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Speakers' Biographies

Sat, 11.9.2021, 7:00–10:30 UTC



Rev. Dr. Abraham Nana Opare Kwakye, University of Ghana, Accra, Ghana:
Indigenous African Perceptions of a European Mission in Africa

Rev. Dr. Abraham Nana Opare Kwakye is a Senior Lecturer of Church History and Missions at the Department for the Study of Religions. He is also an ordained Minister and presently the Chairperson of the Ga Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church of Ghana.



Group 1
Rev. Dr. Felix Kang Esoh, Presbyterian Theological Seminary (PTS), Kumba, Cameroon:
Racism in the Context of the PTS Kumba, Cameroon

Rev. Dr. Felix Kang Esoh (Presbyterian Church, Cameroon) is a full time-lecturer at the Presbyterian Theological Seminary (PTS), Kumba. He is the Vice Dean in Charge of Academic Affairs in the same institution. He holds a PhD in World Christianity, Mission and Cultural Studies from the Global Institute of Theology, Yonsei University in South Korea.



Group 2
Rev. Prof. Dr. Bouba Mbima, Université Protestante de l'Afrique Centrale, Yaoundé, Cameroon:
Racism and/within the Church: Focus on Africa

Rev. Prof. Dr. Bouba Mbima is Professor of Theology and Rector of the Protestant University of Central Africa (PUCA) in Cameroon since 2013. He is a pastor of the Union of Baptist Churches in Cameroon and President of the African Academy of Theology and Religious Studies. He is one of the founding members of the Association for Inter-faith Dialogue in Cameroon as well as the Ecumenical Theological Institute in Rabat, Morocco. He is the first Vice-President of the African Network of Protestant Churches.



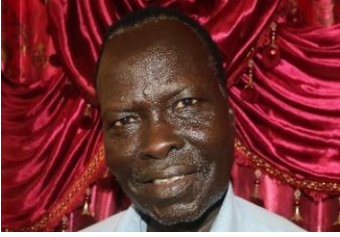
Group 3
Rev. Dr. Dauda A. Gava, EYN Kulp Theological Seminary, Nigeria: Racism:
Tribalism and Ethnicity as Canker Worm

Associate Professor Dauda A. Gava obtained a PhD in Biblical Studies New Testament from the University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa. He was Registrar of TCNN from 2012 to 2014. He is an Associate Professor of Biblical Studies New Testament. Currently he is the Provost/President of Kulp Theological Seminary of the EYN-Church of the Brethren in Nigeria since July 2014.

Group 4

Rev. Santino Odong Othol Kwanyang, Nile Theological College, Juba, South Sudan:

Racism in the Sudanese and South Sudanese Church: Past and Present



Rev. Santino Odong Othol Kwanyang studied Theology at Nile Theological College and at the Asian Theological Centre for Theological Studies and Mission as well as at the Evangelical Theological Seminary in Cairo in 2017 and is now a PhD candidate at the South African Theological Seminary (SATS). Since 2000, he has been an ordained Presbyterian pastor or Teaching Elder as well as a lecturer at Nile Theological College. Between 2003 and 2004 he shortly acted as an academic Dean and since 2013 he has been the principal of Nile Theological College.

Group 5

Rev. Mary Kategile, Teofilo Kisanji University, Mbeya, Tanzania: **Christian Missions in Tanzania and the Intricacy of Culture**



Rev. Mary Kategile is a Pastor in the Moravian Church in Tanzania. She is a lecturer at the faculty of Theology and a coordinator of the Continuing Education Programmes at Teofilo Kisanji University in Mbeya, Tanzania. She acts as advisor of the Women department of the Moravian Church in Tanzania and as a Secretary of the Circle of Concern of African Women Theologians, Chapter of Tanzania.

Rev. Prof. Dr. P. T. George, Professor of Missiology, United Theological College, Bangalore, India:

Missionaries' Encounter with Casteism/Racism: An Indian Perspective



Rev. Prof. Dr. P. T. George is an ordained Presbyterian of the Church of South India (East Kerala Diocese). He is Professor of Missiology at United Theological College in Bangalore, India. He has a PhD in Theology (Missiology) from the University of Birmingham, UK, and an MA (Philosophy) from Kerala University, India, as well as a M.Th (Missiology) from the Senate of Serampore College, India. He was the former Principal of Kerala United Theological Seminary in South India.

