

Session 7: Listening and Looking Guide

Muslim-Christian Relations in Nigeria and How Church Leaders Are Addressing Interfaith Issues

— Dr. Joseph Maren Sampson

Part One: List one to two issues that contributed to the deterioration of relationships that once existed and have “opened the window of hatred”?

Part Two: Pair ‘n’ share (discussion). Read the quote by Sir Ahmadu Bello: “The new nation called Nigeria should be an estate of our great-grandfather Uthman Dan Fodio. We must ruthlessly prevent a change of power. We use the minorities in the north as willing tools and the south as a conquered territory and never allow them to rule over us and never allow them to have control over their future.” Find a partner and share how you feel this statement and attitude contributed to the challenges in Muslim-Christian relations in Nigeria as Dr. Sampson described. Then answer the question “Where did you hear about an experience that mirrors something in your community?”

Part Three: Dr. Sampson provides several suggestions for the ways that the church can help lead the dialogue; list one of them.

Part Four: Come together as a group for discussion. Say, Dr. Sampson told that the church has a role to “sow seeds of peace” and provided suggestions. What if one party refuses to dialogue, has no interest in dialogue, then what?

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How Asian Churches Are Merging Faith and Culture

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Session 8: How Asian Churches Are Merging Faith and Culture

Prepare for the Session

- Copy of “Invitation to Conversation”
- Recruit someone to read aloud the invitation.
- Make copies of the questions under the discussion section (if there are 12 persons in the class, have 4 copies of each question).
- Basket or container in which to put the questions (fold so questions are chosen randomly)
- A notebook or paper for capturing words, thoughts, ideas on paper (optional)
- “Listening and Looking Guide” (make a copy for each participant)