

A View from Africa's Great Lakes

In this session Emmanuel will respond to Michael's presentation to offer reflections from his position as chair of the board of the Great Lakes Initiative (GLI). The GLI is a community of restless Christian leaders across the African Great Lakes Region seeking to embody God's vision of reconciliation, to inspire, form, and support other leaders in the region and beyond. Emmanuel is also Francophone Africa Regional Director of the Lausanne Movement.

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A. A brief history of GLI

1. The Great Lakes Initiative (GLI):
 - a. The fruit of the Lausanne Movement
 - b. The 2004 Pataya experience
 - c. The move towards partnership in Reconciliation
 - d. The deepening and extension of the experience

B. The Christian Vision for Reconciliation:

2. 1. The Word Made Flesh Methodology
 - a. The Bible (theology) matters
 - b. The context matters
 - c. The practices matters
3. The GLI Reconciliation Institute: Day 1: Reconciliation towards what?
 - a. Day 2: What is going on? (The day of lament)
 - b. Day 3: How does hope look like (The day of Pilgrimage)
 - c. Day 4: What kind of leadership?
 - d. Day 5: Spirituality in the long haul

C. A Community of leaders marked by:

1. Restlessness due to the tension between:
 - a. What ought to be and
 - b. What is going on in the region

2. Hope born out of
 - a. Stories of lament and
 - b. The pilgrimage that allows to see, touch and feel hope
3. Prayers to encourage one another on the reconciliation journey

D. Conclusion: applicability/transferability?

1. Reconciliation as God's Mission
2. The Church as God's Agent of Reconciliation

E. Suggested readings

Reconciliation as the Mission of God: Christian Witness in a World of Destructive Conflict (pdf)

Emmanuel Katongole & Chris Rice; *Reconciling All Things: A Christian Vision for Justice, Peace and Healing* (IVP)

Trevor Hudson; *A Mile in My Shoes: Cultivating Compassion* (IPS)

Emmanuel Katongole; *The Sacrifice of Africa: A Political Theology for Africa* (Eerdmans)