Group 1

Dr. Tong Wing-sze, Chung Chi College, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, China:

Early Swiss-Chinese Encounters: The Basel Mission in Hong Kong



Dr. Wing-sze Tong has a PhD in Religious Studies and is a General Education Programme Manager at Chung Chi College, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, China. Dr. Tong is a member of the Tsung Tsin Mission of Hong Kong.

Group 2

Vivi Wangka, Tsung Tsin Mission, Christian Action, Hong Kong, China:
Embrace Racial Diversity among Women Migrant Domestic Workers in Hong Kong: Best Practice of Shelter Project

Vistamika Wangka (Vivi) is currently an employee of Tsung Tsin Mission of Hong Kong and is seconded to work as a Director of a shelter for Female Migrant Domestic Workers of Christian Action in Hong Kong. Vivi graduated from a Theological Seminary of Eastern Indonesia (1994-1999) and Gender Studies at the School of Strategic and Global Study-Universitas Indonesia (2016-2018). Before moving to Hong Kong, Vivi established YWCA Indonesia in 2002 together with other women and became its first General Secretary from 2002 to 2009. Vivi was also involved in the ecumenical and interfaith network of YMCA Indonesia, the Women Desk of Communion of Churches in Indonesia (CCI), and the Disaster Desk and Global Fund project support for Malaria of the Indonesian Christian Association for Health Services (ICAHS).

Group 3

Obertina Johanis, PERUATI, Jakarta, Indonesia:
Let The Subaltern Speak: Racism and Church Mission In Indonesian Context From Women Perspectives

Rev. Obertina M. Johanis graduated with a master degree from Jakarta Theological Seminary. She is a Pastor at Pasundan Christian Church (GKP) and the Secretary of the National Board of PERUATI/ATEWI. She is a Counselor at Pasundan Durebang Women Crisis Centre and lives in Bandung. PERUATI (Persekutuan Perempuan Berpendidikan Teologi) is a national Association of Theologically Educated Women in Indonesia (ATEWI) whose members work in various contexts, such as churches, seminaries, NGOs, schools, and also in the government.

Group 4

Rev. Dr. Yusak B. Setyawan, PERSETIA, Jakarta, Indonesia

Group 5

Judy Berinai, Sabah Theological Seminary, Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia:
Not Race but Grace: Doing Christian Mission in Malaysia

Judy Berinai has been teaching at the Sabah Theological Seminary, Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, Malaysia since July 1991. She comes from one of the indigenous ethnic groups in Sabah, Malaysia and is affiliated with the Anglican Diocese of Sabah. She did her theological education in Trinity Theological College, Singapore, Wycliffe College, University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada and in Oxford Centre for Mission Studies/Middlesex University, London, Great Britain. In addition to teaching, she is also a translator and editor of theological books in the Malay language and is a speaker and a preacher in the Malay-speaking churches in Malaysia.



Group 6

Elvena Mosuin, Protestant Church of Sabah, Luther Seminary, Malaysia:
Racism and Respect among Congregation (God Had Call)

Elvena Mosuin has a Master in Divinity Studies from the Theological Seminary Sabah for three years in the programme Master Divinity 1. Before this she worked as a teacher in a non-governmental School in Tenom for three years. After graduating from the Theological Seminary Sabah she served the local Protestant Church of Sabah (PCS) in Tuaran for two years. Two years serving in a local church helped her to learn how important teaching is for growing in faith. Currently, she is teaching theology at the Luther Seminary of the PCS at Bavangazo Tinangol, Malaysia.

Tue, 14.9.2021, 15:00–18:30 UTC



Rev. Dr. Winelle Kirton-Roberts, Moravian Fellowship Geneva, Switzerland:

“Is it easier to ‘go’?” The Complexities of the Protestant Church in Europe and Migrant Mission.

