



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
	08.30 Breakfast
	09.00 Transfer to Elmina
	13.00 Lunch
	15.00 Opening of the Workshop <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome (GJP Ghana) • Mission Statement (<i>Dr. Jörg Lüer</i>) • Introduction to the program (<i>GJ&P Ghana</i>) • Introduction of the participants
	19.00 Dinner
<i>Moderation & 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 Lüer</i>)
	15.30 Presentation to the plenary (<i>Dr. Jörg Lüer</i>) Discussion and exchange (<i>Dr. Jörg Lüer</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>Prof. Akosua Adoma Perbi & Prof. Samuel Nyanchoga</i>)
	10.30 Break



11.00	Session 2: Slave trade in America and the Caribbeans <i>(Prof. Howard W. French, Author tbc)</i>
12.30	Lunch
14.30	Session 3: The transatlantic Slave trade – a European business model <i>JPC Amsterdam</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>Dr. Wilhelmina Joseline Donkoh, Kwame Nkrumah University (tbc)</i>
10.30	Break
11.00	Session 6: Examples from America and the Caribbean <i>Danielle Harrison, Columbia Cartagena group & Nikole Hannah-Jones, Author (tbc)</i>
12.30	Lunch
14.30	Session 7: Examples from Europe <i>Danielle Thom, Curator Museum of London Docklands (tbc)</i>
16.00	Break
16.30	Session 8: UNESCO slave route project <i>Brenden Varma, Programme Manager for the United Nations (tbc)</i>
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 <i>Dr. Wilhelmina Joseline Donkoh (tbc)</i>
10.30	Break
11.00	Session 10: Human trafficking - American experiences <i>(Danielle Harrison Co-Director of the Slavery, History, Memory and Reconciliation Project)</i>
12.30	Lunch
14.30	Session 11: Human trafficking – European experiences



(The Santa Marta Group)

16.00	Break
16.30	Session 12: The Santa Marta group – a church answer to the challenges of human trafficking (The 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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