

PART ONE: 2011 ABLI FORUM - PROGRAM SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, JANUARY 27, 2011

- **15:00:** Prayer walk for the forthcoming AU Summit (details: TBA)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 28, 2011

- **9:00:** Welcome: Yilma Getahun (General Secretary, Bible Society of Ethiopia)
- **9:05:** Senior Leader from the of Ethiopian Orthodox Church
- **9:20:** Opening Address: Dr. Betta Mengistu (Founder, Beza International Ministries)

SESSION ONE: The Bible & Conflict Resolution

- **9:45:** Session One Keynote: Charles Villa-Vicencio
- **10:15:** TEA & COFFEE
- **10:45:** Session One Workshops
- **12:15:** LUNCH
- **13:15:** Session One Plenary Discussion Session

SESSION TWO: The Bible & Socioeconomic Development

- **14:00:** Session Two Keynote: Dr. Meshesha Shewarega
- **14:30:** TEA & COFFEE
- **15:00:** Session Two Workshops
- **16:20:** Session Two Plenary Discussion Session
- **17:05 :** Closing Prayer
- **19:00:** *Optional worship service at Beza International Church*

SATURDAY, JANUARY 29, 2011

- **9:00:** Opening Prayer

SESSION THREE: The Bible & Good Governance

- **9:15:** Session Three Keynote: Hon. Emmanuel Ibeshi
- **9:45:** Session Three Workshops
- **11:15:** TEA & COFFEE
- **11:45:** Session Three Plenary Discussion Session
- **12:30:** LUNCH
- **13:30:** Closing Session & Prayers
- **14:00 - 15:30:** Resource Sharing & Networking Session (tea and coffee will be served)
- **19:00:** *Optional worship service at Beza International Church*

SUNDAY, JANUARY 30, 2011

- **7:00:** African Union Prayer Breakfast at Sheraton Addis
- **10:00:** *Optional worship service at Beza International Church*

PART TWO: 2011 ABLI FORUM - LIST OF WORKSHOPS

PLEASE SELECT ONE WORKSHOP FOR EACH SESSION AND EMAIL YOUR
SELECTIONS TO: ABLI@ABLIFORUM.COM

SESSION ONE: THE BIBLE & CONFLICT RESOLUTION

- ☐ **Workshop 1: Biblical Models of Justice for Victims of Oppression**
Philip Langford, Director of Operations, Africa, International Justice Mission
- ☐ **Workshop 2: Biblical Models of Community Reconciliation**
Emmanuel Kopwe, Pan African Director for Reconciliation, African Enterprise
- ☐ **Workshop 3: Ecumenical Reconciliation in Practice**
Yilma Getahun, General Secretary, Bible Society of Ethiopia
- ☐ **Workshop 4: Biblical Leadership in Addressing Post-Conflict Trauma**
Christophe Kongo Kote, General Secretary, Bible Society of the DRC

SESSION TWO: THE BIBLE & SOCIOECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- ☐ **Workshop 1: Practical, Biblical Ways to Alleviate Poverty**
Wilfred Mlay, Regional Vice President for Africa, World Vision International
- ☐ **Workshop 2: Biblical Approaches to Education and Economic Development Policy**
Benjamin Piper, Senior Education Research Analyst, Research Triangle Institute
Christine Musisi, Deputy Country Director, UNDP, Ethiopia
- ☐ **Workshop 3: Biblical Leadership in the Private Sector**
John Frimpong, Senior Advisor, BankWatch, Ltd
- ☐ **Workshop 4: Biblical Models of Church-Led Socioeconomic Development**
Nupanga Weanzana, President, Bangui Evangelical School of Theology

SESSION THREE: THE BIBLE & GOOD GOVERNANCE

- ☐ **Workshop 1: Biblical Leadership Principles in Legal Practice & Judicial Systems**
Peter Rathbun, General Counsel, American Bible Society, President, Christian Legal Society
Roberto Laver, Executive Director, International Forum of Bible Agencies
- ☐ **Workshop 2: Biblical Approaches to Social Policy Development**
Dr. Dela Adadevoh, President, International Leadership Foundation / Int'l VP, Campus Crusade
Jonathan Tame, International Projects Manager, Relationships Global
- ☐ **Workshop 3: Biblical Models of Leadership Training**
Steadman Harrison, Africa Regional Director, the Center for Creative Leadership
- ☐ **Workshop 4: Biblical Principles for Public Sector Management**
Rev. Dr. Joel Edwards, International Chairperson, World Evangelical Alliance
Ann Holt, Director of Programme, Bible Society (UK)

PART THREE: 2011 ABLI FORUM - SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

