the 1970’s and early 1980s which has produced several charismatic churches in Jamaica over the last three decades. These churches are currently active in outreach to inner city youth.

## **Jones Town**

The Jones Town community has plans to turn dusty unoccupied land into oases of food and plants in keeping with the idea of eating what you grow. “Farming inna the City”. The project’s goals include providing employment, lessening poverty and encouraging self-development among persons in Jones Town. “These empty lots once had houses on them, but the lots remain bare because of years of violence.” The programme includes Life/Survival Skills Training, and Environmental Awareness Management.

## **Hope for Children**

Hope for Children Development Company (HCDC) promotes and improves the well-being of children and families in extremely difficult circumstances in three politically polarized inner-city communities within South and South-West St Andrew. The primary activities of HCDC include: institutional capacity building of grass root groups and organizations; parenting training and family support services; public education and awareness; child rights advocacy; education and training; leadership training; violence mitigation

interventions and community governance. Hope for Children executes its programmes in partnership with over fifty community-based formal and informal organizations. Some of its recent achievements and current interventions include: Mitigating the Negative Impact of Migration on Families Left Behind; Unearthing Innovations in Teaching Project, LIFE Youth Education and Recreation Project; Camp Hope Photo/Video Unit, and a Grass- root Economic Livelihood Project.

### **Park Lane**

The major project of the IEPC visit spearheaded by the Betel Baptist outreach ministry seeks to provide jobs, skills, education, financial help, housing and spiritual uplifting to the community torn apart by violence. The opening of the new Skill Training Centre using the repaired Community Centre will become a focus for skills training, on-line literacy, homework classes, sporting activities, social support, counselling and conflict resolution classes. Special outreach to meet the spiritual needs of the community continues with weekly Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, Prayer and Counselling as needed.

### **Youth Reaching Youth**

We empower a team of youths and give them life skills, teaching them what they need to know to cope with their life at their stage and in the future, "We give them the means of using creative methods of taking that same message to their peers (so that) their peers can benefit." On these visits, the peer counsellors take along with them brochures, pamphlets and manuals which they develop for distribution on issues surrounding youths. They also use dance, drama, dub poetry and other creative expressions to get across their message to youth who are often non-Christians.

### **Woman Inc**

Provides a Crisis Centre, a 24 hour Hotline and a shelter for abused women and their children. Advocates for Women's Human Rights, peaceful families and communities, ending impunity; through public education and legal reform, campaigns and projects. Issues of VAW (Violence Against Women), Human trafficking, gender-based violence and HIV AIDS are also addressed by this NGO at the local, regional and global level.

### **St. Andrew Settlement**

A community-based facility operated by the Anglican Church in an inner city community. The centre offers counselling, sporting and educational activities. Community support covers a range of programmes including housing support. Come meet community members and gain insight into their proposed solutions to community problems.

### **St. Patrick's Foundation**

The Foundation's mission is to impart relevant skills, offer opportunity and care to residents of the low income communities served. This is an effort to enable the social and

economic advancement of the beneficiaries of the projects, while providing a high sense of fulfilment on the part of those rendering the service and encouraging goodwill among shareholders and national recognition as a vital human service organization.

### **Inner City Forum**

Reaching out to community members: empowering, inspiring. Come and participate in rap sessions with community members.

### **Mustard Seed Community**

Mustard Seed Communities operates 14 residential homes in Jamaica, Dominican Republic, Nicaragua and Zimbabwe, caring for over 500 children with varying degrees of disability, many abandoned and some affected with HIV and AIDS. Situated in impoverished, violence-prone, marginalized inner-city communities of Kingston & St. Andrew and St. Catherine, MSC implements an outreach strategy that seeks to empower and uplift community residents through the application of caring capital practiced with the children. The main ingredients of the outreach strategy include, for example, education in Little Angels Basic schools, introduction to computerization through Zinc Link Internet Cafes, material support for “golden agers” and positive message building through the community radio station ROOTS FM. “Mek we talk Community Voices.” is one of the many community radio programmes. It is the strong bonds of the radio station with the communities that has earned its brand “voice of the inner-city”. A recent and tangible manifestation of these bonds was the call to MSC and ROOTS FM by the communities traumatized by violence in the May 2010 insurgency, for their voices to be heard in the rebuilding and restoration of governance and legitimate leadership of their communities. With the formation of the Inner-city Community Forum (ICCF) in July 2011, emphasis is being placed on building community capacity and leadership to manage its development prospects, change the destructive political culture, engender youth upliftment and violence prevention, sharing best practices among communities and displaying positive images. These goals are pursued through frequent community governance consultations involving CBOs and shareholders in partnerships leading to the adoption of a communications strategy through ROOTS FM interactive on-air panel discussions and outside broadcasts that publicize how communities overcome challenges, including violence prevention, thereby learning from each other.

