

Archbishop Michael Aidan Courtney Memorial Conference on Catholic Peacebuilding in Africa's Great Lakes Region
the Third Annual International Conference of the Catholic Peacebuilding Network in collaboration with The Conference of Catholic Bishops of Burundi and Catholic Relief Services

July 24-28, 2006

Bujumbura, Burundi

In an effort to improve international understanding of and support for the Church's peacebuilding efforts in the Great Lakes region, this conference will focus on the following questions:

- What characteristics of Catholic theology and ethics inform the Church's peacebuilding initiatives, and to what extent are they distinctively Catholic?
- What are the challenges and lessons learned ("best practices") related to the Church's peacebuilding activities?
- What is the impact of these activities on the wider search for peace and how do we know it?
- What new peacebuilding programs might be considered?
- How can the Church in other parts of the world help support the peacebuilding of the Church in the Great Lakes region?

Exposure Visits on Monday, July 24

All Sessions are in the Source du Nil Conference Room, unless otherwise noted.

Wednesday, July 26

7:00 Mass

6:30-8:30 Breakfast

8:30 Opening Ceremony (Part I beginning at 1:15: Dialup/ Broadband) (Part II until 1:01: Dialup/Broadband)

Prayer in Remembrance of the Witness for Peace of the Most Reverend Michael Aidan Courtney

Most Reverend Evariste NGOYAGOYE, Bishop of Bujumbura; Director, Justice and Peace Commission, Conference of Catholic Bishops of Burundi

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Most Reverend Jean NTAGWARARA, Bishop of Bubanza; President, Conference of Catholic Bishops of Burundi

Introduction to the Conference

Scott APPLEBY, Steering Committee, Catholic Peacebuilding Network

Dorothy Madison Seck, Regional Director, CRS Central Africa

The Search for Peace in Burundi

Most Reverend Paul GALLAGHER, Apostolic Nuncio in Burundi

Martin NDUWIMANA, First Vice-President of Burundi

Letter from Cardinal Angelo SODANO, Vatican Secretary of State

10:30 Break

11:00 Contextualization: The Struggle for Peace in the Great Lakes region (beginning at 1:01: Dialup/Broadband)

Most Reverend Joachim Ntahondereye, Bishop of Muyinga, Burundi

Most Reverend François-Xavier MAROY, Archbishop of Bukavu, DRC

Fr. Antoine Kambanda, Rector, Major Seminary, Kabgayi, Rwanda

Moderator: Sylvia Servaes, Misereor Working Group on Peace and Development

12:15 Lunch

14:30 The Church in the DRC: Promoting Political Change

Most Reverend François-Xavier MAROY, Archbishop of Bukavu

Mathilde MUHINDO, Director, Olame Centre

Moderator: Fr. Michael PERRY, OFM, Franciscans International

15:45 Break

16:15 Small Group Discussions (see last page for description)

17:30 Adjourn

19:00-21:00 Reception at the Apostolic Nunciature

Host: Archbishop Paul Gallagher, Apostolic Nuncio in Burundi

Thursday, July 27

7:00 Mass

6:30-8:30 Breakfast

8:30 Prayer in Remembrance of Witnesses for Peace

Most Reverend Simon Ntamwana, Archbishop of Gitega; President of the Commission on Trauma and Healing

9:00 Preliminaries

9:15 The Church in Rwanda : Reconciliation through Base Communities Dialup/Broadband

Fr. Fabien RWAKAREKE, Pastorale d'ensemble, Diocese of Nyundo

Euthalie NYIRABEGA, Professor of Social Sciences, Rwanda National University; Butare Diocesan Justice and Peace Commission

Jean Claude Ngendandumwe, Project Officer, Episcopal Justice and Peace Commission of Rwanda

Simon Gasibirege, Professor of Psychopedagogy, Rwanda National University

Moderator: Larissa Fast, Visiting Assistant Professor, Joan B. Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, University of Notre Dame

10:30 Break

11:00 Linking Theology, Ethics and Praxis: A Synthesis

Scott Appleby, Director, Joan B. Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, University of Notre Dame

Lisa Cahill, Professor of Theology, Boston College

Moderator: Fr. Peter-John Pearson, Director, Parliamentary Liaison Office, Southern African Bishops' Conference

12:15 Lunch

14:30 The Church in Burundi : Trauma Healing (Dialup/ Broadband)

Most Reverend Simon Ntamwana, Archbishop of Gitega; President of the Commission on Trauma and Healing

