

WORKSHOPS / TALLERES

Session I: Thursday / Jueves / Giovedì

15:00 – 16:30

1. The Nonviolent Teachings of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.—Ken Flowers

This workshop will explore the spiritual, theological and philosophical foundations of nonviolence as espoused by Martin Luther King, Jr. It will look at the influences of Jesus, Mahatma Gandhi, Henry David Thoreau, and Dr. Benjamin E. Mays on Dr. King's life and his thinking. It will also discuss the six steps in "Kingian Nonviolence".

2. La Justicia Restaurativa: La Promesa y el Desafío de la Transformación Social— Marinetta Cannito Hjort

El taller se propone de facilitar la comprensión de los principios y valores fundamentales de la Justicia Restaurativa, de sus modelos de aplicación y de los beneficios sociales que proporciona. El objetivo principal del taller es de animar a las comunidades de fe a usar prácticas restaurativas que contribuyan a la transformación social de su contexto local.

3. Green is the Color of Peace—Paul Hayes (cont.)

In this workshop we will explore the impact of climate change and other environmental challenges on societies and global relations. We will identify some of the major environmental and technological factors that contribute to social inequities, economic injustice, and political conflicts and how a commitment to healing the earth can aid in peace-building. We will also discuss the ethical and biblical narratives we can employ to encourage our churches to address environmental issues and challenges. This workshop will largely consist of group discussion and dialogue.

4. A Quest for Peace in Nagaland: Sharing Experiences of the Reconciliation Process— Akum Longchari

The Nagas are standing at a crossroads, faced with both challenges and opportunities. Notwithstanding the journey of the Nagas for their political rights, they have been profoundly wounded and divided by forces from within and without. Here is the story of the Naga people's journey towards reconciliation in their Common Hope to overcome divisions and violence, and to build a common road to achieve freedom. We will examine the role of the Baptist community and of women in bringing conflicts to an end.

5. A Prophetic Theology of Peace—Luis N. Rivera-Pagán

The workshop will deal with the challenge to combine the passionate search for justice with the profound engagement with peacemaking.

6. Practices for Peace, Justice, and Compassion in the Parables of Jesus—Gerard Verbeek

Jesus proclaimed and demonstrated the Kingdom of God and He invited his hearers then and now to follow Him and to enter that Kingdom. In the parables, Jesus graphically illustrated the principles that pervade the Kingdom of His Father, most clearly when it comes to promoting peace, restoring justice and demonstrating compassion. It involves perseverance, out-of-the-box thinking, taking risks, leaving behind certainties, and perhaps most of all, rendering our riches and life to the Son of Man that is able to grant us overflowing peace, real joy and deep satisfaction. In this workshop we will explore some of those marvellous stories and try to draw inspiration and guidance from them for our personal and communal lives.

7. UN Resolution 1325 on Women, Peace and Security as a Challenge to Churches— Daniela Rapisarda

In the year 2000, the United Nation Security Council issued the Resolution 1325 on Women, Peace and Security, a document aiming at analyzing the impact of armed conflict on women and girls and assessing the role of women in conflict resolution, peace processes and peace-building. The issue of the role of women in conflict resolution and peace-building is presented by the Resolution as closely related to the issue of participation of women in political life and in decision making processes. Churches and religious communities are crucial civil society actors and therefore in the position to play a role for peace. The vision of women as peace-builders and contributors to a culture of peace calls for ecclesiological and theological reflection on women's role in religious communities.

8. Teología y discapacidad—Noel Fernandez

Un análisis bíblico y teológico del tema de la discapacidad. Un quehacer por erradicar lástima, paternalismo y manipulación del esquema religioso contemporáneo. Las personas con discapacidad y el requerimiento de un trato justo y adecuado.

9. A Christian's Response to the Religious Persecution in Orissa—Samaresh Nayak

Orissa (one of the states in Eastern India) has been under attack from religious fundamentalists for several years. Orissa also has imposed the "Anti-Conversion Bill," which is a restriction for propagating Christianity throughout the region. In recent years there have been several violent attacks on Christians by militant Hindus. In the midst of all these tribulations Christians have been always positive, which helps in rebuilding relationships.

10. Making Peace with Islam—Ron Ward

Are there new factors in the 21st century which might make it possible for Christians and Muslims to live well together? Is it possible to share with one another, reversing old prejudices and a thousand years of animosity? We will explore the effect of the "War on Terrorism" on Christian/Muslim relations and other influences upon interfaith dialogue.

11. La Situación Colombiana: tenemos esperanza—Pablo Moreno

El grupo de trabajo presenta información y análisis sobre la situación política del país, los problemas de violencia en los últimos años, la propuesta de desmovilización y la ley de justicia y paz. En este grupo usted podrá conocer algo de la participación de iglesias y otras organizaciones cristianas en acciones y proyectos de un trato preferencial para la víctimas del conflicto. Los bautistas y algunos grupos e iglesias bautistas participan activamente en este proceso.

12. Donne, violenza e pace—MFEB (Movimento Femminile Evangelico Battista)

Alla fine del «*Decennio della chiesa in solidarietà con le donne*», promosso nel 1998 dal Consiglio ecumenico delle chiese (CEC), le donne scrissero una lettera alle chiese nella quale si dichiarava che la violenza sulle donne è *peccato*, è "un'offesa contro Dio, l'umanità e la terra". Inoltre nella lettera si invitavano gli uomini e le donne di fede a mobilitarsi per sradicare la violenza laddove si presentava, incluse le chiese.

Tale impegno continua ad ispirare il «*Decennio per superare la violenza*» promosso dal CEC che giungerà a termine nel 2010. Il workshop si articola in tre momenti: un primo dedicato al percorso teologico su "cristianesimo e violenza contro le donne"; il secondo toccherà il problema della tratta avendo uno sguardo all'Europa e facendo poi uno zoom sul contesto italiano; infine vi sarà la testimonianza di una realtà locale: il lavoro e l'esperienza delle donne della Chiesa battista di Lentini presso il centro di ascolto per vittime di violenza. Questo è un punto di partenza che, si spera, possa stimolare una riflessione e un impegno delle chiese locali.