SESSION ONE: The Bible & Conflict Resolution

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

Charles Villa-Vicencio, Executive Director, Institute for Justice and Reconciliation

BIO: Charles Villa-Vicencio is a South African theologian (Rhodes 1968) and political scientist (Natal 1970) who did his Master degree at Yale University and his PhD at Drew University, USA. A former Methodist minister and University Professor of Religion and Society, highly involved in the struggle against apartheid, he is presently Emeritus Professor of the University of Cape Town and Senior Research Fellow at the Institute for Justice and Reconciliation in South Africa. Working closely with Nobel Laureate Rev. Desmond Tutu, during 1996-1998, Charles held the key position of National Research Director of the world-renown Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC), which paved the way for a peaceful transition from apartheid to democracy in South Africa. In 2000 he initiated the Institute for Justice and Reconciliation, of which he was the Executive Director. The institute is attempting to use lessons of the TRC in post-apartheid South Africa, as well as other countries.

Charles Villa-Vicencio has been a great source of knowledge and inspiration based on the South African experience, and called upon by numerous academic and non-academic institutions worldwide. Charles currently holds visiting professorships at the Conflict Resolution Programme of Georgetown University, Washington DC and the Graduate School of Business Administration of the University of the Witwatersrand.

WORKSHOP 1: BIBLICAL MODELS OF JUSTICE FOR VICTIMS OF OPPRESSION

SPEAKER: Philip Langford, Director of Operations, Africa, International Justice Mission

BIO: Philip Langford serves as the Director of Operations, Africa for International Justice Mission. IJM is a human rights agency that secures justice for victims of slavery, sexual exploitation and other forms of violent oppression. IJM lawyers, investigators and aftercare professionals work with local governments to ensure victim rescue, to prosecute perpetrators and to strengthen public justice systems. Philip began his career as a lawyer in the United States, and eventually joined IJM as Special Counsel in IJM's Field Office in Chennai, India. He later launched IJM's office in Bangalore, where he and his team worked with local authorities to rescue more than 170 people from forced labor slavery. Philip returned to the United States in late 2009 to take on a new role as the Director of IJM's Africa operations. In this role, Philip supervises leadership of all of IJM's Africa field offices, leading projects designed to bring justice to survivors of illegal property seizure, police abuse and illegal detention, and sexual violence.

WORKSHOP 2: BIBLICAL MODELS OF COMMUNITY RECONCILIATION

SPEAKER: Emmanuel Kopwe, Pan African Director for Reconciliation, African Enterprise

BIO: After working for 8 years as a lecturer at the current Dar es Salaam Institute of Technology, Emmanuel joined African Enterprise (AE) and led the Tanzania office from 1986 to 1995, when he was asked to coordinate the Regional Office from AE's Nairobi office until 1998. Since 2000, Emmanuel has taken on the leadership of AE's Reconciliation Ministries at a Pan-African level. His particular focus has been Burundi and the Democratic Republic of Congo.

WORKSHOP 3: ECUMENICAL RECONCILIATION IN PRACTICE

SPEAKER: Yilma Getahun, General Secretary, Bible Society of Ethiopia

BIO: Yilma Getahun is the General Secretary of the Bible Society of Ethiopia, an organization that traces its history back to 1926. In addition to overseeing many projects in the area of Bible translation, literacy and humanitarian aid, Yilma has also led BSE in promoting a major ecumenical reconciliation initiative within Ethiopia. An active member of the Ethiopian Orthodox Church, Yilma has been a pioneer in building bridges between Ethiopia's Orthodox, Catholic and Protestant communities.

(**ADDITIONAL SPEAKER:** An Ethiopian Orthodox Archbishop will also speak in this workshop.)

WORKSHOP 4: BIBLICAL LEADERSHIP IN ADDRESSING POST-CONFLICT TRAUMA

SPEAKER: Christophe Kongo Kote, General Secretary, Bible Society of the DRC

BIO: Christophe Kongo Kote is the General Secretary of the Bible Society of the DRC. His organization has recently been leading an innovative project aimed at using the Bible to help the people of DRC recover from the trauma of the conflict that has plagued the region. Using a Bible-based curriculum called "Healing the Wounds of Trauma," the Bible Society of DRC is helping people find healing and restoration from the effects of war, particularly sexual violence.

(**ADDITIONAL SPEAKER:** An post-trauma counseling practitioner will also speak in this workshop.)