### **ROOTS FM**

Community Radio taking the message of community empowerment into the communities.

### **Mel Nathan Institute**

Providing holistic education and community empowerment, the Mel Nathan Institute is a human and community development agency of the United Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands. The Mel Nathan Institute seeks to create a climate for empowering

people, through a variety of animation strategies. Community leaders are encouraged and enabled to take a hold of their lives so that they, in turn, can influence others to become agents of change and development.

### **Sistren Theatre Collective**

SISTREN uses the creative arts as a tool of analysis and action to interrogate and implement its work nationally and internationally. The recent proceedings of the United Nations Committee on the Status of Women saw live streaming of one of Sistren's "corner reasoning" with high-risk youth. SISTREN operates a multi-faceted popular education programme and a participatory approach to learning with students in schools, youth groups in schools and communities, parents, community based organizations (CBOs, and unattached male youth. The organization provides psychosocial services for students in nine public schools within the Kingston Metropolitan Region, facilitates street theatre productions including Tek it to Dem gender based violence prevention project.

### **The Nest**

The Nest is the home for the Salvation Army School for the Blind. We talk about their ongoing work with the blind and allow for a community Consultation Meeting. The project visit will allow for community participation and opportunity to gain an insight to the challenges offered by violence and proposed solutions.

### **C- Salt**

Teaching boys life-skills through sports and community service: Workshops and summer camps. Products: Leadership Training, Counselling Training and Psychotherapy Mission: C-SALT partners with parents, schools and communities to develop Godly character in Jamaica's youth. We creatively help to develop the whole boy, spiritually, physically, mentally and socially to become ethical and compassionate servant-leaders.

### **Grants Pen Community Consultative committee**

The ministers fraternal along with other community stakeholders, teachers, business men coordinate activities to cater to the disadvantaged youth. Using youth and sport ministries, youth are involved in productive activities. Community pastoring activities include church lunches under a tree, football games and dances for unattached youth. These activities have helped secure community-wide involvement in the peace-building process.

### **Stella Maris Foundation**

The Stella Maris Foundation is a registered Not for Profit Community Development organization which "seeks to promote goodwill and secure sustainable social and economic development within the community by means of skills training and social programmes". The Foundation is one of the largest outreaches of the Stella Maris Roman Catholic Church. Training programmes encompass counselling, life skills, leadership,



parenting, grooming & etiquette and conflict resolution designed to enable them to function as complete productive citizens.

### **Whole Life Sports**

Christian development, career guidance and skills upgrade referral, youth advocacy training through sports: Sport can play a radical role transforming our youth. Whole Life Sports mandate is to be a catalyst for transformation and metamorphosis that is not confined to the spiritual but the overall belief in man's strengths. This transformation aims to reach not only the individual's home but his family, his community and ultimately the nation. Come and kick a football with youth in the programme or just listen to the outline of the programme and the stories of how it has impacted youths' lives.

### **Missionaries of the Poor**

Missionaries of the poor centres span four countries: Jamaica, Philippines, Uganda and Haiti. In Jamaica the mission is to bring hope and peace to the most disadvantaged members of the inner city community. The ministry is guided by music and musical productions which are a highlight of the Jamaican calendar. Come sit and chat with inner city residents who talk about their experiences.

# Youth at the IEPC

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## Stewards Programme

13–15 May 2011

Beyond serving during the event in Kingston, the 40 selected stewards (15 local youth and 25 from different continents and denominations) will follow an ecumenical training programme prior to IEPC. Although most of the stewards are youth whose commitment with their churches and their youth networks is remarkable, the Stewards Programme provides a unique ecumenical experience and the exposure to a great cultural diversity.

