

Join the School of Intersectional Ecotheology and Ecojustice Witness (SIEEW)

Are you a passionate individual between the ages of 18 and 30, eager to address the pressing environmental challenges of our time? Do you believe in the power of intersectionality and the need for social and environmental justice? If so, the School of Intersectional Ecotheology and Ecojustice Witness (SIEEW) is the perfect place for you!

Organized by the Council for World Mission, SIEEW is a transformative and action-oriented program that aims to create a safe and inclusive space for deep learning, inquiry, and discussions on the intersectional issues related to environmental justice and theology. By joining this unique school, you will have the opportunity to build a community of ecojustice witnesses and become advocates for the earth and its inhabitants.

What to Expect:

1. **Deep Learning and Supportive Environment:** SIEEW offers a comprehensive program that begins on October 20th, 2024, with online sessions that run until November 8th, 2024. During this phase, you will engage in lectures, workshops, and interactive discussions, all within a supportive environment that encourages deep learning and exploration.
2. **In-person Immersion:** From November 10th, 2024, to November 30th, 2024, you will travel to Johannesburg, South Africa for an immersive experience. This phase of the program will provide invaluable hands-on learning opportunities, allowing you to work directly with environmental groups and live alongside communities affected by environmental injustices.
3. **Critical Thinking and Analysis Skills:** Develop your critical thinking and analysis skills related to environmental justice and theology. Learn how to identify and analyze systemic injustices and uncover opportunities for advocacy and activism. Gain the knowledge and tools to become an agent of change in your community.
4. **Ecojustice Witness Practices:** Engage in hands-on experiences and group collaborations to develop and implement ecojustice witness practices. Discover the power of advocacy, activism, and community organizing as you work with environmental groups and live alongside communities in South Africa. Make a tangible difference in the lives of those affected by environmental injustices.
5. **Building a Community:** Connect with like-minded individuals from diverse backgrounds who share your passion for social and environmental justice. Develop a

sense of community and shared purpose as ecojustice witnesses. Network, collaborate, and support one another during and after the program. Together, we can create a more just and sustainable world.

Curriculum Highlights:

The curriculum of SIEEW is designed to integrate eco-theology, social justice, and environmental studies, emphasizing the importance of intersectionality and eco-justice witness in addressing environmental challenges. Here are some of the modules you will explore:

1. Ecological-Economic Injustice (Structural Sin): An Overview
2. The Movement toward Eco-Economic Justice (God's Call): An Overview and Critique
3. Eco-theology and Biblical Reflection (Discerning God's Call)
4. Intersectional Eco-theology
5. Eco-Economic Discipleship (Heeding God's Call) - Skill-building

Faculty:

At SIEEW, you will be guided by a dedicated and diverse faculty with expertise in eco-theology, social justice, and environmental studies. They are committed to engaging students in critical thinking, research, and advocacy to address social and environmental justice issues in an intersectional manner. Their guidance and mentorship will be invaluable on your journey towards becoming an effective advocate for change.

Join Us Today:

The School of Intersectional Ecotheology and Ecojustice Witness is calling for passionate individuals like you, aged between 18 and 30, to step up and make a difference. Together, let's build a more just and

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PROGRAMME BRIEF

The School of Intersectional Eco theology and Ecojustice Witness (SIEEW) is a transformative and immersive program designed to empower young individuals to become advocates for social and environmental justice. This brief provides an overview of the programme, highlighting its objectives, structure, and key activities.

Programme Objectives:

1. Provide a supportive and inclusive learning environment for participants to explore intersectional Eco theology and ecojustice witness.
2. Foster critical thinking and analysis skills related to environmental justice and theology.
3. Develop ecojustice witness practices, including advocacy, activism, and community organizing.
4. Cultivate a community of ecojustice witnesses who can collaborate and support each other in their work and advocacy efforts.

Programme Structure: The SIEEW programme spans over a period of two months, with a combination of online and in-person components. The structure is divided into five phases:

1. Online Phase (20th October – 8th November, 2024):
 - Participants engage in virtual modules delivered through online platforms.
 - Lectures, discussions, and interactive activities explore key concepts of intersectional ecotheology and ecojustice witness.
 - Participants develop a foundational understanding of the subject matter.
2. In-person Phase (10th November to 30th November 2024):
 - Participants travel to Johannesburg, South Africa for an immersive and culturally rich experience.
 - Orientation activities provide an overview of the environmental history of South Africa.
 - Collaboration with local environmental groups and communities deepens participants' understanding of real-world challenges.
3. Modules 3-5 (These Modules will be delivered during the in person Meetings):

- The programme continues with a combination of online and physical sessions.
 - Modules cover topics such as eco-theology and biblical reflection, intersectional ecotheology, and eco-economic discipleship.
 - Skill-building activities enhance participants' practical abilities in advocacy, activism, and community organizing.
4. Internship Phase:
- Participants engage in a six-week internship, working with environmental agencies in their respective countries as volunteers.
 - The internship provides hands-on experience and an opportunity to apply the knowledge and skills acquired during the programme.
5. Community Engagement and Networking:
- Throughout the programme, participants form a supportive community of ecojustice witnesses.
 - Networking activities and collaborative projects foster ongoing connections and mutual support beyond the programme's duration.

Key Activities:

- Lectures and workshops delivered by a diverse faculty with expertise in eco-theology, social justice, and environmental studies.
- Immersive experiences in South Africa, including community engagements and field visits.
- Skill-building activities to develop advocacy, activism, and community organizing techniques.
- Group discussions, case studies, and reflective exercises to deepen understanding and critical thinking.
- Mentorship and guidance from faculty members and guest speakers.
- Networking opportunities with like-minded individuals and organizations committed to social and environmental justice.

The School of Intersectional Ecotheology and Ecojustice Witness (SIEEW) offers a unique opportunity for young individuals to explore the interconnectedness of social and environmental justice issues. By providing a comprehensive curriculum, engaging activities, and a supportive community, the programme aims to empower participants to become effective

advocates for a more just and sustainable world. Join SIEEW and embark on a transformative journey towards intersectional ecotheology and ecojustice witness.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Participants in School of Intersectional Ecotheology and Ecojustice Witness must:

- Be 18 to 30 years old at the start of the Programme.
- Be able to complete both the online and in-person modules in full.
- Be an active member of a CWM member church, as well as committed to serving the church upon return
- Applicants should have graduated with a tertiary qualification
- Be interested in Ecology/ Economy or any related field
- Be able to relate well with others and mature enough to cope with stress
- Be proficient in English, as this is the main language of communication

APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS

1. CWM member-churches are encouraged to nominate maximum of two young people: one (1) male and one (1) female for the School of Intersectional Ecotheology and Ecojustice Witness. Applications should be endorsed by the General Secretary and/or Church Moderator of the sending church, following its respective internal selection process.

2. CWM will select 15 participants from the nominated names, ensuring balance in gender and regional representation in the Programme.

3. All the applications will be processed by the CWM Life Flourishing Creation and Economy. Duly accomplished applications must be submitted to CWM at [eco-justice@cwmission.org](mailto:ecojustice@cwmission.org) **on or before 23th August 2024**. Late and/or incomplete application forms will not be processed.

4. Upon notification, the selected participants are expected to process their passport and visa requirements, if necessary.