Rev. Dr. Winelle Kirton-Roberts is a native of Barbados, is an ordained minister in the Moravian Church, Eastern West Indies Province. She has served in pastoral and administrative positions from 1993-2019. She is the founding Pastor of the Geneva Moravian Fellowship. Winelle Kirton-Roberts has earned several diplomas/degrees including a ThM from Princeton Theological Seminary and PhD in history from the University of the West Indies, Barbados.

Group 1

Rev. Dr. Almut Nothnagle, Evangelische Mission Weltweit, Hamburg, Germany:

The Significance of the Debates on Postcolonialism and the Black Lives Matter Movement for missionary societies and churches in Germany



Rev. Dr. Almut Nothnagle holds a PhD in Church History and Art of the Middle Ages. She is a pastor of the United Church of Christ and was a pastor at the Riverside Salem United Church of Christ, Buffalo, Upstate New York, as well as a school pastor at the Herder and Bollhagen Gymnasium in Berlin. She acted as the Middle East and Tanzania Secretary of the Berlin Mission of the Evangelical Church of Berlin Brandenburg and since 2017 she is the Middle East and Africa secretary of the Association of Protestant churches and Missionary agencies in Hamburg, Germany.

Group 2

Rev. Ravinder Salooja, Leipziger Mission, Leipzig, Germany



Rev. Ravinder Salooja, M.A., theologian and pastor as well as education manager, serves as director of Leipzig Mission since 2016. Together with the team of secretaries he is responsible for Leipzig Missions present topic ‘postcolonial mission’ discussing the mission society’s colonial entanglement. He was born into a Indo-German and Sikh-Christian family and studied theology at Bethel, Marburg, Bangalore and Tuebingen. After 13 years of parish ministries he got involved in special evangelisation ministries in the field of mission, ecumenism and church development services.

Group 3

Josefina Hurtado, Mission 21, Basel, Switzerland:
Racism in Intercultural Relations: The Power of Language



Josefina Hurtado Neira is a social anthropologist and has led participatory action research processes for public policy change in the fields of health and education and work in Chile and private universities as academic coordinator of diploma programs and training courses for gender studies programs and lecturer on Gender and Anthropology and Sexuality and Reproductive Health. Between 2013 until June 2021, she was the Head of the Women and Gender Desk of Mission 21. Currently she is a consultative advisor of the Latin-American Women's health network and collaborates with the World council of churches.

Group 4

Rev. Nicolas Monnier, Département Missionnaire, Lausanne, Switzerland:
The Mission Romande between Avantgarde and Paternalism



Rev. Nicolas Monnier is pastor of the Reformed Church of the Canton of Vaud, Switzerland. Since January 2015, he is also the director of DM. Born in 1965 in Mozambique to parents that were missionaries, he himself spent six years with his family as a DM pastoral envoyé in Mozambique. In 1995, he co-founded the magazine "Le Fait missionnaire", in which he has published regularly. His pastoral ministry in has been marked by the desire to make the Church's witness to the world visible and to open today's parishioners to this universal dimension of the biblical message as a mutual enrichment of spirituality and a commitment to solidarity that benefits everyone.

Prof. Dr. María Cristina Tirsa Ventura, National University of Costa Rica, Institute of Women's Studies, San José, Costa Rica:
From the coloniality to the interculturality of theology: a feminist look at racism in the religious realm



Prof. Dr. María Cristina Tirsa Ventura obtained a doctorate (PhD) in Religious Studies and Education with emphasis on pedagogical mediation and is now professor and researcher with teaching experience in different universities and academic centres. Currently, she is professor at the National University of Costa Rica, Institute of Women's Studies, and the University of Centroamérica (UTAC). She is tutor at the Biblical Theological and Pastoral Centre of the Latin American Episcopal Conference (CELAM), participant of the Latin American and Caribbean Biblical Network (RIBLA), participant of the Network of Theologians of Liberation Theology (Amerindia) and author of books and articles.

