



## LUKOMONA CHRIST EXCHANGE PROGRAM(LUCEP) GERMANY FOUNDATION

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*'The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, and whoever wins souls is wise.' – Proverbs 11:30"*

## **COURSE TITLE: FAITH ACROSS BORDERS** **Navigating Christian Life and Society in Germany**

**Main Trainer: Mr. Evans Lukomona, Germany**

**Co-Trainer(s): Mr. Thomas Schoebel, Germany**

### **IMPORTANT**

- A Certificate of attendance will be issued upon attending at least 80% of the lectures.
- Certification: By Central International University(CIU), Germany, in Partnership with LUCEP.
- Learners will get a free Course Book compile by LUCEP and CIU.

## **Welcome to The Course!**

It is with great joy and excitement that I present this training course, "**Faith Across Borders: Navigating Christian Life and Society in Germany**", to all our African leaders participating in the LUCEP Foundation. As someone who has lived and served in both Africa and Germany, I deeply understand the importance of cross-cultural understanding and the power of partnership in building God's Kingdom.

This course is designed to equip you, our African Christian leaders, with the tools, knowledge, and mindset necessary to thrive in your mission work across Europe, specifically in Germany. As you embark on this Christ Exchange Program, you will not only encounter new ways of worship and ministry but will also be introduced to the unique societal structures that influence daily life and the spiritual environment in Germany.

Throughout this training, we will walk together through six critical modules, each carefully crafted to help you navigate the intricacies of German Christian life, cultural adaptation, evangelism, and partnership building. From understanding Germany's Christian landscape to practical approaches in poverty eradication, this course is designed to prepare you to be effective and impactful leaders in both your local communities and the international stage.

I am confident that the knowledge you will gain here will not only enrich your understanding of Germany but will also enhance your role in fostering stronger African-German Christian connections, rooted in mutual respect, collaboration, and a shared vision for the advancement of the Gospel.

I encourage you to take this opportunity seriously, engage deeply in the discussions, and be ready to apply what you learn as you lead the next generation of Christ-centered missions. Let us work together in faith, love, and determination to build a united Christian community that transcends borders, bringing hope, peace, and transformation to every corner of the world.

May God bless you as you undertake this journey of learning and ministry.

With sincere blessings,



Evans Lukomona  
Founder, LuCEP

## **COURSE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**

### ***Main Goals:***

1. To equip African Christian leaders with a deep understanding of German Christian life, culture, and society.
2. To strengthen cross-cultural Christian fellowship between Africa and Germany.
3. To prepare participants for effective ministry and mission work in a German context.
4. To promote mutual learning, exchange, and collaboration between African and German churches.
5. To empower African leaders to navigate cultural differences while maintaining their faith and identity.

## *Course Objectives:*

By the end of this training, participants will be able to:

### **1. Understand the German Christian Landscape**

- Recognize key differences and similarities between African and German Christian traditions.
- Gain insights into how Christianity influences German society, governance, and daily life.

### **2. Adapt to German Culture and Social Norms**

- Learn essential cultural etiquette, communication styles, and social interactions.
- Develop strategies to build meaningful relationships within German Christian communities.

### **3. Navigate Practical Aspects of Living and Ministering in Germany**

- Understand basic legal, social, and administrative aspects of life in Germany.
- Gain practical knowledge on church structures, worship styles, and leadership roles in German churches.

### **4. Engage in Effective Evangelism and Mission Work**

- Learn approaches to sharing the Gospel in a secular and multi-ethnic society.
- Explore ways to engage German youth and integrate faith in a diverse environment.

### **5. Foster Long-Term Christ Exchange Partnerships**

- Develop sustainable plans for African-German Christian collaboration.
- Share testimonies and best practices for impactful cross-cultural missions.

## **COURSE OUTCOMES**

By the end of the “**Faith Across Borders: Navigating Christian Life and Society in Germany**” training, participants will be able to:

### **1. Demonstrate a Clear Understanding of Christianity in Germany**

- Explain the historical and contemporary role of Christianity in German society.
- Identify key Christian denominations, their influence, and their approach to ministry.

### **2. Adapt to German Cultural and Social Norms**

- Apply cultural sensitivity when interacting with German Christians and society.
- Communicate effectively in social, church, and ministry settings.

### **3. Navigate Life and Ministry in Germany**

- Understand key legal, social, and administrative aspects of life in Germany.
- Work within the structures of German churches and Christian organizations.

