

Healing Hearts, Transforming Nations

International School of Reconciliation
October 3rd-16th, 2022, Kigali, Rwanda



“More Detailed Document”

Please read carefully!

This sheet gives you important information about the course and requirements, but please feel free to email us about any further questions you may have.

An application does not mean automatic acceptance on the course, but every application will be prayerfully considered and after acceptance, payment will be needed to book the place.

THERE ARE 3 OPTIONS:

Option 1: The full 13-day School including practicum

Option 2: The Healing Hearts, Transforming Nations (HHTN) workshop only (5 days)

Option 3: In addition to 13 days, not compulsory (optional) 4 days community work, study tour or exposure to Rwanda with additional cost.

OBJECTIVE OF THE COURSE

To equip Christian leaders in nations and communities plagued by divisions or violence with a Bible-based, Cross-centred message to bring healing and forgiveness to their communities, to restore relationships and to bring new hope for lasting peace.

SPECIFIC AIMS

- To help Christian leaders experience inner healing of their wounds and find grace to forgive or repent
- To teach trainees how to take the message of reconciliation through teaching HHTN
- To provide the trainees with tools to develop a healthy devotional life and skills that will help them to work well in teams
- To equip trainees with Biblical principles that are effective in responding practically to community challenges

HISTORY AND BACKGROUND

Rwanda is the most obvious case of societal breakdown based on conflict between different groups. The genocide of 1994 against the Tutsi killed almost a million people in a nation that was thought to be more than 80% Christian.

There is, however, an untold story, which is that Rwanda today is an expression of God's grace and a witness to the possibility of forgiveness even in the most impossible situations. In 1994, Dr Rhiannon Lloyd, a former medical doctor and psychiatrist from Wales, was invited to Rwanda following the massacre. God used her powerfully to initiate and later to develop an approach called "Healing the Wounds of Ethnic Conflict". Joseph Nyamutera (Rwandan), Daniel Kasereka (Congolese), and many others helped to contextualise the material and develop training models. This course is now used by local leaders in churches and Christian organizations in many countries like Rwanda, Burundi, DRC, Kenya, Uganda, South Africa, Southern Sudan, Ethiopia, Ivory Coast, Nepal, India, Sri Lanka, Ukraine, Hungary, Wales, and more. As the workshop spread globally, we changed the name to 'Healing Hearts, Transforming Nations' to be more inclusive.

As a result of many requests for this teaching from around the world, we are running an International School of Reconciliation, which brings together people from different countries to Rwanda for **13** days to experience a heart change and learn how to take this 'Light to the Nations' (Isa 60:3).

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- We are looking for people who feel called by God into a ministry of reconciliation and who are interested to learn our approach.
- We want to invest in people who have a role and position to impact their community and church, and who have been sent by their leaders. A reference from your leader will be required as part of the application process.
- We expect attendees to have a minimum High School level of education in order to be able to cope with the demands of the course. They should also be familiar with the Bible and be fluent in English.

Our priority is for attendees from nations or communities that have experienced violence or strong divisions of an ethnic nature during the last 10 years. Priority will also be given to those working in peace building, leadership training or community development.

It would be particularly beneficial if a team of 2 or more, who represent the different ethnic groups in their country, could attend together and they will be given a discount of 10% on the course fees.

COVID INFORMATION

Rwanda government requires full vaccination for anyone visiting Rwanda or those who attend gathering. Presently a 24-hour quarantine and PCR test are required. Participants should budget for those items. We will keep applicants updated in case of any changes. For more information visit Rwanda Biomedical Centre (RBC) at <https://www.rbc.gov.rw/>

****Current Covid Update**

No quarantine needed but arriving passengers must present a negative rapid test taken 72 hours prior to departure. An additional rapid test will be taken upon arrival,

at own cost (\$5). Departing passengers must present a negative rapid or PCR test taken 72 hours prior to departure, **depending on rules at destination**. Wearing face masks is no longer mandatory. However, people are encouraged to wear them indoors. ~~The public is urged to get frequently tested while continuing to observe preventative measures.~~ We will notify you if there's any further change.

