

Curriculum Vitae

Personal Background

Name: Michael Lieber Cobb

Languages spoken: English, Dagaare, Twi, Konkomba, Dagbani and German

Hometown: Nandom, Upper West Region

Religious background: Christian (Roman Catholic)

Occupation: Roman Catholic Priest, Peace Activist and Conflict management student

Employer: Catholic Diocese of Yendi, Northern Region, Ghana

Educational Background

2017 Phd Candidate/ALMA Follow at ABI-University of Freiburg

Research Focus and Region: Peace building, Conflict management through the strengthening of traditional institutions at the local level , Good governance and non- violence approaches to grievance in Ghana West Africa.

PhD Thesis title: CUSTOMARY LAWS AND CHIEFTAINCY SUCCESSION PLANS FOR NANUNG: A WAY FORWARD FOR CHIEFTAINCY CONFLICT MANAGEMENT IN GHANA.

2015 Master of Arts Degree in Conflict, Peace and Security at Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Training Center Accra-Thesis topic: THE ROLE OF THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF YENDI IN RESOLVING THE DAGBON CHIEFTAINCY CRISIS CHALLENGES AND PROSPECTS. Specializing in International Relations and Post-Conflict Reconstruction.

2011 Bachelor of Arts in Sacred Theology from the Pontifical Urban University Rome, Italy

2009 Bachelor of Arts Degree in Study of Religions with Philosophy (Second Class Upper) from the University of Ghana Legon

2006-2009 Studied Theology and Religious Studies at St. Victors Major Seminary, Tamale.

2003-2006 Studied Philosophy, Psychology and Sociology at St Augustine Major Seminary, Tamale.

Work/Professional Experiences

2011 September 3, Ordained Roman Catholic Priest

2015-2017 Director Yendi Peace Centre, lead person in spearheading mediation and reconstruction efforts in the Bimbilla chieftaincy crisis and Dagbon crisis which has been simmering for many years.

2013- 2017 Diocesan Youth Chaplain, Catholic Diocese of Yendi, Ghana- coordinator of Youth activities and development at the Eastern corridor of Ghana

October, 2015- April, 2016 Yendi Peace Center/CRS Funded Emergency Peace intervention in Bimbilla Political District leading to lowering of tensions in the troubled area.

October, 2016- January, 2017 Yendi Peace Center/USAID-Africa Funded Project for “Peace Campaigns against Electoral violence for Ghana Election 2016” Area of intervention: Eastern corridor of Ghana.

RESEARCH WORKS

LIST OF PUBLISHED AND UNPUBLISHED WORKS

06.2015 Cobb, L.M. (2015) THE ROLE OF THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF YENDI IN RESOLVING THE DAGBON CHIEFTAINCY CRISIS CHALLENGES AND PROSPECTS. Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Training Center. Unpublished

10.2017 Chieftaincy and the Civil state: Relations between Traditional and Modern Leadership and a look at Chieftaincy conflicts in Ghana. Unpublished

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