



ASSEMBLY HANDBOOK

**"UNDER GOD'S
BLESSING - SHAPING
THE FUTURE"**

14 – 20 June 2023 Tallinn, Estonia

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WORDS OF WELCOME

1.

The Conference of European Churches would like to welcome you to the 2023 General Assembly in Tallinn, Estonia. The Assembly, being held from 14 – 20 June 2023, will explore the theme “Under God’s blessing – shaping the future”. Hosted by CEC Member Churches in Estonia, the Estonian Evangelical Lutheran Church, the Orthodox Church of Estonia and the Estonian Council of Churches, the Assembly gives us an opportunity to strengthen European ecumenical fellowship. It is also an opportunity to develop the direction of CEC’s future programmes, affirming its role as a faith-based voice in dialogue with European institutions, carving pathways to peace in Europe, contributing to the region’s future, while remaining theologically inspired.

WELCOME



CEC President

Rev. Christian Krieger:

The CEC Assembly will be a significant time for prayer, fellowship and reflection on the life and witness of the churches in Europe. The theme will bind

us together as an ecumenical body and give us the opportunity to offer the churches a vision of the contribution that together we can make to the future of Europe. We need to highlight the voice of the Christian faith in European society today by addressing the policymakers. It is my prayer that our fellowship will be further strengthened, as we prepare for Tallinn – under God’s blessing.



**Archbishop Urmas Viilma
of the Estonian Evangelical
Lutheran Church, President
of the National Council of
Churches:**

On behalf of the host churches of the CEC 2023 General Assembly, I extend a warm welcome to

each one of you coming to Tallinn, Estonia. We are committed to ensuring that our guests feel welcomed and valued throughout their time here in historic Old Tallinn. We look forward to sharing our rich history and culture with you, as well as our ecumenical vision for the future from the perspective of the local churches. May God bless our time together and guide us as we work towards a brighter future for Europe - under God’s blessing.



CEC General Secretary

Dr Jørgen Skov Sørensen:

The CEC General Assembly is a sign of fellowship comprising every corner of the European continent. It is an opportunity for us to better know one

another and reflect on the historical depths and inherent potential of our shared faith. With delegates and other participants, I look forward to exploring how together we can take responsibility for shaping Europe’s future – under God’s blessing.



**Chair CEC Assembly
Planning Committee**

Rev. Anders Gadegaard:

If the churches stand together in Europe, we will be better able to spread and sustain the view of freedom and responsibility, as

reflected in the theme of this CEC Assembly. This is what Europe needs at a time when over-consumption of resources is threatening the existence of the planet, when the gap between rich and poor is increasing and excessive national feelings are weakening the attention given to those who need help in other parts of the world. That is why the European churches are calling for action and courage at this time: Under God’s blessing – shaping the future.

WORDS OF WELCOME

KULTUURIKATEL 2.

The Creative Hub was built as the Tallinn City Central Power Station in 1913. After a long hiatus, this stunning industrial complex was renovated and then re-opened in 2015 as an all-purpose creative and events centre. This centre, which cleverly blends the old with the new, was the venue for the main events held during the presidency of the Council of the European Union in 2017.

The space at the Creative Hub has been designed to foster the creative industries. It is the home of advertising, digital and other creative agencies and development centres. It has been financed by a support structure grant awarded by Enterprise Estonia.

Read more about the history [Kultuurikatel - Ajalugu](#) or go through the venue with a digital tour [Virtuaaltuur - Kultuurikatel](#).

Address: Kultuurikatel, Kursi 3, 10415 Tallinn



INTRODUCING TALLINN

3.



The Old Town, which is listed as a UNESCO World Heritage site, presents a buzzing cultural scene, an apercu of modern city life, fantastic museums, colourful neighbourhoods, exciting culinary experiences, pure sea air and easy access to nature. We are sure will surprise and enchant you.

Tallinn's unique medieval Old Town is the perfect place to start your exploration. Divided into the Lower Town and Upper Town (the hill of Toompea), the area is quite big, yet still small enough to explore on foot.

You can easily spend an entire day (or two) discovering the Old Town, but if you wish to vary it a little, add Kalamaja to your to-do list. Situated within walking distance of the Old Town, the area is known for its colourful wooden houses, bohemian cafés, trendy shops and the impressive Seaplane Harbour museum.

