

# 2019 FAITH & GENDER INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE REPORT



This year on the theme “Man and Woman, One in Christ: Engaging Faith Narrative for Justice & Equality” we gathered 98 faith actors and leaders from across Africa including Uganda, Kenya, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Malawi, Tanzania, Rwanda and other parts of the world at Kiberinka Cultural Center in Kigali, Rwanda to explore gender dynamics and attitude within the church and community and its impact on human relationship.

More specifically this conference explored biblical and gender lenses for equality, justice and shared relationship between women and men in the church, home and society. Delegates representing different organizations including the Anglican diocese church of Mara (Tanzania), Lutheran church, Pentecostal church in Kenya, Rwanda and DRC, Church of Uganda, Anglican church of Kenya and Rwanda. Faith based organizations including; Side by Side Movement, Empower International Ministries, World Renew, REACH Rwanda, Provide Hope in Action, Africa Reconciled, World Vision, Compassion International, Dan Church Aid-Uganda, Act Alliance, CBE International and many others were part and parcel in the success of this Conference.

## Speakers' Notes

During this conference, speakers with their rich experience explored specific topics on gender equality and justice in lively and interactive presentations and discussions with delegates.



Jane Machira,  
Side by Side  
Movement:  
STRENGTHENING A  
FAITH MOVEMENT  
FOR GENDER  
JUSTICE



Prof. Esther Mombo:  
MAN & WOMAN, ONE  
IN CHRIST: A BIBLICAL  
AND THEOLOGICAL  
PERSPECTIVE OF  
GENDER EQUALITY



Frank Tweheyo:  
PATRIARCHY &  
DOWRY PAYMENT



Nicola Lock:  
FORGIVENESS &  
RECONCILIATION –  
RESPONDING TO  
ABUSE IN YOUR  
CHURCH





Wayne Pelly:  
WOMEN'S ROLE IN  
THE CHURCH –  
CONSIDERING "THE  
WHOLE COUNSEL OF  
GOD"



Amy Chase:  
"FINDING AND  
EXCELLENT WIFE" ON  
THE SPEAKING AND  
SPACES OF  
PROVERBS 31

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## Conference workshops and presentations



- **Rwanda Youth delegates sharing opinions during group discussions**



- **Uganda Team during group discussions**





- **Faith Leader from Uganda challenging discussion on men leadership in the church**



- **Workshop with Carol Ng'ang'a on Young Women Leadership Development and the Church.**

In every conference we aim at providing a safe space for faith actors to learn and openly give opinions on their role in ending violence against women and girls through group discussions and workshops.

Faith actors have an urgent responsibility to respond to matters of gender injustices in their communities more importantly they have potential to interpret scriptures and religious texts correctly to end violence against women and girls.

*Dr. Mimi Haddad & Rev. Dominic Misolo give their views on what the 2019 international conference represented.*

## Other moments that we shared



- Erin Gerber: Partner & friend during closing ceremony





- Dr. Mimi Haddad with the EFOGE team



- Part of the Kenyan team outside the Kiberinka Conference Hall

*We are more than thankful to our delegates, speakers, staff, partners and friends who sacrificed their time and resources to make the 2019 International conference a great success. With your prayers in coming years we hope to reach more faith actors, women, youth and community leaders.*

*FROM EKKLESIA FOUNDATION TEAM,*

***Thank you!***