SESSION TWO: The Bible & Socioeconomic Development

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

Dr. Meshesha Shewarega, Executive Director, Consortium of Christian Relief and Development Agencies (CCRDA) - Ethiopia

BIO: Dr. Meshesha Shewarega is the Executive Director of Consortium of Christian Relief and Development Agencies (CCRDA), Ethiopia's largest and most influential association of NGOs. Since taking the helm of this organization three years ago, he has been widely credited for engineering a great turnaround in its influence and effectiveness. Prior to this posting, he served as a Senior Programme Officer for Research and Chief Coordinator of the Organization for Social Science Research in Eastern

and Southern Africa (OSSREA). He has also held several senior posts in various Ethiopian governmental and higher education institutions. Dr. Meshesha has a BA degree from Addis Ababa University, and obtained his MA and Ph.D degrees in Public Sector Economics and Management from Johannes Kepler University of Linz, Austria. He has diplomas and certificates of further professional trainings from the University of Vienna, the World Bank Institute (Washington D.C), The UK College of Professional Management, Jersey (UK) and the Nanyang Technological University (Singapore). Dr. Meshesha has presented numerous scholarly papers to national, sub-regional, regional and international audiences in the realm of policy advocacy. He has also coordinated different donor funded projects of OSSREA in 22 African countries and worked with multitudes of donors and NGOs.

WORKSHOP 1: PRACTICAL, BIBLICAL WAYS TO ALLEVIATE POVERTY

SPEAKER: Wilfred Mlay, Regional Vice President for Africa, World Vision International

BIO: Professor Wilfred Mlay, a native of Tanzania, is a regional vice president for Africa with World Vision International. Prior to this, he was Regional Director for East Africa within the International Bible Society. Prior to this, he served as a professor of Sociology and Academic Dean at the University of Dar-es-Salaam.

WORKSHOP 2: BIBLICAL APPROACHES TO EDUCATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT POLICY

SPEAKER: Benjamin Piper, Senior Education Research Analyst, Research Triangle Institute

BIO: Dr. Benjamin Piper is a leading researcher and practitioner in the field of national education policy development in Africa. He received his PhD in International Education from Harvard University and is now working as Senior Education Research Analyst with the Research Triangle Institute. Based in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, he oversees education policy reform initiatives in various African nations, including Tanzania, Ethiopia, Kenya and Uganda. Ben is also a former youth pastor who is well-versed in Biblical Greek and an avid reader of African history.

SPEAKER: Christine Musisi, Deputy Country Director, UNDP, Ethiopia

BIO: Christine Musisi is a native of Uganda who has had a long career within the UN system. An expert in gender studies, Christine completed her higher education in the UK before taking up assignments in various parts of Africa and Central Asia. She currently serves as Deputy Country Director for UNDP in Ethiopia, where she works closely with the Ethiopian Federal Government on a wide range economic and social policy objectives. Christine is also one of the leaders of the Beza Diplomatic Fellowship, a lay ministry for Addis-Ababa based diplomats.

WORKSHOP 3: HOW CAN BIBLICAL LEADERSHIP IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR FURTHER SOCIOECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN AFRICA?

SPEAKER: John Frimpong, Senior Advisor, BankWatch, Ltd.

BIO: John is an ex-senior banking executive with vast experience in domestic, international, internal controls and banking operations spanning over 30 years in Ghana. He retired in 1998 and is presently a Senior Advisor of BankWatch Limited, a consultancy firm, where he is leading a strategic initiative to expand the advisory practice of the company to increase focus on key clients in the financial services industry. John has served on the boards of various organizations, including Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International (FGBMFI), Every Home Crusade and the Bible Society of Ghana. He is also the Chairman of Proclamation Committee of Synod of the Anglican Diocese of Accra. He is a member of the Editorial Boards of Pentvars Business Journal of the Pentecost University of Ghana and the Diocesan Voice of the Anglican Diocese of Accra. John is an International Resident Coordinator of Haggai Institute, Atlanta Georgia and leads a team composed mostly of HI Alumni in Leadership Training Seminars of FGBMFI throughout Ghana and also for the Anglican Church.

WORKSHOP 4: BIBLICAL MODELS OF CHURCH-LED SOCIOECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

SPEAKER: Nupanga Weanzana, President, Bangui Evangelical School of Theology

BIO: Dr. Nupanga received his Masters of Theology from BEST and holds a doctorate in Old Testament from the University of Pretoria. He is the first graduate of BEST to also serve as its president. President of Bangui Evangelical School of Theology (BEST) Seminary in the Democratic Republic of Congo, to its pulpit. Dr. Nupanga has served as the director of a theological school, as an Old Testament professor, as an author, and as a pastor at several different churches. He has also lived in multiple African countries, providing him with a wide understanding of culture and spirituality.