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TALLINN'S OLD TOWN

Built from the 13th to 16th centuries, the Old Town is, according to UNESCO, one of the best-preserved medieval cities in Europe with 1.9 km (1.2 miles) of its original city wall and 20 defensive towers still standing.

- 2. Enjoy the views.** Visit one of the numerous viewing platforms on the Toompea hill, climb a Gothic church tower, or for a complete medieval immersion, visit some of the ancient defence towers. To give one example, at the Kiek in de K ok Fortifications Museum, you can not only walk on the town wall from one tower to another, but also explore fascinating, hidden underground passages.

THE TOP 3 THINGS TO DO IN THE OLD TOWN:

- 1. Wander around the ancient cobblestone streets.** In addition to the impressive medieval defence system, the area's top sights include the only intact Gothic town hall in Northern Europe, the oldest continuously operating pharmacy in Europe (since 1422), numerous churches, viewing platforms and much much more.





3. Visit a museum. Tallinn's Old Town is dotted with fascinating museums, such as the Tallinn City Museum, the Great Guild Hall of the Estonian History Museum, the Estonian Museum of Applied Arts and Design, and the KGB prison cells. If you are interested in recent history, go to the Vabamu Museum of Occupation and Freedom on the edge of the Old Town.

● Taken from:
<https://visittallinn.ee/eng/visitor/ideas-tips/tips-and-guides/three-days-in-tallinn>

● Official websites:
<https://www.visitestonia.com/en/where-to-go/tallinn>
<https://visittallinn.ee/>
<https://visittallinn.ee/eng/visitor/ideas-tips/tips-and-guides/tallinn-old-town>



CHURCHES IN ESTONIA

4.

The Estonian Council of Churches

The Estonian Council of Churches was founded at the Pühtitsa Dormition Convent in Kuremäe on 16.02.1989, in compliance with the command of Jesus Christ “that they all may be one” (John 17:21). The ECC is an independent and voluntary association of Christian Churches and unions of congregations set up to encourage cooperation in the quest for the spiritual development of Estonian society along Christian principles.

The ECC operates in the following main directions: organising cooperation between the member churches; developing common standpoints and communicating these to the wider public; offering advice on issues which fall within its competence; contributing to the shaping of church-state relations and awarding grants.



ESTONIAN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Estonia was officially christianised in the 13th century. The Estonian Evangelical Lutheran Church (EELC) has grown out of the Reformation of the 16th century. The autonomous Estonian Evangelical Lutheran Church was born as a result of the first church congress in 1917 when the Lutheran church of this country was reorganised as a free people's church. The church has helped to develop Estonian culture, education and language. Clergy members Jakob Hurt, Villem Reiman and many other pastors, parish clerks and schoolteachers have contributed to the preservation of the national heritage and the creation of independent statehood.

Estonian Evangelical Lutheran Church

The Lutheran church includes 169 congregations. About 8% of the Estonian population are members of the EELC. The church is governed by the Consistory which comprises the Archbishop, Bishops, the Chancellor and assessors. The General Synod serves as the highest legis-

lative body of the church. The EELC has more than 225 clergy members (incl. 47 women). In addition to Estonia, the church has congregations and preaching stations in other countries, constituting the Estonian Diocese Abroad. The EELC is a member of the Estonian Council of Churches, the Conference of European Churches, the World Council of Churches, the Lutheran World Federation, the Community of Protestant Churches in Europe and the Porvoo Communion.

The church has its own educational institution, the Theological Institute, founded in 1946. The church's newspaper "Eesti Kirik" is published once a week. Different areas of work are overseen by the Department for Diaconal Work of the EELC Consistory, the Association for Work with Children and Youth, the Mission Centre and the Church Music Association. Family centres in Tallinn and Tartu provide family counselling. People with severe health problems are cared for in the Tallinn Diaconal Hospital. Chaplaincy services in the Defence Forces, the police, prisons and hospitals have been set up in co-operation with other churches.