Stewardship will be approached from a multidisciplinary perspective, including aspects such as our role as Christians and the implications of global challenges such as migration, climate change and gender justice, among others. Bible studies, thematic groups' discussions and team building activities are essential aspects of the dynamics of this ecumenical training.

The stewards will also be part of the first day of the Youth Pre-event on 16 May, so their participation at IEPC is enhanced by their exposure to the realities of the many youth present in Kingston. Stewards have to be on campus by 17 May to assume their roles in welcoming the participants and starting their different tasks during IEPC.

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## Youth Pre-event

16–17 May 2011

The Youth Pre-event will create a space for youth between 18 and 30 years old to bring their perspectives on the four themes of IEPC, starting with an introduction to the process carried out in the framework of the Decade to Overcome Violence. It is expected that the five winners of the youth essay contest, who will receive awards during IEPC, will enrich the discussions. Interactive group work will allow the participants to gather in specific thematic teams so that regional initiatives in the area of environment, conflict prevention and resolution, globalization or any other area related to peace may be enriched by the specificities of the different contexts of the participants.

The Youth Pre-event will be the opportunity for strengthening connections among youth who are already committed to build up a just peace and it will also be the space for finding a common voice from a youth perspective to be shared with the participants at IEPC.

Additionally, it is expected that the participants at the Youth Pre-event will have an exposure to the realities of youth in Jamaica: the challenges they face and the local dynamics of the youth networks.

## Media Operation

During the IEPC the WCC Communication department will be conducting a media operation with the goal of disseminating information about the convocation to a worldwide audience. You will be able to find information about the IEPC as it happens on the WCC web site, <http://www.oikoumene.org>.

The web site will feature a variety of stories, video, audio, photos and other information about the events during the convocation. Local and international press have been invited to the IEPC to cover the dynamic and interesting stories of both the event and the participants. Press conferences will be planned as well.

The communication operation will also include social networking through the use of Twitter, Facebook and blogging. Again, go to the WCC web page for links. Plans are for the plenary sessions to be broadcast live through video web streaming as well as recorded. A half-hour video featuring highlights of the IEPC will be created by a television producer from South Africa. This video will be available several weeks after the event and part of a compilation available online and as a DVD.

We are making an extra effort to reach out to a younger audience about the IEPC, with the daily production of short 2-5 minute videos for posting online. A group of four World Student Christian Federation members from Argentina, Malawi, the Philippines, and the USA along with a video producer, have been engaged in this effort. Don't be afraid to speak with them and share your story.

As an IEPC participant we hope you are open to assisting the WCC in sharing your story with the WSCF team, the video producer, communication staff and the local and international media to interview you about your story.

If for any reason you do not wish to be interviewed or photographed on an individual basis, please let us know and we will alert staff and media. Photos, videos and audio will be gathered during the plenary sessions and some workshops and seminars. If during these events you wish not to be photographed or recorded, please let us know beforehand.

We hope you will visit the WCC web site throughout the IEPC and afterwards, so you may gain a full picture of this significant event.



## **Practical Information**

# Arrivals and Departures

## **Airport pickup**

All participants who have communicated their flight details via their registration form will be met at Kingston's Norman Manley Airport and taken to their accommodation.

## **Transport for pre-meeting participants**

Transportation to the university campus will also be organized for persons who have already been meeting at other locations in and around Kingston for pre-meetings, such as Youth, Stewards and WCC working groups.

## **Accommodation**

Most participants will already know which accommodation they have been allocated in advance via a confirmation sent in early May. Nevertheless, the airport welcoming team will have a list of all participants' accommodations and will be able to help where needed.

## **Registration**

Registration will take place in the Assembly Hall on the campus of the University of the West Indies, where participants can obtain all that will be necessary for participating in the IEPC, including a printed copy of the handbook, spiritual life materials, badges, meal tickets, etc.

## **Information**

Also in the Assembly Hall will be general information as well as details about workshops and a sign-up desk for the visits to local projects that will take place on Wednesday, 18 May.

## **Airport departure**

Transportation back to the airport will be provided for all persons who have indicated this need. Departure times will be posted at the transport desk in the Assembly Hall.

# Assembly Hall

The UWI Assembly Hall will host several information booths related to WCC programmatic work and especially in regard to the Decade to Overcome Violence. It will also host exhibitions and will be the central point for information on all IEPC activities, as well as promotional materials and information from local initiatives.

