For preparatory reading:

Primarily the books and papers that enable you to know and analyse your own local and national situation, in regard to economic powers and how they operate.

*Christian Faith and the World Economy Today* (published in English, French and German by the World Council of Churches, Geneva, also available in Spanish, Portuguese, Greek, Arabic, Chinese... - ask in your national council of churches or in WCC Geneva) was accepted by the WCC Central Committee in 1992 as a tool to stimulate reflection and action. Just 50 pages long, it has the advantage of being relatively short and readable, and includes a 5 page reading list (chiefly of books in English but from many different parts of the world, many of which will also be available in translation) that will be more than enough for most of us.

*Alternativen zur kapitalistischen Weltwirtschaft: Biblische Erinnerungen und politische Ansätze zur Überwindung einer lebensbedrohenden Ökonomie* (Gütelohner Verlagshaus, 1994) is Ulrich Duchrow's latest book, soon to be published in English under the title *Creating Economics for Life* (probably Orbis, Maryknoll/NY, and SPCK, London). It contains both far-reaching economic analysis and suggestive biblical exegesis of great importance for this workshop, as well as a full bibliography.

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*Workshop III*

**RELIGIONS/CULTURES BETWEEN GOD AND MAMMON**

*Workshop IV - Outline*

**COMMUNITY AND GLOBALIZATION**

1. *About This Outline*

The basic outline of this workshop is that announced in *Mission Studies* 23, 1995. The current write-up is intended to supplement that previous one and offer some clarifications and information on the aim and method of the
workshop and on what is expected from participants. It is to be taken along with that previous write-up.

2. Aim of the Workshop

The aim of the workshop is threefold:

2.1 To enable participants to reflect on and identify the reality which community and globalization pose to the Christian mission in our times.

Are community and globalization necessarily two opposing realities? If not, what is responsible for the tension between them?

2.2 To find out the root causes of this reality and its challenges with particular reference to the general theme of the Conference.

What role, positive and negative, does mammon play in the contemporary phenomenon of community and globalization? At what levels and in what contexts does mammon play such a role? What are the effects of this role on individuals, groups of individuals, nations and the entire human family?

2.3 To identify the resources (scriptural, theological, Christological, ecclesi- ological and others) which the Christian mission has for meeting the challenges posed by community and globalization, discern possible levels at which the challenges could be met and suggest possible programmes/strategies for meeting them.

The three aspects listed correspond to the three sections of the previous write-up in Mission Studies 23, namely, 1. The Situation, 2. Analysis of the Situation, and 3. Towards Meeting the Situation.

3. Method of the Workshop

3.1 The workshop will be literally a workshop, hence participatory in method. This means that each participant will be expected to take an active part in it and contribute substantially to its total outcome.

3.2 As much as possible, the reflection on the topic will address concretely the social location or context of the participant. It will also draw from the participant’s own area/field of specialization. In this way, the total approach will be truly global and interdisciplinary. This approach should greatly enrich the outcome of the workshop.