- If you would like to know more about EELC, visit: <https://eelk.ee/en/>



THE ORTHODOX CHURCH OF ESTONIA

The Orthodox Church of Estonia (in Estonian, Eesti Apostlik-Õigeusu Kirik) is one of the two fully autonomous Churches in the jurisdiction of the Ecumenical Patriarchate. It received its present status a hundred years ago, on 7th July, 1923. The Church has three dioceses with three bishops. The head of the Church is the Metropolitan of Tallinn and All Estonia, currently His Eminence Stephanos (Charalambides). There are 62 parishes, 32 priests and 10 deacons in the Church. The number of the faithful is around 30,000.

THE ORTHODOX CHURCH OF ESTONIA



The Church has a Youth League, publishes spiritual literature and has a theological institute, which works in cooperation with that of the Lutheran Church. The divine services are conducted mostly in Estonian and also in Church Slavonic. The Church issues a quarterly newspaper, *Metropoolia*, and an annual theological journal *Usk ja Elu* ('Faith and Life').

Estonians, before the crusades of the 13th century that brought most of them into the Roman Catholic faith, had Christians from both the Eastern and the Western Church. The word for holy baptism – *ristima*, and Cross – *rist*, are of Slavic origin. A part of the Estonians in the South-East of the country, the Setus, came under the Pskov principality and became Orthodox. In the 19th century, part of Estonian peasants converted to Orthodoxy. During the first period of independence, around 20% of the population (12.5% ethnic Estonians) confessed the Orthodox faith. This autonomy was abolished after the World War II, when Estonia was occupied by the Soviet Union and the Church forced into union with the Moscow Patriarchate. Autonomy was re-installed in 1996.

The Orthodox Church of Estonia is a member of the Estonian Council of Churches and has friendly ecumenical relations with other Christians in our country.

● For more information: <https://www.eoc.ee>

WHERE DO GENERAL
ASSEMBLY PARTICIPANTS
COME FROM?

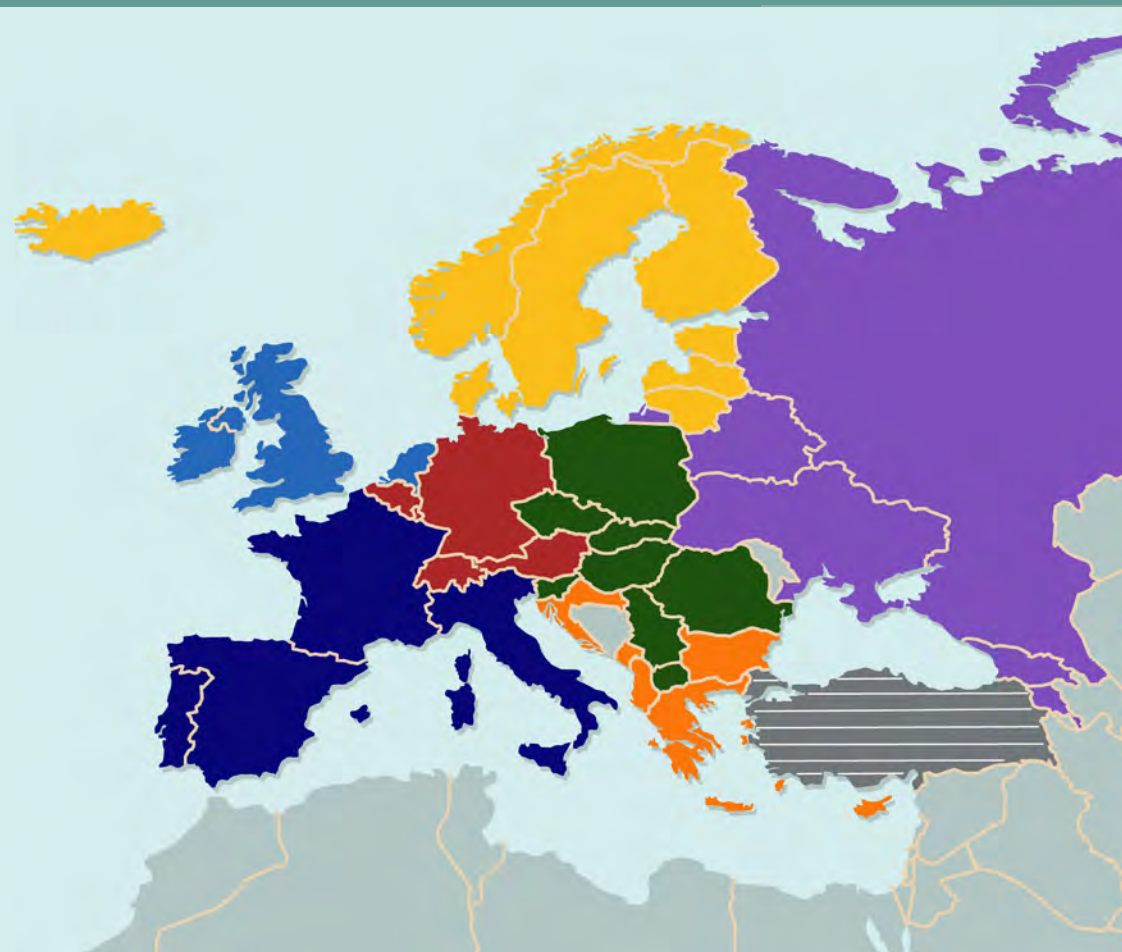
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PARTICIPANTS

