

**Theological Consultation
of the Norddeutsche Mission**

12th – 15th June, 2017 in Detmold, Lippe

**Mission in multi-religious contexts:
pluralistic theology of religions –
the end or the beginning of Christian mission?**

Monday, 12/6/2017

10-11 h Arrival

11 h Welcome address President Dietmar Arends

Presentation of consultation theme, Announcements Gen
Sec. Hannes Menke

12:30 h Lunch

14.30 h Coffee

15 h Small group discussions (3-4 participants):

Leading questions: How do I see other religions and their adherents? Have there been changes in the way I perceive people of other religions, in my biography?

16.30 short break

**16.45 h Lecture: Christian perceptions of other religions –
examined from an intercultural perspective of the academic
study of religion**

What are and what have been typical Christian theological positions towards other religions?

(Ignorance, mission, syncretism, dialogue, coexistence, competition...)

PD Dr. Claudia Jahnel

18:15 h Dinner

**19:30 h Workshop: A new grammar for dialogue and mission:
An Adivasi Theological Perspective."**

Dr. Christ Sumit Abhay Kerketta

Tuesday, 13/6/2017

8 h Morning devotion (Gh?)

8:15 h Breakfast

9:00 h Bible sharing: Acts 17:16-34 (Dt?)

10 h Coffee break

10.15 h Contributions from experience: Christianity from the outside

- Christianity in a Muslim perspective
- Christianity in an atheist perspective?

11:15 h Lecture: Biblical perspectives

How are adherents of other religions engaged in New Testament writings
(competition, rivalry, strife or cohabitation, syncretism, inculturation etc.)

Prof. Dr. Werner Kahl, Mission Academy, Hamburg

12:30 h Lunch

14.30h Coffee

15 h Lecture: History of mission

How has African Traditional Religion been perceived and treated by missionaries of Bremen Mission?

Dr. Cyril Fayose, Evangelical Presbyterian University Campus, Ho

16:30 h short break

16.45 h Lecture: Academic study of religions

How have African Traditional Religions reacted in the encounter with adherents of other religions (Islam and Christianity – Protestant and Roman-Catholic)?

Dr. Rose-Mary Amenga-Etego, Department of Religions, University of Ghana, Legon-Accra

18.15 h Dinner

19:30 h Workshop: Christian – Islam Dialog

Chances for understanding and/or hindrance for mission?

Statements from Germany, Togo (?) and Ghana (?)

Wednesday 14/6/2017

8 h Morning devotion (Tg?)

8.15 Breakfast

9:00 h Bible sharing: Gen. 14:17-24 (Gh?)

10 h Coffee break

10.15 h Lecture: Mission Theology

A pluralistic theology of religion:

Chances and challenges for Christian mission in a multi-religious world

PD Dr. Claudia Jahnel

11:30 h Discussion in study groups

What does Christian witness mean in a “glocalized” multi-religious world?

12:30 h Lunch

14.30h Coffee

15 h Working groups to discuss the following questions:

1. Are there any essential insights we gained during the consultation?
2. What are possible consequences (renewal, transformation, etc.)
 - for our relationships to other religions?
 - for mission?
3. What might be useful for implementation
 - in our particular contexts?
 - for our common mission?

18.15 h Dinner

19.30 h Fresh expression of church and strategies for mission

New Experiences in Bremen, Ghana (?) and Togo (?)

Thursday, 15/6/2017

8 h (Ind?)

8.15 h Breakfast (Tg?)

9 h Transfer to a neighbouring congregation, Oerlinghausen

9.30 h Bible sharing: Gal. 2:1-10

10:30 h Discussion of a concluding declaration

Rethinking mission in our multi-religious world

12.30 h Lunch

14.00 h Closing ceremony