### **4. Effectively Engage in Evangelism and Mission Work**

- Use culturally relevant evangelistic approaches in a secular and diverse society.
- Develop strategies for engaging with German youth, multi-ethnic communities, and secular audiences.

### **5. Establish and Strengthen African-German Christian Partnerships**

- Foster meaningful and sustainable collaborations between African and German churches.
- Lead and support Christ exchange programs with confidence and cultural awareness.

## **COURSE BENEFITS TO PARTICIPANTS**

Participants of the “**Faith Across Borders: Navigating Christian Life and Society in Germany**” training will gain:

### **1. Deep Understanding of German Christianity & Culture**

- Learn about the spiritual landscape, denominational structures, and church traditions in Germany.
- Gain insights into German social norms, values, and ways of life.

### **2. Cross-Cultural Ministry Skills**

- Develop cultural intelligence to effectively interact with German Christians.
- Learn how to bridge cultural gaps in worship, leadership, and mission work.

### **3. Practical Knowledge for Living & Ministering in Germany**

- Understand legal, social, and administrative aspects of life in Germany.
- Gain confidence in navigating daily life, work, and ministry settings.

### **4. Effective Evangelism & Discipleship Strategies**

- Learn how to minister effectively in a secular and multi-ethnic society.
- Develop practical approaches for reaching German youth and diverse communities.

### **5. Stronger Christ Exchange & Ministry Networks**

- Build long-lasting relationships with German churches and Christian leaders.
- Become an ambassador for African-German Christian exchange programs.

### **6. Leadership & Mission Readiness**

- Be equipped to lead future African-European Christ exchange programs.
- Gain skills to mentor others and expand ministry opportunities abroad.

# **GETTING STARTED!!**

## **THE COURSE SYLLABUS**

**Faith Across Borders:** each module is designed for a **2 to 3 hours** session. The session includes a **lecture** and **discussions** with participants.

### **Module 1: Understanding the German Christian Landscape**

- Overview of Christianity in Germany: Denominations, Churches, and Trends
- Role of Christianity in German Society and Governance
- Differences and Similarities Between African and German Christian Practices

### **Module 2: Cultural Adaptation and Interpersonal Engagement**

- German Social Norms, Values, and Communication Styles
- Building Relationships: Understanding German Christian Fellowship and Worship
- Overcoming Cultural Barriers in Ministry and Daily Life

### **Module 3: Practical Aspects of Living and Ministering in Germany**

- Navigating Life in Germany: Work, Laws, and Social Structures
- Church Administration and Ministry Work in a German Context
- Challenges and Opportunities for African Christian Leaders in Germany

### **Module 4: Evangelism and Intercultural Mission Work**

- Strategies for Cross-Cultural Evangelism and Discipleship
- Understanding Secularism and Atheism in Germany
- Building Bridges: Engaging the German Youth and Multi-Ethnic Communities

### **Module 5: Strengthening the African-German Christian Exchange**

- Best Practices for Christ Exchange Programs and Partnerships
- Sharing Testimonies and Learning from German Christian Leaders
- Action Plan: Preparing for Future Engagement and Collaboration

### **Module 6: African Poverty Eradication Through Germany & Partners**

- **Overview of Poverty in Africa:** Understanding the root causes and challenges facing African communities.
- **Role of Christian Organizations in Poverty Reduction:** How the Church can be a driving force in addressing poverty.
- **Germany's Role in International Development:** Exploring partnerships between Germany and African nations for sustainable poverty eradication.

## **BONUS MODULE 7: The Fear and Problems Amongst Germans**

- Economic Uncertainty and Financial Instability
- Immigration and Integration Concerns
- Climate Change Anxiety and Environmental Worries
- The Fear of Terrorism and Political Extremism
- Mental Health Struggles and Isolation
- The Fear of Technological Advancement and Job Displacement
- The Fear of the Decline of Traditional Values and Family Structures
- And other fears!

**Practical Approaches to Empowerment:** How African leaders can leverage partnerships with German churches and organizations to promote economic empowerment and social justice.

**Building Long-Term Partnerships for Poverty Reduction:** Identifying opportunities for collaboration, fundraising, and development projects between African and German partners.

This module will give the participants a broader perspective on how they can play a role in global development through the resources, knowledge, and partnerships available with Germany.