

Peace Education at Protestant Schools as a Contribution to Learning for Sustainability

Fourth International Conference of GPENreformation

November 5-7 2017, Conference Center of the Presbyterian Church, Kigali, Rwanda

Conference Objectives

- to reflect on concepts of protestant schools in overcoming conflict and working on reconciliation
- to deliberate on the contribution of protestant schools to the wellbeing and social cohesion of societies and to make this contribution visible
- to share ideas and concepts in regard to peace education and education for sustainability in protestant schools
- to gain insights into current challenges of peace education in the Great Lake Region and to learn from the contribution of the churches
- and by this to develop and to strengthen the protestant network GPENformation

Conference program

Saturday, 4.11.2017

Arrival; Transfer from Kigali International Airport is provided as well from the central bus station

Sunday, 5.11.2017

First Session: Welcome and Service

09:00 – 09:15 **Welcome and Introduction**

Rev. Samuel Mutabazi, Head of the National Office of Education of the Protestant Council of Churches, Rwanda

Rev. Dr. Birgit Sandler-Koschel, Head of the Department of Education in the Church Office of the Evangelical Church in Germany

09:15 – 09:45 **Why Are We Here? Objectives of the Conference**

Prof. Dr. Annette Scheunpflug, University of Bamberg, Germany & *Dr. Wim Kuiper*, President of the International Association for Christian Education Netherlands

10:00 – 12:00 **Opening Service**

Rev. Samuel Mutabazi and Team

12:00 – 14:00 *Lunch and Coffee*

Second Session: Experiences of Conflict in the Field of Protestant Education

14:00 – 14:30 **Protestant Education in South Sudan**

Towongo Leonard Mabe, Episcopal Church of South Sudan

14:30 – 15:00 **Protestant Education in the Kivu Region**

Dr Samuel Ngayihembako, CBCA, Goma, Democratic Republic of Congo

15:00 – 15:30 **Protestant Education in the Great Lake Region**
Eraste Bigirimana, Chairman of Education Commission of the Anglican Church in Burundi

15.30 – 16.00 *Coffee break*

16:00 – 18:00 **Entering the Dialogue with Colleagues about Experiences of Conflict**

- Frederick Njobati, ISTP Bamenda:
The Anglophone Crisis in Cameroon
- Dagmara Jagucka-Mielke, GTE Lieszyn:
Minority Conflicts in Poland
- Joni Roloff Schneider, Rede Sinodal, Brazil:
The Tension Between Poverty and Wealth as a Challenge for Protestant Education
- and all colleagues

18:00 – 19.30 *Dinner*

Evening Reception

19:30 – 21:00 **Greetings and Getting Together**

- Representative of the Protestant Council of Churches in Rwanda
- Representative of the Ministry of Education in Rwanda
- *Dr. Peter Woeste, Ambassador, German Embassy Kigali*
- Ambassadors of the Network

Monday, 6.11.2017

8:30 – 8:45 **Morning Devotion**
Rev. Mimii Kwerakwiza Brown, Tanzania

Third Session Pedagogy of Remembrance and Reconciliation

8:45 – 9:15 **Keynote 1: Education of remembrance**
Erasme Rwanamiza, Aegis Trust Education Director, Kigali

9:30 – 12:30 **Visit of the Kigali Memorial Center**

12:30 – 14:00 *Lunch*

Fourth Session Protestant Responses and Ideas

14:00 – 14:30 **Keynote 2: Foundations of Peace Education**
Prof. Dr. Annette Scheunpflug, University of Bamberg, Germany

14:30 – 15:00 **Keynote 3: PAP in the Great Lake Region as a Protestant Contribution to Peace Education**
François Rwambonera, Protestant University of Rwanda, Butare, Rwanda

15:00 – 15:30 **Questions and discussion**

15:30 – 16:00 *Coffee Break*

16:00 – 18:00 **Workshops**

WS 1	Experiences from anti-trauma work in Rwanda <i>Anne Marie Mujawingabe, CPR, Rwanda</i>
WS 2	Experiences from implementing PAP in schools <i>Athanase Rutayisire & Jean Baptiste Ndamukunda, BNEP, Rwanda</i>
WS 3	Religious education and reconciliation <i>Dr. Olivier Ndayizeye, Protestant University of Rwanda, Butare, Rwanda</i>
WS 4	Interreligious Religious Education <i>Stefan El Karshah, German Protestant School, Cairo, Egypt</i>

18:00 – 19:30 **Dinner**

from 19:30 **Cultural Program**

Tuesday, 7.11.2017

8:30 – 8:45 **Morning Devotion**

Mary F.H. Chiu & Iantha Scheiwe, Hong Kong

Fifth Session: **GPENreformation as a Protestant Network of Peace Education**

8:45 – 10:15 **Objectives, Procedures and Next Steps**

Dr. Wim Kuiper & Rev. Dr. Birgit Sandler-Koschel

10:15 – 10:45 *Coffee Break*

10:45 – 11:45 **Workshops on the Implementation and Development of the Network**

11:45 – 12:30 **Plenary: Summary and Further Planning**

12:30 – 14:00 *Lunch*

14:00 – 16:00 **Workshops on pedagogy of peace**

WS 1	Education for sustainability: Experiences from Europe <i>Annette Scheunpflug, University of Bamberg, Germany</i>
WS 2	Twinning schools – reconciliation by mutual exchange <i>Pierre Claver Bisanze, BNEP, Rwanda & Jean Kasereka Lutswamba, CBCA Goma, DRC</i>
WS 3	Twinning schools – intercultural experiences between continents <i>Frederick Njobati, ISTP, Bamenda, Cameroon</i>
WS 4	Inspirational questions in the context of global learning <i>Tom Laengner, Matthias-Claudius-Schule Bochum, Germany</i>

16:00 to 16:45 **Plenary Discussion: Major Outcomes of the Conference and Recommendations**

16:45 to 17:15 **Closing Words and Farewell**

Rev. Dr. Birgit Sandler-Koschel & Dr. Wim Kuiper

17:30 **Departure to the airport**

for those who need to leave for evening flights from Kigali

For those who stay

18:00 – 19:30 *Dinner*

19.30 **Get-Together**

Wednesday, 8.11.2017, to Saturday, 11.11.2017

This additional program is not covered by the conference fees and needs to be paid separately.

Wednesday, 8.11.2017 Visiting National Park Akagera

Thursday, 9.11.2017 Visiting Groupe Scolaire Shyogwe

Friday, 10.11.2017 Participation in the celebration of the Reformation Jubilee of CPR

Saturday, 11.11.2017 Visiting Lake Muhazi, free time in Kigali