WHERE DO GENERAL ASSEMBLY PARTICIPANTS COME FROM?

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- Nordic Baltic
- Central East
- Central West
- East
- North West
- South
- South East
- ▬▬▬ International areas

PARTICIPANTS

WHERE DO GENERAL ASSEMBLY PARTICIPANTS COME FROM?

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THE EIGHT REGIONS OF CEC

Nordic Baltic	Central East	Central West	East	North West	South	South East	International areas
Denmark	Czech Republic	Austria	Armenia	Ireland	France	Albania	Ecumenical Patriarchate
Estonia	Hungary	Belgium	Belarus	Netherlands	Italy	Bulgaria	European Baptist Federation
Finland	North Macedonia	Germany	Georgia	United Kingdom	Portugal	Croatia	Federation of Evangelical Lutheran Churches in Russia and Other States
Iceland	Poland	Liechtenstein	Russia		Spain	Cyprus	
Latvia	Romania	Luxembourg	Ukraine			Greece	Moravian Church – European Continental Province
Lithuania	Serbia	Switzerland				Montenegro	Salvation Army – International Headquarters
Norway	Slovakia						
Sweden	Slovenia						United Methodist Church – Nordic and Baltic Area

PARTICIPANTS

WHAT IS THE CEC GENERAL ASSEMBLY?

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What is the CEC General Assembly?

Every five years, the General Assembly meets to make decisions about CEC's future. The Assembly brings together participants from across Europe who represent CEC Member Churches, Organisations in Partnership and National Councils of Churches.

The Assembly also elects the new members of the CEC Governing Board and Presidency, who then steer the work of CEC for the next five years.

The CEC Assembly is also a significant moment of prayer, fellowship and reflection on the life and witness of the churches in Europe. The theme acts as inspiration to the assembly participants as together in an ecumenical spirit they offer the contributions of the churches on Europe's future.

ASSEMBLY

WHAT IS THE CEC GENERAL ASSEMBLY?

History and basics

CEC is a fellowship of 113 Orthodox, Protestant, Anglican and Old Catholic churches from across Europe, plus more than 40 National Councils of Churches and Organisations in Partnership. Together they represent over 380 million European citizens.

CEC was founded in 1959. The movement which led to the creation of CEC dates back to the period of the Cold War. The fragmented and divided Europe of the 1940s and 1950s needed to surmount the political divisions perpetuated by the World War II.

At this time a small group of church leaders in East and West Europe strove to enable the churches of Europe to become instruments of peace and understanding. These efforts were formalised when a full-time secretariat was established in April 1968, following CEC's fifth General Assembly in 1967.

The highest governing body of CEC is the General Assembly.

The first CEC General Assembly was held in

- Nyborg, Denmark in 1959, while the rest respectively took place in:
- Nyborg, Denmark (1962);
- Bornholm, Denmark (1964);
- Pörtschach, Austria (1967);
- Nyborg, Denmark (1971);
- Engelberg, Switzerland (1974);
- Chania, Crete (1979);
- Stirling, Scotland (1986);
- Prague (1992);
- Graz, Austria (1997);
- Trondheim, Norway (2003);
- Lyon, France (2009);
- Budapest, Hungary (2013) and
- Novi Sad, Serbia (2018).

