

United Congregational Church of Southern Africa
Youth Justice and Transformation Training Workshop
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EVALUATION

1. Name three (3) major learning points from the workshop

- That discrimination is everywhere
- The role of ideology of superiority in discrimination
- That the whole set up can be changed
- Dealing with the “cism”
- The left over feeling of discrimination
- The cycle of dealing with discrimination
- Discrimination, its impact to the victims
- Sexism
- Ideology
- Left over feeling can leave you astray
- Abuse of positional power
- OUMA framework
- Definitions and nature of sexism and racism
- To consider others in church activities
- That we are all discriminators in different ways
- That as much as we don't want to admit it some have benefited from discrimination of others
- That addressing behaviors is not the solution if attitudes are not changed
- To give youth a leadership role and support
- Our church is multicultural
- Understanding of racism
- Ownership of racism
- Attitude of human being towards discrimination
- How people in power can abuse that power
- That everybody sometimes discriminate someone else
- Effects of discrimination to be fatal e.g. substance abuse and suicide
- We have to challenge unjust structures
- The superiority of powers in our church
- We can be a justice church
- Challenging or addressing an issue is not an argument

2. What did you learn about yourself through this process?

- That I am part of the whole system and I can imagine it
- I have been discriminating without being aware
- I need to deal with my left over feeling
- I learnt of things I did not know about myself
- I felt challenged because I was a discriminate and a discriminator
- That I am discriminator and that when people are discriminating others it is through attitudes
- That we are a transnational church
- That I am not perfect
- That discrimination has affected me more than I thought
- Am an ignorant person in terms of justice to others but very vigilant on injustices on me
- It is important that I always do self –introspection in as discrimination and other isms are concerned
- I am as guilty as everyone in relation to discrimination
- I was a discriminator
- Change in discrimination
- I thought I knew what discrimination was but I actually didn't.
- Change is possible
- There is a lot that needs to be done with regards to the teaching of justice and transformation in our church across Southern Africa

3. What did not go so well and needs to be improved?

- Nothing needs to be improved
- I think everything went well I didn't expect so much because I came with blank ideas, I really appreciate everything you gave me
- Everything was perfect
- All was well
- I think what was in the agenda was covered because every one was involved and they showed interest to learn more
- The issue of hand outs if they could be binded and numbered makes life easier.
- The time of the workshop should be widened so that we may learn more the teaching has a lot to go through and needs time to experience and also do practical outside
- Everything went well I learnt a lot and that there is a lot that needs to be done in the church and to different individuals including me concerning justice and transformation
- Cant think of anything that did not go well
- All was well
- We still need a good and equal participation and representation
- Nothing the only thing we should do is implement it in our church
- The presentations of group work should be done through projectors
- Certificates should be issued on completion of a workshop
- Thanks to the facilitator

4. Is there any advice that you would like to offer to the facilitator?

- that he should train facilitators on the issue of the workshops so that these workshops should flow at every level of the church
- keep doing a good work to others
- it was excellent
- keep on working for the Lord, God Almighty because you are his instrument, you will always be in our prayers God bless you in abundance
- To do the follow up course.
- To facilitate as many workshops as possible all over the UCCSA, I feel it will have a great positive impact on the Justice Church, a very clear and straight forward.
- Good sense of humour, very interesting
- I enjoyed the workshop because he came to our level and with him I learnt that life is nothing about colour, culture, sex we are all one in Christ
- Keep it up, the way you are doing it I like it
- Everything was done very well and understandable
- My advice to the facilitator is for him to keep on researching about Justice and transformation and preach it to the world especially in our churches
- If we can have information in regard to books and other documents to refer to on a daily basis so as to understand these issues deeply
- Hoping and praying that he will come to Zimbabwe and even facilitate more workshops for the development of the church

- **Titles**
- Redeeming Humankind
- Working together to be a Justice church
- Putting justice at the heart of faith
- Justified
- Taking the right way
- Working together for a better church
- Eyes wide open
- Way to justice
- The church and the truth