## **Registration and information desks**

The IEPC Registration Desk and the IEPC Information Desk will be located in the Assembly Hall.

## **DOV and Living Letters information**

A DOV corner will be set up to display the achievements of the decade and a desk will be reserved for the display of information on the Living Letters team visits that have taken place in the framework of the DOV.

## **EAPPI information**

The Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme in Palestine and Israel (EAPPI), which was the first annual initiative of the WCC Decade to Overcome Violence, will have a booth at the Assembly Hall staffed by EAPPI staff and former Ecumenical Accompaniers who will inform IEPC participants about the programme and the Palestine/Israel issues.

## **International travel desk**

Find relevant transport information including departures to the airport. For those participants whose ticket was purchased by the WCC through Raptim, a Raptim Desk for reconfirmation or change of tickets will also be located at the Assembly Hall.

## **Local travel desk**

Use only recommended transport for all your movements. If you want to leave the UWI compound, ask the transport desk for assistance.

## **Tour desk**

The local travel agency Olde Jamaica Tours will have a desk in the Assembly Hall to offer advice on and sell tours and excursions in Jamaica. You are free to use any tour operator, but Olde Jamaica Tours is recommended by the local committee.

# Ecology

## Managing our environmental impact

Christian communities are increasingly concerned about the ecological crisis and the way human beings are treating God's Earth. Planet Earth is in peril and creation is suffering. Poor people in developing countries are suffering first and worst from the consequences of global warming, the overexploitation of Earth's resources and the pollution of air, water, and land. At the same time, it is others who contribute most to global warming through excessive consumption.

Our unsustainable and inequitable patterns of production and consumption also lead to tensions and conflicts among nations and communities. Reacting to the ecological crisis is therefore a matter of justice and peace – peace with the earth and among human beings.

The International Ecumenical Peace Convocation (IEPC) ethos therefore states "Concern for the environment will be observed; efforts will be made to use materials and equipment that are justly traded, ecologically conceived and locally sourced. Carbon accounting will be exercised, and every effort will be made to achieve a low footprint. Our ultimate objective will be to try to ensure that the event treads lightly on the earth."<sup>1</sup>

The environmental policy identifies certain specific areas where the WCC has focused on reducing its environmental impact in the planning and implementation of the IEPC. Though these aspects are only a relatively small part of our overall impact, they constitute visible and measurable variables that will be used to develop further the WCC's event environmental policy.

## Offsetting the environmental impact from travel

International air travel is necessary to reach the venue of the IEPC. With more than 1000 participants, the IEPC's carbon footprint resulting from air travel is deep. Participants are encouraged voluntarily to offset their carbon emissions by donating to a local environmental stewardship project.

An estimation of the amount participants can donate is calculated by region based on the Lutheran World Federation carbon offsetting instrument. Participants are invited to donate this amount or more to the environmental stewardship project. Please go to the information desk or to the Eco booth in the Assembly Hall.

Local transportation is kept to a minimum as most of the IEPC will be taking place on the university campus. When it is required to travel outside the campus or to/from the airport, shuttles and buses will be used.

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1 Extract from IEPC planning update sent to (and approved by) the Feb. 2009 WCC Executive Committee.

### **Minimizing the environmental impact from food & water**

Food served during the IEPC is locally sourced and simple, reducing the ecological footprint from these goods. Quantities and menus have been carefully balanced to ensure adequate meals and reduced waste. Locally sourced vegetarian meals are being offered everyday to remind us all of the impact our food has on the environment. Drinking water is available throughout the campus. Refillable water bottles are available to participants. Please use your water bottle as an alternative to plastic cups when drinking.

### **Minimizing the environmental impact from paper usage**

The IEPC aims to be as paperless as possible. A strict minimum of documents will be produced for and during the meeting. We have striven to cut down on our usage of paper for example by implementing the systematic use of our electronic registration form and communication. When printing is deemed necessary, recycled paper and double sided printing is strongly encouraged. We encourage participants to pay attention to their own use and disposal of paper.

### **Minimizing the environmental impact of waste**

The best way to deal with waste is not to create it. An event the size of the IEPC is bound to produce waste, although attention has been given to reducing this as much as possible, both in the preparatory phase and during the event itself. Efforts have been made to ensure that most of the waste produced during the IEPC will be recycled or disposed of by the most environmentally means available. Recycling points are scattered across the campus. Please use these facilities.

