

Session II: Thursday / Jueves / Giovedì
17:00 – 18:30

1. Peace-building among Indigenous Communities Afflicted with HIV/AIDS—David Muñoz Ambriz

This workshop will focus on a communications strategy for Indigenous communities struggling with HIV and AIDS, fighting stigma and discrimination in order to build peace, and encouraging understanding and acceptance through reflection and leading examples. We will work on strategies to empower communities and lead them to change.

2. Teaching for Peace—Ruth Mooney

In our churches, schools, and seminaries, how can the content and methodology of our teaching promote God's Shalom? This workshop explores ways to assure that the "hidden curriculum" of teaching methods reinforces rather than contradicts the peacemaking content.

3. La Risoluzione dell'ONU 1325 su Donne, Pace e Sicurezza e le Chiese—Daniela Rapisarda

Nell'anno 2000 il Consiglio di Sicurezza delle Nazioni Unite ha prodotto la Risoluzione 1325 su Donne, Pace e Sicurezza, un documento che mira ad analizzare l'impatto dei conflitti armati su donne e bambine ed a definire il ruolo delle donne nella risoluzione dei conflitti e nei processi di pace. La questione del ruolo delle donne nella risoluzione dei conflitti e nella costruzione della pace è, secondo la Risoluzione, strettamente legata alla questione della partecipazione delle donne alla vita politica e ai processi decisionali. Poiché le chiese e le comunità religiose sono attori centrali nelle società civili, e proprio per questo sono in grado di svolgere un ruolo fondamentale nella promozione della pace, la prospettiva delle donne quali costruttrici di pace e contributrici ad una cultura di pace chiama ad una riflessione ecclesiologicala e teologica sul ruolo delle donne nelle comunità religiose.

4. Transformative Listening Capacities—Dwight Lundgren and Marilyn Turner

The ability to listen to others is an act of hospitality that is an essential ingredient in developing peace building relationships. Henri Nouwen talks about moving "from hostility to hospitality." This workshop will explore what "listening as hospitality" requires.

5. Muslim/Christian Relationships: Friendship is the Key to Peaceful Relationships—Munir and Sharon Kakish

This workshop will discuss how relationships are influenced by cultures, your own and the other individual. There will be a brief introduction to the Muslim faith, and how that influences an individual's world view. How does a Christian approach a Muslim? The importance of friendship evangelism in the Muslim world will be emphasized.

6. Signs of Peace: The Interfaith Letters of Thomas Merton—Bill Apel

How can we be "signs of peace" in a troubled and violent world? During the last decade of his life, Thomas Merton, Christian monk and writer, corresponded with people around the globe about religion, peace, and interfaith understanding. Figures like Zen master D.T. Suzuki, Vietnamese monk Thich Nhat Hanh, Quaker June Yungblut, Rabbi Abraham Heschel, and Pakistani Muslim Abdul Aziz became for Merton "spiritual bothers and sisters" as they worked together for world peace. Participants will use Merton's examples as a starting point for a discussion of our own thinking and justice and peace making. Bill will use his recent book "Signs of Peace" by Orbis Press as background for the workshop.

7. Forgiveness among the Unforgiven—Nancy Hastings Sehested

The "unforgiven" by society are among us in people who are imprisoned, homeless, and impoverished. Our inability to forgive affects our families and our communities as well as our national practices. Participants will be invited to share their stories of the path to forgiveness from their own context. We will examine the biblical themes of forgiveness, mercy, restoration, and reconciliation.

8. Baptist Interfaith Heroes: Models and Challenges for Today—Dan Buttry

This workshop will explore the work and witness of 5 Baptists related to interfaith relationship and inter-religious peacemaking. The contemporary challenges and opportunities posed by these historic figures will be explored and discussed.

9. El Trabajo de la paz en Nicaragua por evangélicos y evangélicas en los años 80 —Gustavo Parajón

Los resultados de la mediación por el CEPAD y la Iglesia Morava en la Costa Caribe entre los indígenas y las indígenas de YATAMA y el Gobierno Sandinista. También se abordarán el trabajo de Las Comisiones de Paz en Nicaragua en la región de Nueva Guinea donde las Comisiones recibieron las armas del Frente Sur de la Resistencia Nicaragüense en junio 1990 como resultado de su labor.

10. Civil-Military Relations in Humanitarian Crises: The African Experience—Francis Bainomugisha

The relationship between humanitarian and military activities and cooperation between those engaged in them occupy an important place in the current international debate on crisis management. Africa, a highly crisis torn continent seems to be doing poorly in such a relationship yet for sustainable peace and development to be realized unconditional relationship between the two must prevail. This workshop training therefore seeks to elucidate on civil military relations as an evolving aspect of crisis management in light of the African experience.

11. Male-Female Equality does not end at the Church's Gate—Rusudan Gotsiridze

This workshop will focus on how the church can be a prophetic voice in society, encouraging values of justice to the secular society. How can we speak about equality in a masculine culture? How is it that women are now occupying the spheres that once were considered to be the male space? How did Christianity, beginning from the apostles, view women? Why is it so important to teach equality? Bishop Gotsiridze will speak from her own firsthand experiences in Georgia.

12. Community-Based Conflict Management—Victor Rembeth

Out of the context of Indonesia, this workshop will examine a community-organizing model that draws upon and empowers local leaders to cooperate in bridging many conflicts that exist within a village. This model has been applied following fierce conflicts over religion (Muslim-Christian), as well as in addressing economic disparity between people. Participants will be encouraged to consider the potential of this model in their own settings and circumstances.