



**WEST AFRICAN
SCHOOL OF
RECONCILIATION
(WASOR) 2025**

A TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR THOSE CONCERNED ABOUT RECONCILIATION IN AN INCREASINGLY BROKEN WORLD

Arrival: 27th May 2025

Departure: 8th June 2025

We invite Christians living and working in divided communities to join the first edition of the West African School of Reconciliation taking place at Mt Sinai Prayer Garden in Monrovia, Liberia.

West Africa, and Africa as a whole, continues to suffer from deep historical wounds, ongoing ethnic and religious conflicts, civil wars, terrorism and divisions within families and churches. Many communities remain traumatised by these challenges, highlighting the urgent need for reconciliation, transformation and healing. Addressing both personal and societal wounds is essential to restoring families, strengthening churches and rebuilding communities.

Learn how to help your hurting community be healed through taking part in the Healing Hearts Transforming Nations (HHTN) workshop, followed by a training course that will equip you to run the workshop in your area of ministry.

WASOR 2025 will have 3 sections: It begins with the Healing Hearts Transforming Nations (HHTN) Workshop, followed by a Training of Facilitators Course, where participants learn to lead HHTN Workshops. This is then followed by a practicum workshop, providing participants with the opportunity to teach HHTN workshops in the community under coaching and supervision.

You may do the HHTN Workshop without the Training of Facilitators course, but taking part in the HHTN Workshop is a prerequisite to doing the Training of Facilitators Course. Once you have done all sections, you will have completed the West African School of Reconciliation.

BACKGROUND

In the weeks following the end of the genocide in Rwanda in 1994, while there were still unburied bodies lying on the ground, Dr Rhiannon Lloyd, a British Christian Psychiatrist was asked to travel there to help establish a counselling programme to start the process of reconciliation. What she found, in this deeply Christian country, was totally overwhelming. Not just a nation destroyed, but a church discredited and implicated in what had happened, with its leaders bitter, confused, angry and in despair. In a land of eight million people, up to one million had been killed in the most terrible way by their neighbours in towns, villages and churches.

It was clear that, above all else, the church needed healing. The church should have been the expression of God's love, grace, peace and refuge, but for many, it had been a place of killing. As Rhiannon tried to speak to gatherings of Christians, she was faced with an explosion of pain, anger, recrimination and rage. Nothing in her training as a psychiatrist had prepared her for this. So, in the midst of this outpouring of grief and anger, she prayed. God began to show her that people in such pain cannot begin to forgive until they have had their pain dealt with. She saw that the Cross of Jesus was not just a place to find forgiveness for sin, but also a place where people could bring all their grief, pain and sorrows. She saw that in Isaiah 53, before sin and iniquity is mentioned, scripture talks about Jesus bearing our griefs, carrying our sorrows and paying the price for our healing.

And so began the development of a three-day workshop based firmly on the truths and principles established in the Bible. In the most astonishing and outrageous ways, men and women who had suffered abuse or were abusers were reconciled. The destroyed nation of Rwanda took notice. The workshop, originally called Healing Wounds of Ethnic Conflict (HWEC), was later renamed Healing Hearts Transforming Nations (HHTN). It was used throughout the nation, and spread to neighbouring countries and beyond. In the years that followed, it has changed the lives of millions around the world.

This workshop was born in Africa. It has been developed in Africa in the wake of multiple violent conflicts. It has proved the power of God's truth to change lives, stop wars and reconcile different groups within nations. This is an opportunity to let God's truth, distilled through the pain of Rwanda, speak into other conflicts and broken hearts.

OUR CONTEXT

West Africa has a long history of conflicts, political instability and armed violence that continue to shape the region's present challenges. Historically, the region endured harsh colonial rule, and post-independence struggles, which left deep divisions. Many countries, including Liberia, Sierra Leone and Côte d'Ivoire, have experienced civil wars mostly fuelled by ethnic tensions.

In recent years, political instability has remained a major issue, with frequent coups, contested elections and governance crises.

Additionally, armed conflicts driven by terrorist groups in the Sahel have led to massive losses.

Christ's Ambassadors Reconciliatory Network (CARN), Inc, in partnership with HHTN Global and Resonate Global Mission are bringing to you the first edition of the West African School of Reconciliation.

While attendance is encouraged in small groups of 2 to 5 individuals, individual participants are also welcome.