Fr. Emmanuel Ntakarutimana, O.P., Director of Ubuntu

David NIYONZIMA, Trauma Healing and Reconciliation Services

Moderator: Abbé Astère KANA, Professor of Theology, Major Seminary of Bujumbura

15:45 Break

16:15 Small Group Meetings by Region/Country: 3 priorities for peacebuilding in your country/region

17:30 Adjourn

18:30 Reception and Dinner

20:00 Plenary Session: Reports of Small Group Meetings

Friday, July 28

6:30-8:30 Breakfast

8:30 Prayer in Remembrance of Witnesses for Peace

Most Reverend Frédéric RUBWEJANGA, Bishop of Kibungo; President, Rwandan Episcopal Commission for Justice and Peace

9:00 Preliminaries

9:15 The Church as Peacebuilder (Dialup/ Broadband)

A vision and analysis of the Church's role in the Great Lakes region based in Catholic social teaching and theology.

Most Reverend Gervais Banshimiyubusa, Bishop of Ngozi, Burundi Paul Rutayisire, Director, Justice and Peace Program, CRS Rwanda

Moderator: Fr. William Headley, CSSP, Counselor to President, CRS

10:30 Break

11:00 Plenary: Catholic Theological Foundations of Peacebuilding (Dialup/ Broadband)

Scott Appleby, Director, Joan B. Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, University of Notre Dame

Fr. Emmanuel Ntakarutimana, O.P., Director of Ubuntu

Lisa Cahill, Professor of Theology, Boston College

Fr. Peter-John Pearson, Director, Parliamentary Liaison Office, Southern African Bishops' Conference

12:15 Lunch

14:00 The Challenge of Solidarity I (Dialup/ Broadband)

How can the Church in the Great Lakes region strengthen its collaboration on peacebuilding?

Most Reverend Frédéric RUBWEJANGA, Bishop of Kibungo; President, Rwandan Episcopal Commission for Justice and Peace

Most Reverend Jean Ntagwarara, Bishop of Bubanza; President, Conference of Catholic Bishops of Burundi

Moderator: Most Reverend Evariste NgoyagoyE, Bishop of Bujumbura

15:15 Break

15:45 The Challenge of Solidarity II (Part 1: Dialup/ Broadband, Part 2: Dialup/ Broadband)

How can the Church from outside the region contribute to peacebuilding in the Great Lakes region?

Cesar Villueneva, Former Vice-President, Pax Christi International

Fr. don Francesco Tedeschi, Comunità' di Sant' Egidio, Rome

Most Reverend John Ricard, International Policy Committee, U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops

Most Reverend John Onaiyekan, Archbishop of Abuja; President, Symposium of Episcopal Conferences of Africa and Madagascar

Moderator: David ROTHROCK, Deputy Regional Director, CRS East Africa

17:15 Wrap up and Future Directions (Dialup/ Broadband)

Myla Leguro, CRS Mindanao, Steering Committee, CPN

Scott APPLEBY, Steering Committee, CPN

17:45 Adjourn

18:00 Departure to the Cathedral for the Closing Mass

18:15 Closing Mass at the Cathedral

19:45 Departure from the Cathedral for L'Entente Sportive

20:00 Reception, Dinner and Cultural Event

L'Entente Sportive, Bujumbura

22:00 Departure from L'Entente Sportive to return to hotels

Format, Topics and Questions for Small Group Discussions

Wednesday, 16:15-17:30, and Thursday, 11:00-12:15

Topics:

There will be 6 small group discussions during each of the 2 sessions. The 6 topics will be chosen from the following list of 8 based upon the participants' preferences. Please sign up at the registration desk by Wednesday at 11:00 a.m.

- Grassroots/ parish-based peacebuilding
- Inter-religious/ ecumenical dialogue and peacebuilding
- Role of Church in reconciliation (e.g., truth commissions and other forms of accountability, forgiveness, healing)
- Church's role in education for peace, including work with youth
- The Church and peacebuilding through structural change (e.g., good governance, mediation, advocacy for human rights and other public policy issues)
- The Church and trauma healing
- A theology and spirituality of peace

· Relationship between the Church's relief and development programs and peacebuilding

Questions for Discussion:

The Small Group Discussions will address the following questions:

· What characteristics of Catholic theology and ethics inform the particular kind of peacebuilding being discussed, and to what extent are they distinctively Catholic?

· What are the challenges and lessons learned ("best practices") related to these peacebuilding activities?

· What is the impact of the particular peacebuilding initiatives on the wider search for peace and how do we know it?

Reporting:

Each group will select one person to take notes and prepare no more than a one-page, single-spaced summary (in French or English or both) that will be distributed to the plenary and considered for the CPN website.