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WHAT IS THE CEC GENERAL ASSEMBLY?



CEC is a fellowship of Member Churches with a secretariat which mirrors the conviction that shared challenges are better approached and resolved when they work together and make a coherent response, aided by a collective pool of theological, human and financial resources. CEC has a bridge-building role to play vis-à-vis the European Institutions (ref. Art 17 TFEU), by presenting the concerns of the Member Churches, whilst continuing to point that both the historic and future contribution churches make and have made in the development of European societies.

How does a General Assembly work?

Technically, CEC is an International Non-Profit Association under Belgium law, so the “General Assembly” is in fact the compulsory annual meeting of the Members. Each year, Members must approve the accounts of the last year as well as the budget for the coming year and give discharge to the Governing Board. According to the Constitution of CEC, the Members, i.e., the Member Churches, are represented in the General Assembly through “Delegates”. Depending on the size of the Church, they may number between one (1) and five (5) registered Delegates, who together form the actual ‘General Assembly’ (in the stricter sense). However, CEC’s self-understanding is more far-reaching than the technicalities described above. Within the limits of Belgian civil law CEC aims to give the General Assembly, held every five years, a more ecclesiastical character. Considering CEC’s history and composition, it does not look or function like a typical members’ meeting but gives an opportunity for ecumenical fellowship.

ASSEMBLY

To participate fully in business sessions, you need to be a “Delegate”. Only Delegates can exercise “membership rights” voting on motions. However, most categories of participants also have special rights in business sessions.

With almost 200 Delegates and about 100 other participants, it is very important that certain rules are followed. Many of the procedures, especially regarding elections, are complicated. This is necessary, because committees of the General Assembly and the bodies of CEC need to be representative of the denominational families and



region. They also need to represent ordained and lay members, male and female, young and old persons, to name but a few of the criteria. Great diligence is needed to come up with proposals that satisfy CEC’s need for inclusiveness.

ASSEMBLY

PROGRAMME OF THE CEC GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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	Wednesday 14 June	Thursday 15 June	Friday 16 June	Saturday 17 June	Sunday 18 June	Monday 19 June	Tuesday 20 June													
9.00-9.15	CEC/Assembly Staff duties	CEC Governing Board meeting	Morning Prayer Ecumenical	Morning Prayer Ecumenical	Walk to local churches	Morning Prayer Ecumenical	Morning Prayer Ecumenical													
9.15-9.30																				
9.45-10.00								Gathering of Youth representatives	Delegates registration at Kultuurikatel	Bible Study Roman 12:15-18	Bible Study James 2:14-26	Bible Study Philippians 2:1-5	Adoption of Assembly Committee reports							
10.00-10.15																				
10.15-10.30																				
10.30-10.45																				
10.45-11.00														Coffee Break	Coffee Break	Coffee Break	Coffee Break			
11.00-11.30														CEC/Assembly Staff duties	CEC Presidency Meeting	Keynote Speaker Hartmut Rosa "What is the sociological context of Europe"	Keynote Speaker ++Rowan Williams "How do we work theologically with our role in the society/in Europe"	Worship in local churches (Confessionnal)	Business Plenary Greetings from guests Amendments to CEC Constitution Mandating procedure for Extraordinary General Assembly in Belgium Message & Public Issue Committee	Closing Plenary
11.30-12.00																				
12.00-12.15														LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH Publication of Governing Board proposals	LUNCH	LUNCH
12.15-12.30																				
12.30-13.00																				
13.00-13.30																				
13.30-14.00	CEC/Assembly Staff duties	Youth Gathering	Workshops "What is the sociological context of Europe"	Nomination Committee Meeting	Workshops "How do we work theologically with our role in the society/in Europe"	Committees Meeting	Closing Press Conference													
14.00-14.30																				
14.30-15.00	Coffee Break	Coffee Break	Coffee Break	Coffee Break	Coffee Break	Business Plenary (ctd) Assembly Committees Draft Reports Finance Committee Draft Report Strategy & Policy Committee Draft Report	Meeting of the newly elected Governing Board													
15.00-15.30																				
15.30-16.00																				
16.00-16.30																				
16.30-17.00								CEC Governing Board arrivals	CEC/Assembly Staff duties	Youth Gathering	Keynote Speech GA Theme TBC "What can Churches offer in European society"	Business Plenary Greetings from guests Report from the President of CEC Report from the General Secretary of CEC Time for discussion	Hearing Churches as change makers in post-war society	Hearing Preparing for Peace: The role of churches in transforming violence						
17.00 - 17.15																				
17.15-17.30																				
17.30-17.45																				
17.45-18.00																				
18.00-18.30															Evening Prayer	Gathering Worship St John's church (Jaani Kirik)	Business Plenary (ctd) Committee Elections: Strategy & Policy Committee Message & Public Issues Committee Finance Committee	Business Plenary Second and final reading of the amendments to the CEC Constitution	Evening Prayer 18:00 Protestant	Evening Prayer 18:00 Armenian Apostolic
18.30-18.45																				
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20.00 - 20.15																				
20.15-20.30																				
20.30-21.00	DINNER 19:30	Youth Gathering - Surprise Activity	Walk to dinner	First reading of constitutional amendments in light of Belgian association law	Free time	Committees Meeting	Pathways to Peace World Café													
21.00-21.30																				
21.30-21.45																				
21.45-22.00																				
22.00-22.30																				
								CEC Governing Board arrivals	CEC/Assembly Staff duties	OPENING DINNER 20:00 hosted by local churches Tallinn Cruise Terminal Logi 4/2, 10111 Tallinn	DINNER 20:15	DINNER 20:15	DINNER 20:15	CLOSING DINNER						
	Free evening	Free evening	Free evening	Free evening	CEC Governing Board meeting	Bus transfer to the hotel														
	Walk to the hotel																			

