



INFEMIT

Looking Back

Looking Forward

STOTT-BEDIAKO FORUM

Stott-Bediako Forum: Peace Building and Conflict Transformation from a lens of Post- colonialism and Indigenous Christianity

This Stott-Bediako Forum provided a rich opportunity for global scholar-practitioners to connect and reflect together on questions of peace building and conflict transformation. Through a four-month journey of dialogue and reflection, participants grew in their understanding and commitment to practices of decolonization and listening to Indigenous voices, which are necessary steps within today's peace building process.

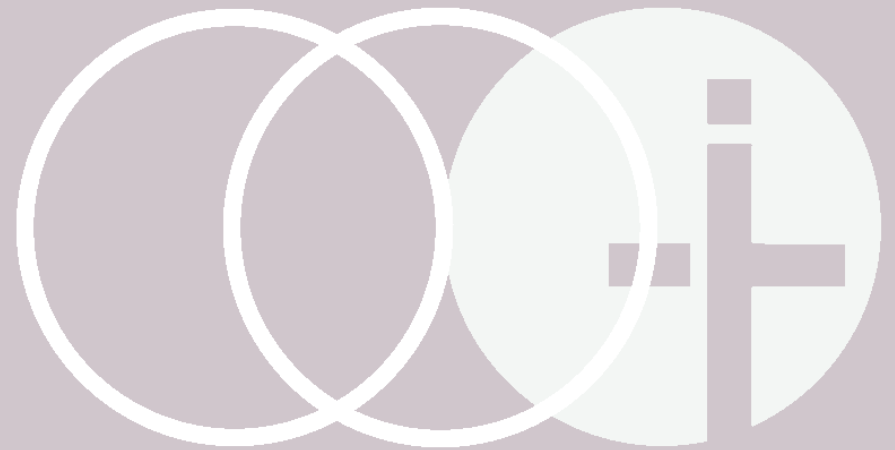


The outcomes of this forum were widespread, including an incredible wealth of resources and theological reflections on peace building and conflict transformation made publicly available on INFEMIT's website, deep discussions and new relationships formed through continuous participation in forum activities, and the opportunity to reach and connect with many people from around the world who were new to the INFEMIT community.

For more, visit
www.infemit.org/sb2020/

"BELONGING" AND INFEMIT CIRCLES

INFEMIT connects and contributes to regional fellowships, local movements, and organizations across the world by participating in projects and events with the goal of promoting holistic theological reflection, deep fellowship, and faithful practice that is attentive to context.



Individuals, fellowships, and organizations around the globe can "**belong**" to INFEMIT by affirming the movement's vision and mission and getting involved in any of our program areas. In addition, last year, INFEMIT created a new way for people who are part of our global community to grow in fellowship together.

We launched "INFEMIT Circles," online fellowship groups that meet regularly to encourage one another, share their work, and dialogue around major issues in the world today. The experience has been extremely positive so far. Each group is uniquely diverse, including women and men of all ages and from different regions of the world.

**INFEMIT IS PRIMARILY A
COMMUNITY,**

A GLOBAL FELLOWSHIP.

**WE CARE FOR ONE ANOTHER AND CHAMPION
DIVERSE VOICES IN THE GLOBAL CHURCH.**

WE ARE UNITED BY:

**OUR PASSION FOR CONTEXTUAL THEOLOGIES THAT
EMERGE FROM AND TRANSFORM EVERY AREA OF LIFE.**

**OUR LOVE OF THE GOSPEL, GRATITUDE FOR THOSE WHO CAME
BEFORE US, AND EXCITEMENT FOR THOSE WHO WILL FOLLOW.**

**OUR AGITATION AGAINST A SHALLOW GOSPEL AND
THEOLOGIES THAT COLONIZE, RESTRICT, AND EXCLUDE.**

**OUR JOY IN LEARNING AND GROWING TOGETHER AS
A LIFELONG PROCESS.**

FAITH AND LIFE

(THEOLOGICAL FORMATION)

Faith and Life is a process of theological formation for integral mission which empowers Christians to live out the good news of God's reign in all arenas of life: in hospitals, NGO's, universities, government buildings, and on the street, as well as in churches. Made up of four modules: Work, Family, Church, and Society, Faith and Life is developed for a specific cultural context by those with native understanding of that context.

ACADEMIC PROJECTS

INFEMIT promotes interdisciplinary and cross-regional scholarship and practice and invests in opportunities for younger scholar-practitioners to grow in roles of leaderships in their local and global contexts.

INFEMIT is home to the Community of Interdisciplinary Theological Studies (CETI) in Latin America, which offers popular and master's-level theological formation. In 2021, CETI launched a new master's program in Transformational Leadership in partnership with Bakke Graduate University. Hundreds of students also actively participated in "Countercurrent" online courses, in which groups encountered Jesus and explored how his teaching and ethics work themselves out in their daily lives.

INFEMIT also collaborates with institutions in different parts of the world around innovative proposals for theological education, in which we offer Faith and Life as a generative model.

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More and more, INFEMIT fosters online spaces for resources, collaboration, and dialogue. In 2021, we particularly sought to grow in the curation of online content for our community. In our newsletters, we shared resources and events offered by our global partners and highlighted important new publications. We also produced articles and podcasts to showcase the work of theologian-practitioners around the world.

2022 GUIDING QUESTIONS

What does faithful Christian witness look like in the context of power?

We will be exploring this and related themes and questions through the Stott-Bediako program this year. Instead of a one-time event, we will be facilitating a process of research, dialogue and reflection over several months with a diverse group of contributors. We will then host a public conversation through our Stott-Bediako Forum, which will be held both online and in-person in Arad, Romania in October 2022.

2022 GUIDING QUESTIONS

How can we provide the structure, tools, and spaces for INFEMIT to continue to grow as a movement?

With INFEMIT Circles taking off, more and more people are beginning to feel that INFEMIT is "their space." We want to encourage this ownership and the organic growth of the community, which means we also need to examine our organizational structure and our unifying characteristics. We also need to provide agile spaces and tools that enable the community to flourish.

2022 GUIDING QUESTIONS

How should we continue to enhance our online presence?

We are thankful for the ways in which virtuality has allowed us to cultivate relationships, share resources, and collaborate with others across the world. We celebrate the work of OCMS and others to launch the Alliance of Mission Researchers and Institutions (AMRI). For INFEMIT, it is vital that we invest in and develop online spaces for conversations and resources from and for the majority world.

2022 GUIDING QUESTIONS

How can we further our mission through strategic partnerships and relationships?

INFEMIT continues to be a movement that brings together organizations and individuals globally, and we want to be intentional about the ways in which we provide for cross-fertilization between regions, contribute to the efforts of our partners, and collaborate with others to offer formation, opportunities, and mentorship to younger leaders.