SESSION THREE: The Bible & Good Governance

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

Emmanuel Ibeshi, Former National Publicity Secretary of the Peoples Democratic Party, Nigeria

BIO: Emmanuel Ibeshi was the the first elected national publicity secretary of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) in Nigeria, where he served from 1999 to 2003. In 2003 he ran for the governorship of Cross River State. Prior to this he served as a member of Nigeria's House of Representatives. He graduated from the University of Calabar in 1984 and has completed leadership training programs with the Haggai Institute. He is currently the owner of Celandy Projects, a consultancy, and serves as a Director at Wenman Inc. As a former leader of a major political party, he is often consulted by the Nigerian media to offer his views on political affairs.

WORKSHOP 1: BIBLICAL LEADERSHIP IN LEGAL PRACTICE & JUDICIAL SYSTEMS

SPEAKER: Peter Rathbun, President, Christian Legal Society (USA)

BIO: Peter Rathbun is General Counsel of the American Bible Society and President of the Christian Legal Society of the United States. He has been practicing law for 20 years. Prior to studying law at Georgetown University, he worked in the corporate world for 15 years as an information technology manager. Peter and his wife Peggy live in New Jersey, near New York City, and attend a Baptist church.

SPEAKER: Roberto Laver, Executive Director, International Forum of Bible Agencies

BIO: Roberto Laver is an international lawyer, consultant, and lecturer. He holds law degrees from Buenos Aires University Law School (JD) and UVA Law School (LLM, SJD). He is a former World Bank Senior Counsel and is currently the Executive Director of the International Forum of Bible Agencies. He has taught at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University and Taylor University.

WORKSHOP 2: BIBLICAL APPROACHES TO SOCIAL POLICY DEVELOPMENT

SPEAKER: Dr. Dela Adadevoh, President, International Leadership Foundation

BIO: Dr. Dela Adadevoh serves as the President of the International Leadership Foundation (ILF) in Orlando, Florida (USA) and is also International Vice President at Campus Crusade for Christ. ILF was established in 2004 as a direct response to the needs for developing leaders of integrity in Africa. ILF has sponsored past AU Prayer Breakfasts and has also hosted “the African Forum on Religion and Government” (AFREG), which examine at the role of the Church in societal transformation. Dr. Adadevoh, a native of Ghana, has also published several books, including "Leading Transformation in Africa."

SPEAKER: Jonathan Tame, International Projects Manager, Relationships Global

BIO: Jonathan Tame trained as an agricultural economist and worked for the British government's development agency in Cameroon before joining a faith-based NGO in Lausanne, to lead their relief and development support office. He later lived in Romania and Switzerland, where he developed a number of social, educational and cultural projects together with his wife, Helene. Since 2009 he has been based in Cambridge, England, where he works with Dr Michael Schluter, who founded the Jubilee Centre and now leads Relationships Global, a network of organizations promoting a relational approach to public life, based on the central theme of good and right relationships found in the scriptures.

WORKSHOP 3: BIBLICAL MODELS OF LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

SPEAKER: Steadman Harrison, Africa Regional Director, the Center for Creative Leadership

BIO: Steadman Harrison has worked for over 16 years with the Center for Creative Leadership (CCL), one of the world's largest and most respected leadership development organizations. His engagements involve the design and delivery of leadership training programs for top companies in the nonprofit, software, biotech, oil, consumer products, manufacturing, education, and public sectors. Steadman's experience spans work across Africa, Asia, Europe and the United States. He is currently working on applying cutting-edge leadership training techniques to grassroots African contexts.

WORKSHOP 4: BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES FOR PUBLIC SECTOR MANAGEMENT

SPEAKER: Ann Holt, Director of Programme, Bible Society (UK)

BIO: Canon Dr. Ann Holt has spent all her working life involved with Education, including the Department for Education and Skills. Throughout all this time she has been a governor of several schools, primary, secondary and nursery and she has twice been chair of governors. She has been a national trainer and consultant to Local Education Authorities, the DCSF, and independent schools. Her book "Joined-Up Governance", co-authored with Jane Martin, was published by Adamson Books. Since 2003 she has been Executive Director of Programme at Bible Society where she continues to work on issues to do with the impact of the Christian Faith on Education. Ann also heads up the Bible Society's Advocacy Team, which seeks to make the Bible more credible and accessible in our culture.

SPEAKER: Joel Edwards, International Chairperson, Micah Challenge

BIO: Rev. Dr. Joel Edwards is the International Chairperson of Micah Challenge International, an ecumenical initiative to engage the Church in advocating for good governance worldwide. He formerly served as the International Chairperson of the World Evangelical Alliance and the General Director of the Evangelical Alliance, UK. A native in Kingston, Jamaica who has lived in England for most of his life, Joel Edwards serves on a number of faith, government and public advisory boards. He was recently appointed a member of the UK's Equality and Human Rights Commission and he also serves as the Honorary Canon of St. Paul's Cathedral in London.