

Session II: Wednesday / Miércoles /Mercoledì
17:00 – 18:30

1. Restorative Justice: Focus on Healing—Evelyn Hanneman

While most criminal justice systems focus on the offender, restorative justice focuses on the harm done and what actions need to be taken to address and help heal that harm. This workshop will look at ways to move toward a shalom/salaam based system to heal all those affected by crime.

2. Enseñamos para la paz—Ruth Mooney

Para la enseñanza en nuestras iglesias, escuelas y seminarios, ¿nos estamos creando contenidos y metodología que promuevan el Shalom de Dios? Este taller ofrece ideas para asegurar que el “currículo escondido” de nuestro método de enseñanza no contradice nuestro mensaje de paz.

3. Study War No More: The Peaceful Conscience—Alan Hoskins

In this workshop we will explore Conscientious Objection in the past and present. We will consider the Biblical, spiritual and moral bases for conscientious objection to war and military service. Group participation will be welcome.

4. Educational Partnerships for Peace Building: A Case Study in Rwanda—Ron Ellis and Mark Wyatt

Ravaged by a series of horrific genocides – most recently in the mid-1990’s – Rwanda currently is on the path of reconciliation and nation-building through a variety of initiatives. One such initiative involves helping Rwandan students earn university degrees in engineering and science so they, in turn, can help transform their homeland to an information-based economy. California Baptist University is partnering with the government of Rwanda and the P.E.A.C.E. Program created by Pastor Rick Warren of Saddleback Church, a CBU alumnus, to help students prepare for the formidable challenges facing their nation. The partnership is designed to promote international service, peace building and economic development.

5. Ricardo La Cruz Maya: Una invitación a comprender la semilla del verbo divino entre los mayas Chiapas—Ricardo Mayol

El taller se enfoca la cruz, un símbolo de profundo arraigo entre los mayas. El fervor religioso que se observa hacia las cruces declara autonomía cultural ante los conquistadores europeos y la religión cristiana. La cruz maya es la representación del árbol cósmico. Este árbol, ombligo de cosmos, enlaza el cielo, la tierra y el inframundo; su savia es la bendita sustancia que reúne el espacio material y espiritual.

La conquista quiso borrar la milenaria herencia mesoamericana, quemando los códices mayas, desarticulando espacios sagrados, descabezando a los herederos verdaderos e imponiendo la foránea religión y dominación. Esta agresión sacudió la visión cósmica de los mayas, pero no la eliminó; ésta se transformó, se disfrazó y sobrevivió.

Hoy, en la cultura maya está la semilla del verbo divino. Por eso, nos ocuparemos en descubrir la luz divina revelada en la cosmovisión maya, en ponerla a dialogar con la fe cristiana y en darle sentido al grito los mayas de: *basta ya: no otro México sin nosotros; anhelamos un México en el que quepan muchos mundos.*

6. Moving Towards Vengeance or Reconciliation?—Barry Higgins

We will explore the meaning of reconciliation, its practical outworking and common pitfalls experienced in “becoming reconciled” This workshop will give you tools to map what steps you have taken towards or away from reconciliation with a significant conflict in your life.

7. Class Matters in the U.S.—Paradigms and Strategies—Paul Hanneman

Class Matters offers a paradigm for understanding and addressing the dynamics of life for people living in generational poverty – and the challenges virtually unknown to those in middle class or wealth which make it so difficult for people to break out of the poverty cycle. You will learn the “hidden rules” of each economic class – and the assumptions which people often bring to encounters with people in poverty. And you will begin to explore practical yet compassionate strategies for engagement that can have positive impact on people’s lives.

8. L'ascolto per un'educazione alla pace nei gruppi e nelle comunità—Alessandro Spanu, Carlo Lella, Antonio Celano

L'obiettivo del laboratorio è l'ascolto reciproco come fondamento di una relazione pacifica. Il laboratorio sarà aperto con dei canti a canone. Il gruppo è invitato ad ascoltarsi mentre canta (a cura del Maestro Carlo Lella). Segue un'esercitazione sulla ricezione dell'autorità e sull'ascolto (a cura di A. Celano). In questa sessione ogni partecipante condividerà e ascolterà un episodio negativo legato all'abuso del potere.

La discussione plenaria evidenzierà il ruolo determinante di un ascolto attento nelle relazioni comunitarie. Questa sessione di lavoro non intende affrontare le questioni sollevate dalle grandi crisi internazionali. A chiusura dell'esercitazione sarà chiuso con dei canti di gioia e di lode (a cura del Maestro Carlo Lella).

9. Politicization of Religion and Violence against Minorities—Peace-building in Religiously Diverse Communities—Santanu Patro

Today, the interplay between religion and politics is a global phenomenon. Many argue since religion has moved into the centre stage of politics, violence as an instrument of intolerance is used against those who profess and practice different religions. For example, democratic and secular values are subverted and Constitutional norms are violated by the Hindu fundamentalists in India. The persecution of Christians in the state of Orissa, India in 2008 is clearly a case in point to see how politics can manipulate religion, raise religious passion and majoritarianism, and legitimize violence against the religious and ethnic minorities.

As Global Christians how should we respond? Is "peace-building" possible without addressing the issues of reconciliation, justice and equality? In short, what is peace-building in a religiously pluralistic society? How did Jesus approach peace-building? What are our roles as disciples of Christ? The workshop will look into the above issues to find a meaningful response leading to commitment to peace-building in our own context.