PRINCIPAL SPEAKERS/ WORKSHOP AND COURSE FACILITATORS



Rev. Joseph Nyamutera is a Rwandan pastor who lived through the pain of the genocide. He has worked alongside Dr. Rhiannon Lloyd for many years and now dedicates much of his time to training others to lead workshops across Africa. He has also been invited to lead workshops on other continents. Joseph founded Rabagirana Ministries near Kigali, which remains a renowned voice in healing and reconciliation for Rwanda.



Rev. George de Vuyst is an American pastor with Resonate Global Mission. He has been serving in Ukraine for over 20 years. After Russia first invaded Ukraine in 2014, he began to run the HHTN workshop across the front line between Ukraine and Russia. He also developed the Eurasian School of Reconciliation to train others to run the HHTN workshop from all over Europe and the nations of the former Soviet Union. He is involved with the development of HHTN Global and has been running workshops and training courses in the USA. He completed the 2015 International School of Reconciliation in Rwanda.



Kelly Fahnestock is an American missionary with Globe International. She has been in the mission field since 2019, serving in over 12 countries. However, her main focus is Africa, with Rwanda being her home base. Sharing the transformative message of the gospel, distributing audio Bibles in native languages, and working alongside local organisations to help promote peace, healing and forgiveness from trauma are what stir her heart the most. Kelly received her Bachelor of Science in Psychology in 2013, was trained in HHTN in 2023 and joined Globe's member care team in 2024.

PROGRAMME

Healing Hearts Transforming Nations (HHTN) Workshop

Arrival on 27th May and Departure on 31st May 2025

One evening and three full days – all need to be attended.

This workshop begins with an evening meal at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, 27th May, with the introduction to the course immediately following. Wednesday – Friday will begin at 8:30 AM and will end at 6:00PM each day. Please plan your departure for the morning of Saturday 31st May, 2025.

The objective of this workshop will be to enable participants to genuinely open their hearts to God's word as it speaks about our own need for healing and reconciliation. It will deal with preconceptions and wrong attitudes and help us to find our own healing.

Warning – although there will be opportunity to look at the theology behind the workshop, it is not an academic exercise. All the pain, trauma, healing and reconciliation of many peoples have been poured into this workshop. You will be touched by God. You may be changed.

Training of Facilitators

Sunday 1st June – Thursday 5th June

One evening and four full days.

The workshop will begin at 6:00 PM on Sunday with an evening meal and an introduction to the course immediately following. Every session must be attended.

Monday – Thursday will begin each day at 8:30 AM and will end after the evening meal each day.

Practicum Workshops

Friday 6th – Saturday 7th June 2025

This will be an opportunity to teach the HHTN workshops in the community, under coaching, followed by a time of debriefing. The practicums will take place from 6:00AM to 6:00PM on both days.

Please plan your **departure** for the morning of **Sunday 8th June**.

LOCATION

1. **Venue:** Mt Sinai Prayer Garden.
2. **Nearest Airport:** Monrovia International Airport
3. **Accommodation:** Accommodation is available at the venue.

CHARGES

Event	Dates	Self-Sponsored	Church/Organisation Sponsored
HHTN Workshop Only	27–31 May 2025	110 USD	200 USD
HHTN Workshop & Training of Facilitators	27 May– 8June 2025	150 USD	350 USD

PAYMENT AND APPLICATION

To apply for the school please click on this link; <https://forms.gle/tWy2s6quP1Ha4zpT8>

For any inquiries, contact Patience at info@hhtnglobal.org or Rev John Bleah at +231 88 655 1334.

HHTN FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How long are HHTN events? Several formats are possible for presenting the materials, but the most effective are the 3-day, 4-night residential events.

Can I attend one of your events? Of course – but take note that events are being held around the world. Look at the event page for more information. (<https://hhtnglobal.org/events/>) As each part of the event builds on the previous session, full participation is essential.

What is the goal of these events? The goal is to have a fresh encounter with God and one another in order to discover God's plan for unity in diversity, and to experience healing from any wounds inflicted by division and hatred.

Who are you targeting? Preferably Christian leaders or people of influence in the community who are able to put into practice what they have experienced.

How can I apply for someone to come and lead one of your events in my local context? The aim is always to equip local people to be agents of healing and reconciliation in their own countries, rather than running one-off events. The best case would be for someone in your country to attend the International School of Reconciliation in Europe, Africa or North America. They can then assess the approach and go back to present it to various Christian leaders in your local context.