Actual Programme: [here](#)

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY CODE OF CONDUCT

8.

The General Assembly is meant to be a safe space that secures the spiritual, mental, physical, and emotional well-being of all participants. The CEC General Assembly Code of Conduct is an initiative aiming to prevent all forms of misconduct, including corruption, exploitation, fraud, harassment, mental and sexual abuse.

This Code of Conduct is a covenant among all assembly participants to treat one another with respect and dignity. It addresses the risks of harassment and abuse that can occur at large public gatherings. It is rooted in Christian teaching and responsibility and underpins the legal responsibility of each participant under the law of the host country.

This Assembly Code of Conduct also provides a complaint mechanism in case of any breach of good conduct. Legal action will be taken where required. Complaints should be made in good faith, and out of mutual concern.

CODE OF CONDUCT

Participation in the 2023 CEC General Assembly presupposes agreement and adherence to this code of conduct. The Assembly Code of Conduct is applicable at all times and in all venues during the assembly, including the assembly venue, hotels, the city of Tallinn and excursions.

Christian Commitments

As a participant in the CEC General Assembly, I commit to:

- Act in ways consistent with the Christian principles



underpinning the work and witness of CEC, by treating all participants, Assembly staff, stewards and volunteers fairly and with respect, courtesy and dignity because they bear the image of God (Genesis 1.26-27).

- Recognise and affirm the diversity in the body of Christ and relate to others according to the letter and the spirit of the Christian Scriptures (Galatians 3.28).
- Respect individual personal boundaries, both verbally and physically (Romans 12:18).
- Ensure that my personal and professional conduct is of the highest standard and does not bring my faith, my church or CEC into disrepute (Colossians 3:17).

Legal commitment

As a participant in the CEC General Assembly, I commit to:

- Abide by Estonian law.
- Respect and promote fundamental rights of each person, without discrimination.
- Avoid any behavior that is considered an offence under criminal law or may be legally understood as abuse, exploitation, misconduct, or sexual harassment.
- Declare conflicts of interest and follow ethical and legally acceptable organisational and business practices.



- Refrain from driving a vehicle when under the influence of alcohol or other substances.
- Avoid using or encouraging others to use alcohol or other substances in a way that affects their ability to carry out their role or affects the reputation of CEC.
- Respect the assembly as a gun-free and narcotic-free zone.
- Report immediately any knowledge, concerns, or substantial suspicions of any breach of this Assembly Code of Conduct following the complaints process below.

Assembly Complaint Mechanism

All complaints will be treated with discretion, confidentiality and integrity. In all cases, Estonian law will be respected.

Complaints will be received and reviewed by the Assembly Steering Committee. Complaints related to a breach of the Assembly Code of Conduct will be handled according to the complaint's procedure given below.