### **Minimizing the environmental impact of energy use**

Jamaican weather in May is tropical, typically hot with afternoon showers. Temperatures are beginning to climb as the summer months approach and range between 24 – 32° C.

As the IEPC will be taking place on the Mona Campus, we will be using the facilities provided by the University. The cooling systems of these rooms vary - some rooms will have fans, some will have air-conditioning, while others will just have open windows. Special care will be taken in balancing the comfort of participants and the use of cooling systems, especially with air-conditioning, including ensuring lights and air conditioning are turned off when rooms are not in use.

The plenary tent is a large tent that will provide space for up to 1500 participants. Given the amount of people in this tent and the duration of its use, air-conditioning this facility is necessary. Specific attention has been given to rationalize the duration and strength of the cold air injected.

### **Have your say!**

Should you be interested in more details, have some great ideas or just want to talk about WCC's environmental work, please visit the Eco-booth in the Assembly Hall.



# Electricity

The voltage used in Jamaica is 110v (110 Volts). Delegates are asked to bring their own travel adapters. Please see attached picture for Jamaican outlet & travel adapter reference.



Jamaican power outlet



Example of a compatible universal travel adapter for Jamaican outlets

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# Facilities on the Campus

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## **Banks**

### National Commercial Bank

Mon to Thurs 9:00–15:00, Fri 9:00–16:30

### UWI Mona & Community Cooperative Credit Union

Mon to Fri 8:00–15:30

### Jamaica National Building Society

Mon to Fri 10:00–18:00

Cashless – No cash transactions are carried out at this bank.

### Scotiabank Jamaica

Mon to Thurs 8:00–18:00, Fri 10:00–16:00

Cashless – No cash transactions are carried out at this bank.

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## **Dining**

### KFC (fast food)

Sun to Sat 10:00–12:00

### Dukunoo (coffee shop, deli)

Mon to Fri 7:30–20:30

### Jucci (Jamaican cuisine)

Mon to Fri 6:30–20:30, Sat 8:00–18:00

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## **Supermarket**

### Hi Lo

Mon to Sat 11:00–21:00

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## **Document Centre**

Ditto (photocopying, binding, etc.)

Mon to Thurs 9:00–20:00, Fri 9:00–19:00, Sat 10:00–16:00

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## **Internet Café**

Ashcroft Computer Lab (internet access and printing only)

Mon to Thurs 8:00–20:00, Fri 8:00–19:00

Cost of Printing: J\$7 per page for black and white, J\$25 per page for colour

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## **Post Office**

Jamaica Post

Mon to Fri 8:00–17:00

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## **Nanny / Daycare**

Kids on Campus

Mon to Fri (available on request)

Phone +1-876-816-2325

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## Meals and Refreshments

During your stay you will have the pleasure to discover Jamaican food with a large variety of Caribbean flavours, tropical fruits and other fresh locally sourced products from Jamaica.

All meals - breakfast, lunch and dinner - are served in a buffet style, which allows you to make the choice through self-service. Due to the large number of participants, meals will be served in different locations with each participant being allocated to a particular location for all the meals. Please find your allocated restaurant on the registration sheet you receive upon registration in the Assembly Hall. For timings, please see the timetable on page 32.

Coffee breaks will be served close to the meeting venues.

External guests can buy tickets for meals.

There are also other locations available on the campus to buy snacks and drinks (please see Facilities on the Campus on page 57).

## Message Services

Those participants who would like to leave a message for someone staying at the campus or not staying at the same hotel as him/herself can leave their message at the IEPC Information Desk, located at the front of the Assembly Hall. Messages for large groups of people cannot be delivered. There will be a message board on which the name of the recipient of the message will be indicated so that he/she may collect the message.

# Medical Services

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## Services

- Day (8:00–18:00): Medical /Health post will be set up in the Old Library adjacent to the tent holding the plenary sessions.
- Night (18:00–8:00): Medical services will be based in the Rex Nettleford Hall of Residence.
- Contact the Information Desk or the Medical post directly if you need medical services.
- Ambulance service will be available at all times to provide transportation to the Accident and Emergency Dept. of the University Hospital of the West Indies in the event of a medical emergency.
- Ensure that you carry your Conference Identification at all times.
- Payments for Hospital services will be covered by the Convocation insurance for persons who have requested this coverage.

