



Workshop Program

**for the International Workshop on
“Dealing with the aftermath of slave trade and slavery.”**

**A contribution to overcome the toxic legacy of history and to find inspiration
for today’s fight against slavery.**

Elmina (Ghana) 10 – 17 September 2024

Slavery and slave trade marked and impacted human history and reality intensively. The trans-Atlantic slave trade especially had a huge impact on Africa, the Americas and Europe. The wounds provided by this history contributed greatly in shaping the African-European as well as the African-American relationship. Visiting the contemporary relevance of this history vis a vis the toxic impact on today’s realities is a challenge to us all. As long as we do not develop a constructive way of dealing with this history, we will not overcome its toxic legacy. The more as we can see a clear connection between lack of shared memory and the weak answer to contemporary slavery.

While some African countries, such as Ghana, have made efforts to address this history, their attempts have not directly focused on overcoming the toxic legacy. They have not sufficiently engaged in reshaping the African-European and African-American relationships. Against the background of the ongoing debates on dealing with colonial legacy, slavery, slave trade and its impact on today’s reality have to be addressed. Unfortunately, there is a notable absence of a cross-continental exchange on these issues, which leads to a limited scope of the reflections and as an effect also the responses. Therefore, the Justice and Peace Commission of Ghana and Germany invites 45 participants from the above-mentioned contexts to meet in the former slave fortress Elmina castle in Ghana for an international workshop on dealing with the aftermath of slave trade and slavery in order to exchange experiences, perspectives and reflect on reconciliatory and dialogue possibilities on the subject.

In doing so, the project intends to show respect to the memory of the victims of this violence, deepen our understanding of historical events and their legacy, and draw lessons applicable to today's challenges in combating contemporary slavery. We seek to strengthen and rebuild our communities both as church and humanity as we strengthen our responsibilities in dealing with this legacy.

Beside academic reflection it is of utmost importance to us to address the topics in a multi-perspective approach bringing together perspectives and experiences from different parts of Africa, Europe and America. This will be expressed in particular by the symbolically highly



significant Concrete Action in Gross-Friedrichsburg, where the participants will do some concrete maintenance work in the Memorial.

Doing that we like to contribute to a culture of dialogue and to overcome the divisions provided by violent history. As church actors it is also important for us to reflect on the role of the churches in this history. It is a major precondition for credible witnessing against slavery today.

Program

Tuesday 10. Sept.	Arrival in Accra Welcome supper
Wednesday 11. Sept.	“The Group and the mission “
08.00	Holy Eucharist <i>(in Accra)</i>
08.30	Breakfast <i>(in Accra)</i>
09.00	Transfer to Elmina <i>(Bus travel)</i>
13.00	Lunch <i>(in Elmina)</i>
15.00	Opening of the Workshop <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrival and Registration (Time: 2:45pm – 3:00pm) • Opening Prayer • Welcome Address • Performance by Cultural Troupe • Introduction of Chairman • Chairman’s Remarks • Presentation of the Objectives/Mission Statement of the Workshop (Dr. Jörg Lüer) • Introduction of Special Guests, Dignitaries, and Key figures in attendance. • Introduction to the programme • Introduction of the participants • Goodwill Message • Cultural Performance • Closing Remark • Vote of Thanks • Closing Prayer • Networking and Refreshments
19.00	Dinner
<i>Coordination: Norman Mukasa & GJ&P Ghana</i>	
Thursday 12. Sept.	“The Place “
08.00	Holy Eucharist
08.30	Breakfast



09.30	Guided tours through Elmina (3 groups)
12.30	Lunch
14.30	Reflection in the groups <i>(Dr. Jörg Lürer)</i>
15.30	Presentation to the plenary <i>(Dr. Jörg Lürer)</i>
	Discussion and exchange <i>(Dr. Jörg Lürer)</i>
17.00	Prayer
19.00	Dinner

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Friday 13. Sept.

“The history “

07.00	Holy Eucharist
07.30	Breakfast
09.00	Session 1: Slave trade in Afrika <i>Dr. Kwame Adum-Kyeremeh (Head of Department of History, University of Ghana, Legon)</i> <i>Prof. Samuel Nyanchoga, Catholic University of East Africa (online)</i>
10.30	Break
11.00	Session 2: Slave trade in America and the Caribbeans <i>Dr. Jaime Ruiz de Santiago</i>
12.30	Lunch
14.30	Session 3: The transatlantic Slave trade – a European business model <i>Prof. Dr. phil. Andreas Eckert, Institute of Asian and African Studies, Humboldt University of Berlin (tbc)</i>
16.00	Break
16.30	Session 4: The churches and the slave trade <i>Fr. Dr. Christopher J. Kellerman (SJ)</i>
20.00	Dinner

Saturday 14. Sept.

“Legacy of the Slave trade today (places and mentalities) “

07.00	Holy Eucharist
07.30	Breakfast
09.00	Session 5: Examples from Africa <i>Assoc. Prof. Rev. Dr. Hervé M. Muyo, OMI, Ph.D</i>
10.30	Break
11.00	Session 6: Examples from America and the Caribbean <i>Danielle Harrison , M.A., J.D., Licenia Salazar Ibarguen. OD & Miguel Angel Correa</i>
12.30	Lunch
14.30	Session 7: Examples from Europe <i>Nelson Cummins, Curator Legacies of Slavery and Empire at Glasgow Museum</i>
16.00	Break
16.30	Session 8: Discussion (Legacy of the Slave trade)
19.00	Dinner

Sunday 15. Sept.

“Concrete Action in Groß-Friedrichsburg“

07.00	Breakfast
08.30	Departure to Groß-Friedrichsburg



11.30	Guided Tour
13.00	Lunch
14.00	Maintenance-Work in the Memorial
17.00	Holy Eucharist
18:00	Return to Elmina
20.30	Dinner

Day's organisation and logistics: Ghana project coordinator

Monday 16. Sept.

“Learning for today “

08.00	Breakfast
09.00	Session 9: Human trafficking – African experiences Dr. Martha Alibah (Head of Department of History, University of Cape Coast)
10.30	Break
11.00	Session 10: Human trafficking - American experiences Danielle Harrison, M.A., J.D & Nuno Coelho, Comissão Justice e Paz Brasil
12.30	Lunch
14.30	Session 11: Human trafficking – European experiences Alexander DesForges (Communications Director, Santa Marta Group)
16.00	Break
16.30	Session 12: The Santa Marta group – a church answer to the challenges of human trafficking Alexander DesForges (Communications Director, Santa Marta Group)
18.00	Wrap-up and first perspectives for future cooperation
19:30	Festive Holy Eucharist
20.30	Dinner and Farewell party

Tuesday 17. Sept.

Departure

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