COURSE MATERIAL

- We encourage trainees to bring a printed NIV Bible in English. If this not possible, you may bring any other Bible version in print or digital.
- We will provide printed and digital copies of the HHTN teaching book, the training manual and other materials for those staying for the training.
- We will provide students with basic stationary, a small relevant library and internet access for research.

METHODOLOGY

The varied and creative workshop *Healing Hearts, Transforming Nations (HHTN)* includes interactive teaching on God's character, Jesus as our pain bearer, the power of forgiveness and repentance, the role of the church, and a healed identity. There are also practical and group activities. After experiencing the workshop, participants will be trained to conduct their own workshop and will have the opportunity to do this practically in the community under coaching.

Teaching will also be given on how to live out our reconciliation practically in the community, as well as various heart and practical issues which will be relevant in running a reconciliation ministry.

- We encourage creative interactive teaching that includes the following: Small groups, dialogues, arts, drama, songs....
- The trainees will have opportunity to learn from the stories of repentant perpetrators of the genocide and victims who have found grace to forgive.
- The trainees will be expected to write a personal journal every day. Facilitators will use these journals in their work with the trainees.
- Outings and personal interaction will be encouraged to increase cross-cultural involvement.
- Trainees will be expected to teach as part of the practicum experience. They will be responsible to plan and run a HHTN workshop under the coaching of experienced local leaders.
- There will also be opportunities to participate in other community activities.

ACCOMMODATION



- This is a residential course and accommodation will be at the Rabagirana centre in a suburb of Kigali with beautiful views of the surrounding countryside.
- The participants will be expected to share a room with 1 or 2 other people. This will enhance the cross-cultural experience.
- Bed linen, towels, and mosquito nets or electrical repellent plugs will be provided.
- Opportunities will be given to go shopping.

CERTIFICATION

On completion of the full course, participants will be issued certificates giving them permission to use our materials in their own settings.

DATES

Full School October 3-16th (see alternative departure dates below)

Note: It is very important that you arrive on Monday, October 3, for the start of the school, but we also allow those who travelled a long way to come a day early free of charge so they can rest. Departure for the full school will be on October 16th, for the HHTN only on Saturday October 8th, and for those unable to stay for the practicum on Friday October 14th. For those interested in remaining behind to do tourism and community work, it will take place from October 19th – 21st.

Any other requests to arrive early or to stay longer need to be pre-approved before transportation is arranged and will be charged an additional \$30 per day.

TIME TABLE AND CONTENT

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The course will involve:

- 4 days experiencing the Healing Hearts, Transforming Nations (HHTN) workshop
- Saturday visit to Gisozi Genocide Memorial followed by a time of Debriefing
- Sunday: Rest, Worship, Pray and Meditate
- 5 Days Training of Facilitators to conduct the HHTN workshop, with emphasis on Methodology
- 2 days practicum: This is an opportunity to teach the HHTN workshops in the community, under coaching, followed by a time of debriefing.

The course will also include teaching on:

Peace-building and Community Change

- Biblical foundations for community transformation
- Promoting peace through different community initiatives
- And an opportunity for Community Outreach

Called to serve: Hearts, teams and skills

- Servant leadership
- Team dynamics
- Self-Care: Avoiding fatigue, and burnout

The School will officially close on Sunday, October 16th with a final celebration and the presentation of certificates. Those who plan to leave immediately should consider 6PM for those driving or 8PM for flights. Otherwise, people are allowed to stay and leave on Monday

PRICES

Apart from your travel costs to Kigali, the all-inclusive cost for the full school (even if not staying for the practicum) is:

- \$700 for the International community
- \$500 for Great Lakes nationals who are sent by organisations
- \$350 for Great Lakes nationals who are self supporting.

Apart from your travel costs to Kigali, the all-inclusive cost for HHTN workshop only is:

- \$350 for the International community
- \$250 for Great Lakes nationals who are sent by organisations
- \$175 for Great Lakes nationals who are self-supporting.



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