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## Medical and health requirements and advice

- Participants who are on medication should travel with their medication in their hand luggage.
- Contact the Medical Post to assist if your medication requires refrigeration.
- All participants coming from countries that have Yellow fever must ensure that they have a valid Yellow Fever Immunization Certificate.
- Jamaica has been polio and measles free for nearly two decades. We encourage all participants to ensure that they have been immunized against polio and measles.
- The water quality is good and therefore there is no need to purchase bottled water unless this is your personal preference.
- Any participant who develops fever, diarrhea or vomiting or is not feeling well should report to the Medical Post or a Convocation Steward as soon as possible to obtain assistance.
- Participants who have any special medical or health condition should carry relevant information/reports with them as this will assist the local medical team if an emergency should arise. Where possible this information should be sent prior to arrival in Jamaica, especially information on special dietary requirements.
- Persons who may need emotional or psychological support should request this assistance through the staff at the Medical Post.

# Security

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## Safety tips

The university campus is a secure environment with controlled access, although the usual precautions should prevail, as is the case for any large gathering.

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## General tips

- Secure your personal property - never leave your property (laptops, cameras, cell-phones, handbags, luggage or other valuables) unattended.
  - Never carry large sums of cash, carry Debit and Credit cards instead.
  - Use only recommended transport for all your movements. If you want to leave the UWI compound ask the transport desk for assistance.
  - Always avoid walking in poorly lit areas at nights.
  - It is always best to travel in groups.
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## Safety and security on halls of residence

- Do not allow persons to tailgate you when entering your residence.
- Always lock your door. Do not prop or leave doors open.
- Do not place valuables close to open windows and doors.
- Do not hesitate to contact the Student Services Development Manager (SSDM) if you have a concern or need assistance.
- Do not burn candles or other similar products in the rooms.
- Do not allow unauthorized persons to enter your room.
- Do not hesitate to report suspicious or criminal actions on person or property. This may be done by directly dialling the police at 119 or police control at 927-7778.

For all emergency numbers, please see the next page.

## Useful Emergency Numbers

For calls made from an international phone, prefix +1 – 876.  
For calls from a local phone, the prefix number is not necessary.

<b>Police</b>		119
<b>Fire</b>		110
<b>Mona Police</b>	Commander Christopher Murdock	361-1224 (cell) 977-7418 2331 (extension)
<b>Campus Security Emergency</b> (21:30 to 8:00)	Major Raymond Dobbs	927-2298 833-5583 (cell) 2748/2749 (extensions)
<b>Office of the Director of Security, UWI, Mona</b>	Mr. Keith Gardner Assistant Commissioner of Police	446-7885 (cell) 970-6700 970-6698 970-3232 3700/3698 (extensions)
<b>Matilda's Corner Police Liguanea</b>	Inspector David Jarrett	407-2485 578-3995 (cell) 978-6003 927-8219
<b>Pastoral Team / Chaplaincy</b>	Rev. Dr Trevor Edwards (UTCWI)	995-6187 927-2868 927-1724 977-0810
<b>University Hospital of the West Indies</b>		927-1620
<b>University Health Centre</b>	Dr Blossom Anglin-Brown	970-0017 2370/2270 (extensions)
<b>Andrews Memorial Hospital</b>		926-7041 926-7403
<b>Medical Associates</b>		926-1400
<b>UWISERT</b> (UWI Students' Emergency Response Team)		394-6494 (cell)





## Venue Locations

Orientation for participants going on visits to local projects	Tent
Visits to local projects	Off-campus
Plenary Sessions	Tent
Prayers	Tent
Innerstandings (Seminars)	Tent
Reasoning (workshops)	Faculties near the ring
Peace Concert	Emancipation Park
Musical: <i>Streetlight</i>	Tent
Film projections	Tent
Caribbean Day Celebrations	Chapel Gardens
Exhibitions, Displays	Assembly Hall
Registration	Assembly Hall
Information Desk	Assembly Hall
Pastoral Care	Chaplaincy
First Aid	Old Library
Stewards Room	Multipurpose Room, Students Union