How can I be trained to facilitate HHTN? The first step is to experience HHTN yourself. Currently, events are being held in Africa, Europe, and North America. You can find upcoming events on the Event tab of our web page. We also provide regular training of facilitators in Europe, Africa, and North America. We called these events "Schools of Reconciliation". Upcoming schools are posted on the Event page.

We are having conflict in our church / community. Could someone come with your reconciliation skills to help us? While the primary focus of HHTN is on inter-ethnic and inter-racial conflict, the Biblical principles that are the foundation of HHTN can be applied to any conflict situation. To connect with the HHTN global leadership to explore helping in your particular situation, please contact info@hhtnglobal.org.

I am not a Christian, can I attend HHTN? Yes, any person can attend HHTN events understanding that HHTN is an explicitly Christian approach to healing and reconciliation.

SUPPORTING ORGANISATIONS

HHTN Global As the work of HHTN grew globally, many who had no relationship with either Le Rucher or Healing the Nations, began to use and teach the workshop. It became clear that a Network needed to be established that was international, non-denominational and reflecting the principles of reconciliation learned at great cost over the years, especially the "Bible First" principle. The Network is to be a place of genuine networking and encouragement where resources can be held, information disseminated, and standards of material and teaching maintained. In January 2022 HHTN Global was formally accepted as a ministry of and became accountable to "The Forerunner Charitable Trust", a Trust registered with the Charity Commission of England and Wales.

The Peace and Reconciliation Network (PRN), a commission of the World Evangelical Alliance, is dedicated to promoting peace, reconciliation and justice in communities affected by conflict. By empowering individuals and organisations through training and dialogue, PRN promotes grassroots peacebuilding initiatives that address the root causes of division. With a global perspective and a commitment to understanding local contexts, the network advocates

for justice, shares best practices, and collaborates with various stakeholders, including faith-based organisations and NGOs. Through its efforts, the PRN seeks to inspire transformative change, embodying the Christian values of love, forgiveness, and reconciliation in its mission to create lasting harmony among diverse communities.

Healing the Nations In 2012 an informal organisation called Healing the Nations was established in the UK to specifically support and cover the expanding ministry of Dr Rhiannon Lloyd. Through Healing the Nations, the translation of the workshop has been commissioned into many other languages. Rhiannon has been supported to pioneer the use of the workshop in many non-African nations and help establish International Schools of Reconciliation where future leaders of reconciliation can be trained.

Resonate Global Mission is the mission agency of the Christian Reformed Church in North America. Based in Grand Rapids, Michigan, USA, Resonate Global Mission supports George and has released him to spend a large part of his time developing HHTN and using its material and approach. It has supported George in developing workshops and training courses in the US as well as Europe.

Le Rucher Ministries first got involved with the ministry of reconciliation in Rwanda in 2001 and opened a regional office in Kigali in 2006 run by Joseph Nyamutera to serve the many teams working around the region in reconciliation. The goal was always to see the team in Kigali operate as a separate entity. In 2016 Le Rucher were pleased to release them to open a new ministry called “Rabagirana Ministries” doing even more in the region and expanding beyond Africa. From an initial European NGO in Rwanda this gave the freedom to develop an African based international reconciliation network. Joseph Nyamutera still represents Le Rucher Ministries as the International Reconciliation Consultant, now based in Kenya. Le Rucher continues to work with Rabagirana and others in the region as a partnering organization. Le Rucher staff regularly travel to East Africa’s reconciliation projects to support, train in biblical worldview and provide member care / trauma care.

RESOURCES AND USEFUL INFORMATION

- **Fire Lilies: *Finding Hope in Unexpected Places***. This is **Rhiannon’s** story. It demonstrates that for God’s children, nothing is wasted, and that He can skilfully craft all our experiences to eventually bring blessing in totally unexpected ways. Kindle and Audible audiobook available from Amazon. Paperback copy available through Healing the Nations web site.
- **HHTN Global Website** (hhtnglobal.org)
- **Peace and Reconciliation Network Website** (www.reconciledworld.net)
- **Healing the Nations Website** (healingthenations.co.uk)
- **Resonate Global Missions Website** (resonateglobalmission.org)
- **Le Rucher Website** (lerucher.org)
- **The HHTN workshop workbook** is given away freely to those who would like to use it. It is downloadable from the websites of HHTN Global, Le Rucher and Healing the Nations.