Group 1

Prof. Dr. Daniel Godoy, Comunidad Teológica Evangélica de Chile:
The discriminated and the discriminating



Prof. Dr. Daniel Godoy is doctorated (PhD) in Religious Sciences, mention in sacred scriptures, from the Methodist University of Sao Paulo. He is actually rector of the Evangelical Theological Community of Chile and pastor of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Chile.

Group 2

Prof. Dr. Karla Koll, Universidad Bíblica Latinoamericana, San José, Costa Rica:
To confront or to conform? Christian mission and power relations in multiethnic societies in Central America



Karla Ann Koll serves as professor of history, mission and religions at the Latin American Biblical University in San José, Costa Rica. Before she came to Costa

Rica in 2013, she worked in theological education for several years in Nicaragua and Guatemala. She holds a Ph.D. in mission, ecumenics and the history of religions from Princeton Theological Seminary. She is an ordained pastor and a mission co-worker of the Presbyterian Church (USA).

Group 3

Rev. Dr. Carlos E. Ham, Rector del SET Seminario Evangélico de Matanzas / Iglesia Presbiteriana Reformada de Cuba:

Aspects of Racism in Church Relations, with Focus on Europe and Latin America. An Ecumenical Seminary of Theology's Perspective



Rev. Dr. Carlos Emilio Ham has served as a pastor of the Presbyterian-Reformed Church in Cuba for more than 35 years, he is President Emeritus of the Caribbean Conference of Churches (CCC). He doctorated (DhP) with the thesis *Empowering Diakonia: A Model for Service and Transformation in the Ecumenical Movement and Local Congregations*. He joined the World Council of Churches staff in 2001 as Program Executive for Evangelism than for Diakonia & Latin America-Caribbean. In 2015 he was installed as Rector and Professor of Mission and Diakonia at the Seminario Evangélico de Teología (SET) in Matanzas, Cuba.

Group 4

Rev. Ofelia Ortega and **Moraima Gonzáles**, coordinadoras del trabajo de ICEG, Cuba:

Racism - a cultural construct



Rev. Ofelia Ortega Suárez is pastor of the Presbyterian-Reformed Church in Cuba and has also a Bachelor's degree in Education, specialising in English. Between 2006 and 2013, she chaired the World Council of Churches in Latin America and the Caribbean. Currently, in addition to teaching theology and ethics at the Seminario Evangélico de Teología en Matanzas (SET) she directs the Christian Institute of Gender Studies. She is the author or editor of several books, articles and essays.



Moraima Gonzáles Ortiz is graduated in Art History of the University of Havana and worked at the Cuban Institute of Cinematographic Art and Industry (ICAIC). From 1996 to date she has been working at the Seminario Evangélico de Teología en Matanzas (SET), Cuba, as coordinator of diaconal projects of this ecumenical institution. Since 2004 she has also been responsible for the public relations and promotion of the SET and is coordinator of the Christian Institute of Gender Studies (ICEG).

Group 5

Rev. Javier Ulloa Castellanos, Director General del Seminario Bautista de México:

Indigenous racism in Mexico: a hidden reality



Rev. Javier Ulloa Castellanos is a Baptist Pastor and has worked in several churches in Mexico. He graduated in theology and philosophy and has a Master's degree in Latin American Studies and in History of the Church in Latin America. He taught philosophy as well as theology, historical analysis of Christian thought, history of Christianity and Protestantism in Latin America and ethics at several universities and protestant theological seminaries in Mexico. He is currently the general director of the Baptist Seminary of Mexico. He collaborated in several movements dedicated to peace building and mediation of religious and social conflicts, inspired by the spirituality and commitment of the Baptist pastor and Nobel Peace Prize winner in 1964, Martin Luther King Jr., such as BPFNA-Baptists for Peace and Together for Dignity of the movement Evangelicals for Democracy and Human Rights in Mexico.

