

**Workshop on 'Disability in Namibia: Religious and Cultural Perspectives'**

**21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> April 2021, Roof of Africa Hotel and Conference Centre, Windhoek**

<b>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> April</b>	
12:00	Lunch
14:00 – 17:00	<b>Network Meeting with representatives from:</b> National Federation of People with Disabilities in Namibia Namibia Albino Association Namibian Organisation for Youth with Disabilities Namibian Federation of the Visually Impaired National Association of Persons with Physical Disabilities Mental Health Association Evangelical Lutheran Church in Namibia University of Namibia University of Exeter

<b>Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> April (Paulinum Seminary) &amp; Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> April (Namibian Evangelical Theological Seminary)</b>	
09:00 – 09:30	<b>Arrivals and Welcome</b> Introduction to the Exeter-UNAM Project by Dr Helen John, University of Exeter
09:30 – 10:00	<b>Discussion of Experiences of Disability and Disability issues</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What are the challenges facing people with disabilities in Namibia?</li> <li>2. What are the disability-related challenges facing churches/communities in Namibia?</li> <li>3. What can clergy and churches do to make congregations and communities more inclusive of people with disabilities?</li> </ol>
10:00 – 10:45	<b>Cultural Impacts on Disability Issues</b> Presentation from Dr Helen John, University of Exeter: 'Disability in Owambo: Terminology and Traditional Wisdom'
10:30-10:45	Coffee Break
10:45 – 12:00	<b>Religious Impacts on Disability Issues</b> Lecture by Professor Louise J. Lawrence, University of Exeter: 'Contextual Bible Study and Disability'
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch
13:00-13:30	<b>Economic, Health and Development Perspectives on Disability Issues</b> Presentation by Prof Gert Van Rooy & Dr Elina Amadhila, UNAM
13:30 – 14:30	<b>Contextual Bible Study 1 – Mark 10: 46-52</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) What, from your own experience, are your first reactions to this text and its characters?</li> <li>2) What are the experiences of the characters presented here? (You may want to consider location/access/social attitudes etc.)</li> <li>3) How in your view has/could this text shape attitudes towards disability?</li> <li>4) From your own context and experience what could this text offer to more inclusive attitudes with relation to disability?</li> </ol>
14:30 – 15:00	Coffee Break
15:00 – 16:00	<b>Contextual Bible Study 2 – 1 Corinthians 12: 12-31</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) What are your first reactions to this text?</li> <li>2) What are the features of Christ's body here?</li> <li>3) How in your view has/could this text shape attitudes to disability within communities?</li> </ol>
16:00 – 17:00	<b>Summary Discussions and Q &amp; A</b>
17:00 – 18:00	Buffet Dinner