

PRESBYTERIAN INTERFAITH RESEARCH AND RESOURCE CENTRE

FAITH TO ACTION WOMEN'S CONFERENCE (FAWC 2013)

Theme:

Empowering Women Socially and Economically for Effective Use of God-given Resources.

Introduction:

The Faith to Action Women's Conference (FAWC) is an annual gathering of women from the Christian, Muslim, Traditional and other religious communities, from different countries. The FAWC aims at inspiring and empowering the women to transform their religious faith into action for the peace and development of society. The FAWC was initiated and organized by the Presbyterian Interfaith Research and Resource Centre (PIRRC) in 2011 and continued in 2012. Since its inception, women from Ghana, Nigeria, Cameroon, South Africa, Sierra Leone, Germany, Scotland, Canada and U.S.A. have participated in the FAWC.

The theme for the FAWC 2013 has been chosen in acknowledgement of the fact that women are the most economically disadvantaged in the society and also do not get the best of support from the society to enable them realize their full potentials. It is therefore imperative to give women some level of economic and social empowerments to enable them successfully transform their religious faith and God-given resources into action for the good of the general society. The FAWC 2013, therefore, seeks to provide the participants with some practical skills in business and social entrepreneurship, and also provide the platform for participants to discuss various issues that affect the empowerment of women. The FAWC 2013 is also expected to provide the participants from various faith communities to interact and know more about one another's faith to enhance peaceful interreligious co-existence.

The FAWC is being organized in collaboration with the Ghana Chapter of the International Interfaith Women's Network for Peace and Development (IIWNPD) which was established at the resolution of the participants of the first conference in 2011. The conference will be held from *22nd to 25th July, 2013* at the *Akuapem Presbytery Hospitality Centre, Akropong Akuapem-Ghana*

Objectives:

We this conference, we hope to:

1. Help members to discover the various factors involved in the economic and social empowerment of women, with emphasis on the self, religion and society.
2. Equip participants with skills in Business Entrepreneurship, Social Entrepreneurship, Intrapreneurship, and Effective Leadership.
3. Expose participants to some small-scale technologies and teach them how to apply such technologies.
4. Get participants to understand the dangers of religious fanaticism; refrain from it and encourage others to do the same.

Conference Methodology:

The Conference will employ a mix of plenary presentations and workshop discussions on relevant topics. There will also be practical training sessions on small-scale technology.

The topics to be addressed include:

1. Empowering Women Socially and Economically for Effective Use of God-given Resources
2. Economic and Social Empowerment of the Woman: *The Role of the Self, Religion and Society.*
3. Transforming God-given Resources into Societal Benefit: *Business Entrepreneurship, Social Entrepreneurship, Intrapreneurship, and Effective Leadership.*
4. Accessing and Managing Funds
5. Application of Small-scale Technology
6. Peaceful Co-existence in a Pluralistic Society: Addressing Issues of Religious Fanaticism

Target Groups:

1. Women leaders in religious institutions
2. Heads of institutions working on women empowerment
3. Women in charge of social and development affairs of religious institutions
4. Gender Activists
5. Women Groups

Participants:

The FAWC 2013 is expected to bring together about 80 women from Ghana, Nigeria, Cameroon, and Germany, other African, European and American countries.

Organization's Information:

The Presbyterian Interfaith Research & Resource Centre (PIRRC) is an organization established by the Presbyterian Church of Ghana, aimed at informing, equipping and training the Christian Church in Ghana and the West African sub-region in interfaith issues through research, seminars, short courses and academic studies and the provision of resources through a library equipped with documentation which is both print, audio-visual and electronic.

The mission of the Centre includes:

- To educate Christians and other faith communities on Interfaith matters.
- To carry out research, documentation, publication and dissemination of materials on interfaith issues.
- As a resource for Christians seeking to witness in a multi-faith context, the Centre promotes and facilitates interfaith dialogue between Christians and people of other faiths especially Muslims.

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REGISTRATION FORM

First Name: Middle Name (if any):
Last Name (Surname):
Address:
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Telephone number(s):
E-mail address:
Religious affiliation: Denomination:
Profession/Trade: Leadership Position (if any):

CONTACT PERSON IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

Name:
Address:
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Relationship:
Telephone number(s):
E-mail:

The participation fee can be sent ahead to the Centre’s bank accounts at Ecobank Ghana Limited, RIDGE WEST Branch.

The Account Name: **PCG INTERFAITH CENTRE**

The Account Number: **0010094402166504 (Ghana Cedi)** Sort Code: **13-01-01**

Alternately, the fee can be paid on the reporting day, July 22, 2013. *The participation fee covers conference materials, board and lodging.

Completed registration forms should reach the Centre by post or e-mail through:

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You are kindly encouraged to register and take part in the FAWC 2013. You would never regret the Empowering, Inspiring, Networking and Community sharing experience you would have at FAWC 2013.

We look forward to seeing you at the FAWC 2013 at Akropong-Akuapem in July!