



The GUKURAHUNDI GENOCIDE: A dark period in Zimbabwe's young history.

The Zimbabwe Netzwerk e.V. is inviting you to an online discussion with Rev. Dr. Jimmy Dube on the impact of the Gukurahundi Genocide on the socio-political situation in Zimbabwe.

As has been witnessed in other countries, including here in Germany, the effects of atrocities such as genocide and armed conflicts are long-reaching and can be felt over and across generations. Officially recognizing and admitting to past atrocities and initiating reconciliation processes is one way that has been instituted e.g., in South Africa, to try and address, respectively, mitigate such wrongdoings. In Zimbabwe, the Gukurahundi genocide remains to be addressed.

The speaker:

Rev. Dr. Jimmy Dube is a contextual theologian who grew up in Matabeleland South, Zimbabwe, and whose formative years and theological thrust were shaped by the Gukurahundi genocide. His research interest on the Gukurahundi is not so much the history of the genocide, but the *silence that follows the long years after the death of more than twenty thousand ordinary people in the villages and cities of the Midlands and Matabeleland regions*. Jimmy Dube is adamant that "It is the silence that kills the living more than the evil that happened to the dead that we need to face and name."

He has presented papers on the subject at major international Conferences and has written a book with a sub chapter on Gukurahundi. Currently, he is serving in circuit ministry at Sutton Park Circuit, Birmingham UK and is also the National Chaplain for the Methodist Church Zimbabwe Fellowship - UK.

Date: 26.08.2021, from 6-8 pm – Germany/ 5-7 pm - UK

To take part, please register per e-mail at zimbabwenetzwerk@posteo.de by August 25th. **Only those registered will receive the link for the meeting.**

For your information: Rev. Dr. Dube has informed us about an ongoing project to raise funds to save the Esigodini Hospital in Matabeleland South that serves one of the areas affected by the Gukurahundi genocide. Donations can be made to: "Save Esigodini Hospital Project", ORAIDC Limited; Barclays Bank: Account Number 53465241; Sort Code 20-45-45. Reference: ESG Hospital

Please note: Should any of the issues raised during the discussion affect you, please contact any of the following numbers/organisations for help:

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