This online conference is aimed at those committed to ecumenical partnerships between churches in Africa and/or Asia resp. Europe and who are interested in new models and fresh ideas for their work. It builds up on a critical assessment on the paradigm of partnership, which we had earlier in 2021 (published as Tima 18): https://www.missionsakademie.de/tima.html

To deepen our understanding, we are asking: What is needed for a postcolonial path of learning in North-South exchange? What perspectives can be made visible from the different contexts? What guiding vision of partnership can motivate people to work together? What would have to change in order to make the network of the worldwide church also tangible for new participants? How can partnership work and thematic work be better linked? How do multilateral partnerships change the cooperation?

In responsibility for overcoming colonialism and racism, we want to ask how the church can be a positive model of reconciliation work and diaconal solidarity in a transcultural dimension. We are looking forward to your participation.

The conference language will be English throughout. All times are in CET.

Monday, 7th of March 2022

8:30 Devotion
Rev. Gabriele Hoerschelmann
Director (MEW)

8:45 Introduction
Rev. Dr. Anton Knuth,
Head of Studies (MA)

9:30 What role does solidarity and reconciliation play in development cooperation?
Rev. Tut Mai, Development officer (PCOSS/South-Sudan)

10:00 Q & A

10:15 Break

10:30 Overcoming paternalism in South-South and Trilateral Partnerships
Rev. Petrus Sugito, Deputy Executive Secretary Asia (UEM)

11:00 Q & A

11:15 Break

11:30 Discussions in breakout groups

12:15 Plenary

13:00 End of day 1

Tuesday, 8th of March 2022

8:30 Devotion
Rev. Dr. Dyni Krismawati,
Executive Asia Secretary (UEM)

8:45 In search of a new theology of partnership
Rt. Rev. Dietmar Arends,
Chair of Board (EMW)

9:15 Q & A

9:30 Break

9:45 Network of Young Adults (UEM)
Ephraim Mark Chicay, UCCP (Philippines),
Nkosana Mabuza, URCSA (South-Afrika),
Aron Twinomukama, ELCT (Tanzania)

10:15 Q&A

10:30 Break

10:45 How can the SDGs be better integrated into partnership work? To what extent do cultural influences play a role?
Dorcas Parsalaw, Head of Studies – Mission Intercultural (MEW)

11:15 Q & A

11:30 Discussions in breakout groups
Wednesday, 9th of March 2022

8:30 Devotion Rt.Rev. Samuel F. Fonki

8:45 What positive impulses can be gained from migration to racism and colonialism?
   Dr. Joy Alemazung
   (Major Heubach)

9:15 Q&A

9:30 Break

9:45 Between aid and funding and shared learning for a sustainable world. Church partnerships at Bread for the World.
   Lars Bedurke, Head of the Education Department, Bread of the World / Brot für die Welt

10:10 Q & A

10:30 Break

10:45 Discussion in breakout groups

11:15 Plenary

12:30 Resumé and follow up

13:00 Blessings and End of conference

Registration until 1th of March 2022 per E-Mail: info@missionsakademie.de

There is no registration fee applying.

The links will be sent to you a few days prior to the conference.

Preparation team

Frauke Bürgers (UEM)/ Christoph von Seggern (MEW)/ Johannes Stahl (EMS)/ Anton Knuth (MA)

Contact
anton.knuth@missionsakademie.de
www.missionsakademie.de

Building the Global Church together:
New Visions and Ideas for the Partnership Work
A North-South Online Conference

7th - 9th of March 2022

Missionsakademie Hamburg
Rupertistr. 67
22609 Hamburg