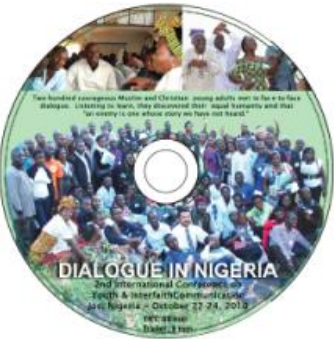


Step #11: Muslim-Christian-Animist Interfaith Reconciliation in Dabou, Cote d'Ivoire December, 2015

The Crisis and Urgent Need

Two days in May, 2015, saw horrible human slaughters by adversarial Muslim and Christian youth in Dabou and Grand Bassam. Fourteen citizens including an imam were murdered. A mosque and a church were torched and destroyed. Citizen-driven reconciliation was urgently needed and begun.



The Response

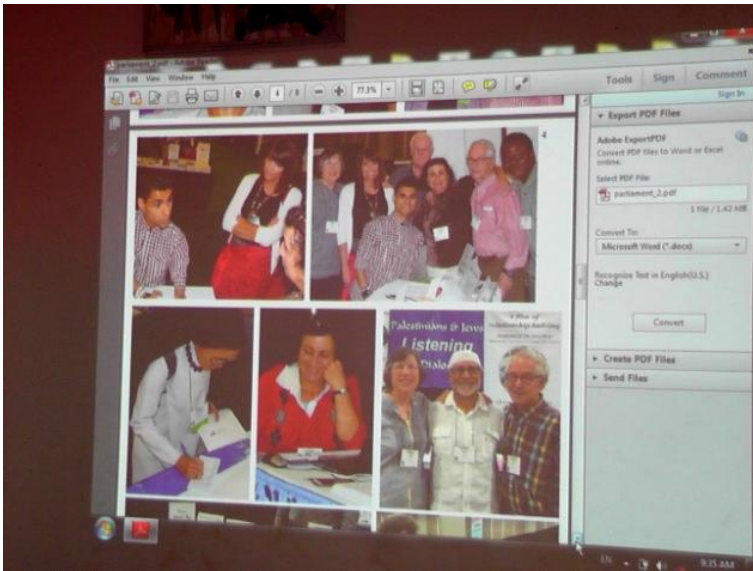
The Ivorean citizens of **United for Peace Against Conflict (UFPACI)** -- <http://ufpaciadialogue.net> -- contributed their skills from recent experiences facilitating reconciliation between alienated villages, tribes, and Albino and non-Albino women, men, and youth of Cote d'Ivoire described at <http://traubman.igc.org/vidnigeriaivorycoast.htm> Skills had been adopted from time-tested examples in the 2012 documentary, [DIALOGUE IN NIGERIA: Muslims & Christians Creating Their Future](#).

Planning first required hard-won trust-building in meeting after meeting with combatants and citizen-leaders, first in Grand Bassam where an eventual August, 2015, reconciliation was successful and reported on [RTI national television news](#).



Dabou city is classified by the government as a Red Zone. Confidence-building was far more challenging requiring 15 pre-conference consultation visits — eight to the Animist community — due to the fear, hate, and human disconnection. The net needed to be cast more widely to include everyone, including the indigenous faith practitioners in remote areas of town. "Bring all souls into the kingdom of light," said the citizen-facilitators of UFPACI, traveling from Abidjan. They had heard the instruction: "Unite communities for peace to save humanity from destruction."

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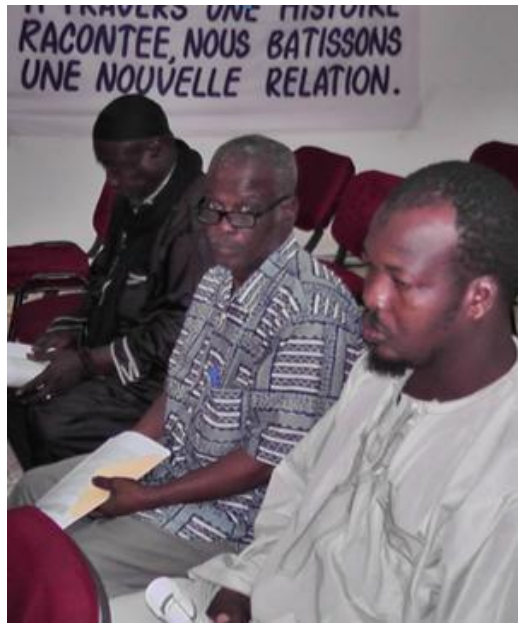
Projection of photo of the sponsoring Jewish-Palestinian Living Room Dialogue at the 2015 Parliament of the World's Religions during October 15-18, 2015 — Salt Lake City, Utah USA



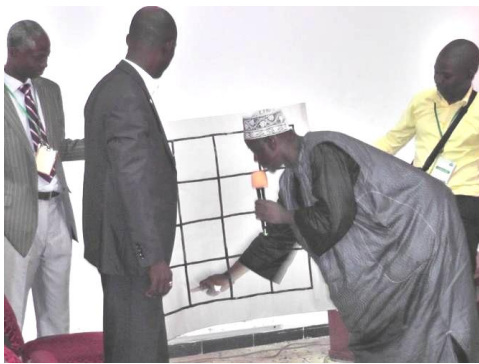
Dabou city Muslim and Christian religious leaders together.



Participants introduce themselves to know who is in the Dialogue room.



Muslims, Christians, and Animists sitting side by side.



The PERSPECTIVE SQUARES activity allows participants to realize that others have diverse perceptions and views of life, even of the same "reality."



Legacies: An Experience of Dialogue allows each person to:

- 1) share her or his life's narrative and relate to others.
- 2) experiences a new quality of listening-to-learn as well as being heard, while discovering that "an enemy is one whose story we have not heard."



Muslims and Christians with Animist spiritualists experiencing interfaith dialogue to seek communication skills and a shared community.



After being heard and listening to each other's personal stories in Dialogue, Muslims, Christians, and Animists described their experience, what touched them, and what new ideas and initiatives were awakened in them.





Participants shared meals after the interfaith Dialogue workshop experience.



Local news journalists reported on the event for publication.



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