

In light of the above, this course examines the extent to which different religions can work together for sustainable social development in Ghana.

The course argues that inter-religious dialogue is not a comparative study of religions, but rather, a meeting of sincere believers who want each to listen to the other, to identify areas of convergence and divergence and to study together what they can do together (Arinze, 2000). A meeting of this kind must lead to the building of trust and understanding of the worldview and perception of reality of the other (Sin, 1988).

In this sense, the course helps participants to acquire skills/tools that enable them to appreciate the world as one big family in which cultural and religious difference should not create divisions, but rather should lead to the need to know, respect, share ideas and love one another.

Furthermore, the course demonstrates that a sound understanding of the dynamics of inter-faith dialogue enables a peaceful environment for religious individuals and communities in multi-cultural and multi-religious settings, to work together on projects of common concern while still remaining active adherents of their faiths (John Paul II, 1988).

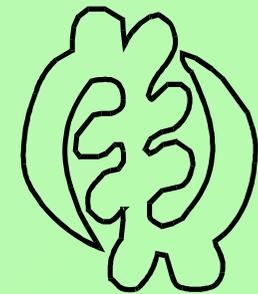
TICCS Facilities & Resources

- Air-conditioned conference room
- Comfortable accommodation (16 self-contained rooms)
- Superb meals (Continental and Ghanaian)
- “Jungle Bar” for informal discussion
- Superb research library (22,000 vols)
- Reading room
- Administration offices
- Chapel
- Bookstore (with TICCS publications)
- Spacious grounds and landscaped gardens
- Highly qualified, experienced teaching staff
- Friendly and helpful support staff
- Seven village compound immersion sites
- Trained village 'helpers'

Interested persons should register by the 20th of March, 2018

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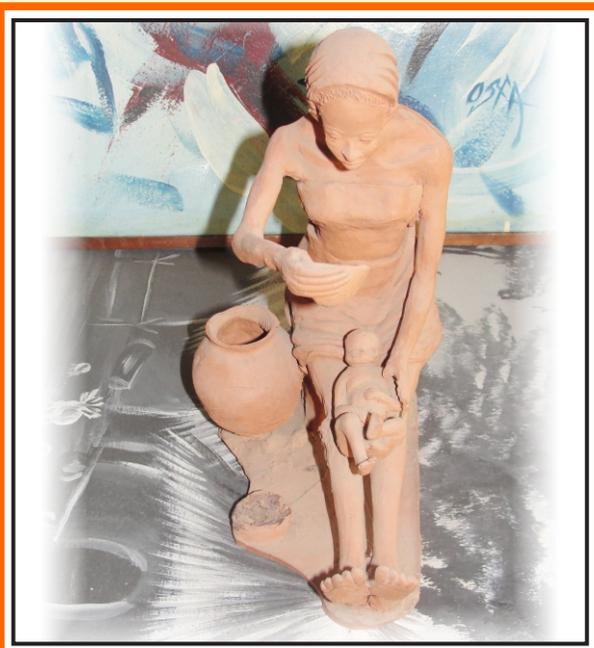


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Tamale Institute of Cross-Cultural Studies (TICCS) is a research and teaching institute of the Catholic Church in Tamale, Northern Ghana dedicated to fostering a more holistic form of human development that is rooted in the African context. To this end TICCS offers seminars, workshops and training courses in language and cross cultural approaches in interfaith Dialogue, Culture and Development, Culture Analysis for Development, Culture-Drama and Peace building, and Culture and Ministry among others



ANNOUNCING A 3 DAY COURSE ON INTERRELIGIOUS DIALOGUE

The Tamale Institute of Cross Cultural Studies (TICCS) is organizing a 3 day course on interreligious dialogue.

GENERAL COURSE DESCRIPTION

The course seeks to expose participants to various contemporary theoretical debates and meanings on inter-religious dialogue. It aims at linking practical life situations and experiences in religious constituencies around the world, with the view to promoting holistic development of individuals and groups. Also, the course deals with the challenges confronting inter-religious relationships across the globe, and the various efforts and emerging proposals that are made to improve global inter-faith relations. Cross-cutting issues such as poverty, migration, violence, ethnicity and conflicts among others, affecting world religious societies will equally be examined.

WHO CAN ATTEND?

Leaders of Religious communities/groups (Catholic, Anglican, Protestants, Pentecostal and Charismatic Churches, Islam, and African Traditional Religion)

Researchers & Scholars of Universities, Institutes & Individuals
NGOs and Development Workers
Civil Society Groups
Media Practitioners
Security Personnel

DATE: 4th to 6th April, 2018.

VENUE: Tamale Institute of Cross Cultural Studies (TICCS), near Mariam Hotel, Tamale.

**COST: RESIDENTIAL GHC. 647.00
NON-RESIDENTIAL GHC. 320.00**

Facilitators

Fr. Joshua A. Gariba, SVD PhD
Edward Salifu Mahama PhD
Dr. Hussein Zakaria

RATIONALE FOR INTER-FAITH DIALOGUE

Ghana is a multi-religious and multicultural society in which different religious bodies, amidst daunting challenges, but also bright prospects, as people try to share common aspirations and commitment to serving humanity.

This assertion is abundantly illustrated by the huge number of religious groups in the country and the great variety of socio-economic services they provide in diverse communities to improve the living standards of people.