

DISCUSSANT BIO

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Prof Fundiswa Amanda Kobo is an Associate Professor in the Department of Christian Spirituality, Church History and Missiology at the University of South Africa. She is the recipient of the Unisa Vice-Principal: Research, Postgraduate Studies, Innovation and Commercialisation: Women in Research Emerging Research Award for Excellence in Research. She holds a PhD (Theology) from the University of Pretoria. As a womanist, she is concerned about the liberation of a fragmented black humanity. She posits that like race and class, patriarchal violence is equally a fragmenting evil for a comprehensive liberation of black humanity, especially its tendency to elude Black male theologians. These are the themes she has reflected on in her own publications and she has further interest in spiritualities of the Global South and dewesternizing discourses. She is a research chair of VukaniBantuTsohangBatho, a historical project of black liberation whose vision is to invest in spirituality of liberation and is inspired by a theological vision that dreams of a comprehensive liberation for women, the African church and the world through the gospel of Jesus Christ. She is also an ordained minister in the Uniting Presbyterian Church in Southern Africa. She is an ecumenist and has served in the Theology Desk of the World Communion of Reformed Churches in Hannover, Germany. She continues to be involved in their work and is also a resource person for Council for World Mission, the World Council of Churches and the South African Council of Churches. She was recently invited to be one of the academic facilitators in the Global Ecumenical Theological Institute (GETI) 2022, in Karlsruhe, Germany alongside the World Council of Churches Assembly where she also participated as a resource person in the Ecumenical Conversation on Theological Education.