Fri, 17.9.2021, 11:00–14:30 UTC

Sarahí García Gómez, Iglesia Presbiteriana-Reformada, Cuba



Sarahí García Gómez graduated in psychology and theology. She currently works as a chaplain for the Youth Ministry of the Presbyterian Reformed Church in Cuba and in her local church in Cárdenas. She also coordinates a space called “Azabache” to accompany the Afro-Cuban community. This initiative develops themes of identity and history, as well as festivals for children and youth, and promotes entrepreneurship. Sarahí and her husband, Pastor Alison Infante Zamora, are currently members of the community initiative “Wenilere Cardenense” that promotes Afro-Cuban empowerment in one of the city’s neighbourhoods, as well as community self-management through entrepreneurship and urban agriculture (permaculture techniques and land management for larger-scale crops).

Theresia Yunita Tan, Jakatarub, Indonesia



Theresia Yunita Tan is a visual artist and graphic designer and has been responsible since 2013 for campaign media and creative products that promote tolerance and peace with the Indonesian inter-faith youth network JAKATARUB. Apart from managing creative events for the International Tolerance Day campaign, Jakatarub also publishes books, produces films, creates board games and composes songs, in collaboration with various communities in Bandung. Their aim is to promote a peaceful, pluralistic society in Indonesia through public actions. Yunita also works as a facilitator in creative media training for students. She also owns a fine art material store. She is interested in understanding social phenomena, especially interfaith and gender equality issue, and deepening them through visual language.

Msgr. Prof. Dr. Obiora Ike, Globethics, Geneva / Godfrey Okoye Univ., Nigeria



Msgr. Prof. Dr. Obiora Ike is a Professor of Ethics and Intercultural Studies at the Godfrey Okoye University in Enugu State, Nigeria. He is the Founding Director of the Catholic Institute of Development, Justice, Peace and Caritas (CIDJAP); Chairman of the Enugu State Economic Advisory Committee. He is currently the Executive Director of the Geneva based Global Ethics Centre (GlobEthics.net). Ordained Catholic Priest at the age of 25 in Austria, Pope John Paul II elevated him to a Papal Chamberlain in 1999 as the youngest Monsignor in Nigeria at the time. Dr. Ike studied from 1975 to 1986 in Nigeria, Austria, Germany, France, and the UK, and holds degrees in philosophy, theology, economics, journalism, and political science. He gained his doctorate degrees in Bonn, Germany, with specialisation in Ethics and Christian Social Thought.

Rev. Elise Theunissen, Moravian Church, South Africa

Studies in Theology at the Moravian Theological Seminar and Master of Theology (M.Th) at the University of Stellenbosch (2005)

Served two terms as Vice President of the Moravian Church in South Africa-2008-2012 and 2012 - 2016

Served then on the Finance and Property, Welfare Department, EMS, LUCSA

2016-2020 Served 3 main congregations in the Western Cape 2021- Serves 1 congregation part-time

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Rev. Dr. Daniel Frei, Head Ministry Worldwide Church, Reformed Churches Basel, Switzerland

Rev. Dr. Daniel Frei studied Languages first and Theology afterwards. He has a PhD in Theology from the University of Basel, Switzerland. He worked for 15 years as a highschool teacher and for five years as Reverend for the Reformed Church in Winterthur, Zürich. For six years he was a Professor for Practical Theology at the Comunidad de Teología Evangélica in Concepcion, Chile, representing Basel Mission and Mission 21. After his return to Switzerland, he was elected as head of the Ministry Worldwide Church of the Reformed Churches of Basel. Daniel Frei is member of the board of Basel Mission.

Rev. Dr. Scotty Williams, All Souls Protestant Church, St. Gallen, Switzerland:**True Reconciliation: How To Deal With Racism In The Church?**

Rev. Dr. Scotty Jermaine Williams was born in the southern United States and comes from Louisiana's Black-Creole community. He is an ordained pastor and public theologian, and holds Bachelors, Masters, and Doctoral degrees in theology and ministry. Before coming to Switzerland, he served as assistant minister at the Morrison Baptist Church of Minneapolis, and associate pastor at the International Protestant Church of Zürich. Scotty currently serves as pastor of All Souls Protestant Church in St. Gallen, lectures on Black American religion and culture at the Universities of Basel and St. Gallen, and writes children's books for the preservation of Black American folklore.