

Wednesday, November 29, 2023

9:00 Morning prayers

9:30 What follows from this conflict for ecumenical cooperation?
General Secretary Heike Jakubeit (Norddeutsche Mission)

10:15 Break

10:45 Decolonizing Human Sexuality: Towards a new era for ecumenical cooperation *Dr. Masiwa Ragies Gunda (WCC)*

11:30 Plenum

12:00 Conference Communique

12:30 Lunch

Registration until 10th of November 2023
per E-Mail: info@missionsakademie.de

Please indicate your name and billing address.
Registration by mail is binding, cancellation deadlines must be observed.

Please transfer the Conference fee (incl. overnight stay and all meals) of

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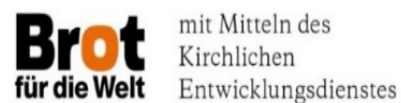
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Contrasting Positions

An Ecumenical Exploration on LGBTQ+
at the Academy of Mission

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We are currently witnessing that in various countries in Africa, but also in Eastern Europe, state legislation against LGBTQ+ communities is being tightened. In most cases, the local churches agree with this policy or brand emancipation efforts of people with a different sexual orientation as a danger for the respective society.

As churches shaped by the European context our commitment to an unlimited validity of human rights collides with the claim of some African churches to position themselves independently and free of post-colonial influence in fundamental ethical questions and also to distinguish themselves from the West.

What do these contrary positions mean for our further ecumenical cooperation? How can we deal with the different positions? How can we ensure the dignity of the different people and cultures?

The aim of this conference is to have an open and honest roundtable dialogue to consider the various perspectives on human sexuality emerging from some selected African churches and German churches.

Monday, November 27th 2023

15:00 Welcome

*Director Rainer Kiefer (EMW)
Rev. Kirsten Wolandt (MA)*

15:30 What theological criteria plays a role in ELCT statements on LGBTQ?

Bishop Alex Mkumbo (ELCT)

16:15 What theological criteria plays a role in EKD statements on LGBTQ?

Dr. Horst Gorski (EKD)

17:00 Coffee break

17:20 Workshops

18:00 Plenum

18:30 Dinner

19:30 Social gathering

Tuesday, November 28th 2023

9:00 Morning prayers

9:30 How does the position of the Church in East Africa affect the community?

*Susann Küster-Karugia
(Leipziger Missionswerk)*

10:15 Break

10:45 To whom shall we go: Revisiting the 'Unholy Trinity' of Culture, Religion and Law in LGBTQ Discourses in East Africa

*Rev. Godfrey M. O. Adera (Kenia/
University of Western Cape S.A.)*

11:30 Workshops

12:30 Lunch

15:00 Opportunities and problems in the implementation of concrete projects

Rev. Denis Adufuli (Ghana/Academy of Mission)

15:45 Opportunities and problems in the implementation of concrete projects

Tina Kleiber (Brot für die Welt)

16:30 Break

17:00 Workshops

18:00 Plenum

18:30 Dinner

19:30 Social gathering