

WORKSHOPS / TALLERES

Session I: Wednesday / Miércoles / Mercoledì

15:00 – 16:30

1. The Legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr.: A Latin American Perspective—Raimundo Barreto

This workshop intends to offer a Latin American view of Dr. King's legacy, particularly from a Brazilian perspective. Martin Luther King Sr. once said that his son did not belong to him but to the world. James Cone broadened that statement by affirming that Dr. King belonged particularly to the world of the poor and the disinherited. In this presentation we will explore a perspective on how Dr. King's theology and social ethics is particularly significant to those who live in the "third world" and to those who are struggling against the various types of injustices that prevail in the current world order. Rev. Barreto will argue that Dr. King's legacy is as much relevant to our world these days as it was four decades ago, and that his claims for what he called "a revolution of values" is more urgent than ever before. He will also show how King's dream of the beloved community continues to be a powerful global image that can still inspire us to develop a vision of a less unjust and more integrated world.

Paying attention to the theological triad that guided his thinking—with emphasis on love, justice and hope—Rev. Barreto will introduce King's legacy in conversation with some Latin American organic thinkers and activists who have dialogued with his thinking, such as Dom Helder Câmara, Paulo Freire and Benedita da Silva.

2. Cuba at the Crossroads—Tony Santana

This workshop will address the complexities of the Cuban situation. We will examine both the present and the future of the Island as it enters a period of transition, with the challenge of preserving its social achievements from the past.

3. Domestic Initiation for Peace Process, Challenges and Prospects: A Case Study of Nepal— Thirpa Thapa and S.P. Kalaunee

This workshop will be a general overview of the peace process in Nepal. It will basically give a glimpse of the more than a decade long violent conflict in Nepal, and focus on historical development of the recent peace process, the major changes/achievements, ups and downs, and present challenges as well as potential ones in the future.

4. How to Overcome Violence in the Israeli-Palestinian Context—Munir and Sharon Kakish

What should be the Christians' response to these issues, and what are the keys to overcoming violence in this setting? The workshop will include a discussion of the development of the current situation and its effect, especially upon children. There will be a discussion of how Christians should respond to the situation. Also, a discussion of how Christians and governments can work with the Palestinians and Israelis in a more successful approach to eliminate the human suffering and violence.

5. Women, Mission, and Testimony of Peace—Septemmy E. Lakawa

Based on the research focusing on Christian-Muslim relations in the aftermath of religious violence in Indonesia, this workshop offers a space for reflecting on the imperative of peace as a Christian way of life by synthesizing three elements: women, mission, and the testimony of peace. The workshop combines a short presentation, discussion, and a reflective dance.

6. Una teología profética de paz—Luis N. Rivera-Pagán

Tratará de los desafíos de combinar la búsqueda apasionada de la justicia con el compromiso profundo por la paz.

7. Human Trafficking and War—Jonas Thorängen

Human trafficking is a new slave trade that has entered Europe and is spread all over the world today. The beginning of human trafficking in Europe was the war in Balkans and the situation in Kosovo 1999 boosted the "business". The connection between trafficking in human beings as a violation of human rights and war are substantial and the workshop will give examples and discuss what we can do as people of faith and churches.

8. Transforming Our Churches through Cultivating a Culture of Peace—Felicien Nemeyimana

One of the major challenges that the church faces is the diversity of problems to be addressed. It is therefore easier to feel overwhelmed and become ineffective. What the church needs to do is to read and understand the early signs of conflict and develop strategies before people resort to violence. The church should strongly rise against cultural practices, that promote violence, and conflict i.e. gender issues, political, social, economic matters. God wants his Church to demonstrate the reconciling power of Jesus in conflict transformation. It is therefore mandatory to train our congregations in order to respond to conflict in a holistic way.

9. THE CAVE: A Theological Model for Peacemaking Between Religions—Rob Sellers

Religious pluralism can regrettably lead to fear, suspicion, conflict, and even violence. People of all faiths need to know how to approach others in ways that promote peace, cooperation, and mutual understanding. “The Cave” metaphor is a simple, but profound, illustration that provides theological motifs for relating effectively (and generously) to those who follow different paths.

10. La Giustizia Rigenerativa: promessa e sfida della trasformazione sociale— Marinetta Cannito Hjort

Il seminario offre un'introduzione generale ai principi e valori di base della Giustizia Rigenerativa, ai suoi modelli di applicazione e ai benefici sociali che apporta. L'obiettivo principale del seminario è quello di incoraggiare le comunità di fede all'uso di pratiche rigenerative che contribuiscano alla trasformazione sociale del proprio contesto.

11. Making Peace in Your Marriage: Conflict Transformation for Couples— Dan and Estela Schweissing

Tired of working for world peace while dealing with conflict at home? This workshop will help you to identify the four key communication patterns that can destroy your marriage as well as teach you to communicate effectively, respectfully, and safely with your spouse when tough issues arise. Based on the Christian PREP® curriculum developed at the University of Denver, this material was designed to strengthen couples in marriage or those preparing for it. However, anyone interested in learning more about how to have a great relationship is welcome to attend.

12. Green is the Color of Peace—Paul Hayes

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.