Procedure

Should anyone want to make a complaint, the following procedures shall apply:

- Complete a complaint form available from the Pastoral Care team.
- Submit a written complaint via email (in English, French or German) – to the CEC Assembly Complaints e-mail - codeofconduct@cec-kek.be, or give the complaint form to any member of the Pastoral Care team.
- All complaints will be carefully and promptly investigated by the Assembly Steering Committee, maintaining confidentiality, meeting privately with the subject of the complaint

and the complainant (a person who has an issue and is making the complaint), and witnesses if any are named in the complaint.

- For the complainant (the person who is making the complaint), counselling, pastoral care, and accompaniment will be made available. In cases where the complainant wishes to report the incident to the relevant legal and/or ecclesial authorities, they shall be offered the relevant information and assistance to connect to the concerned authorities. The Local Assembly Committee will provide information, links, and expertise.

- The Assembly Steering Committee may, in its sole discretion, find it necessary to remove the subject of the complaint from the Assembly or bar the person from situations where the offence could be repeated. The subject of the complaint, the head of his or her delegation if the person is a delegate, shall be informed of the decision.

- CEC will not provide legal representation to either party.

CEC reserves the right to take any action deemed necessary to ensure application of the principles upon which this Assembly Code of Conduct is based. CEC, as an organisation, its leadership, staff, and individuals participating in these processes, assume no responsibility directly or indirectly, for any action or inaction taken with respect to this Code of Conduct and shall under no circumstances be made liable



for any expense incurred or loss suffered as a consequence of application of the procedures of the Code of Conduct.

COMMITTEES AT THE CEC GENERAL ASSEMBLY

9.

During the General Assembly several specific tasks will be handled and discussed in the Committees set up by the General Assembly itself.

In Tallinn, work is planned to be conducted in the following Committees:

The Steering Committee

The Steering Committee assists the Moderators in the conduct of the General Assembly.

The Nominations Committee

The Assembly Nominations Committee's main task is to present to the Assembly a list of nominees for the position of President, Vice-Presidents, Governing Board members and an electoral reserve, as well as the Assembly committees.



The Finance Committee

The Finance Committee shall:

- Discuss the financial situation of the Conference.
- Having assessed the assets and income of the conference, it shall present to the General Assembly a concise financial report and
- Give recommendations in areas such as fundraising and mid- to long-term financial planning.

The Strategy and Policy Committee

The Strategy and Policy Committee shall submit a strategy proposal to the Assembly for the future work of the Conference. The proposal will be discussed in plenary and, as necessary, modified in the light of that discussion for final adoption by the Assembly delegates.

Public Issues and Message Committee

The task of the Public Issues and Message Committee is first and foremost to produce a short, pungent message which captures the spirit of the Assembly for the Assembly delegates to discuss and eventually adopt.



The General Assembly can also decide to set up additional Committees for other areas of work.

COMMUNICATIONS AND MEDIA

10.



CEC's mission, strongly grounded in theological foundation, is to claim and safeguard the place of faith as a legitimate element in European political discourse and to support its Member Churches in addressing significant concerns of European societies. Communication at the CEC Assembly is a valuable opportunity to promote this mission, manifesting the strength of ecumenical fellowship, while relaying the voice of the churches to a large audience in Europe and beyond.

CEC communication will highlight the topics presented in the Assembly plenaries, emphasising the ways churches can engage with wider society, and work together to build bridges with European institutions. Particular attention will be given to the thematic content of the event, publicising keynote speeches, major decisions and statements made in Tallinn, worship services and prayer life, cultural events, and activities related to youth.

MEDIA

COMMUNICATIONS AND MEDIA

The assembly theme will be a strong thread permeating all CEC communications and will be delivered through all the relevant channels and contexts.

The CEC Assembly also has times of common prayer and celebration and gives delegates, ecumenical partners and other visitors an opportunity to share their ideas and experiences. The Assembly will be a showcase of the beauty and diversity of the CEC Member Churches, and show how prayer can bring them together in an ecumenical spirit.

Digital materials are being developed carefully bearing in mind their impact on the environment. The Assembly will produce the minimum number of materials in paper.

Youth will be actively engaged in the area of communications, especially online communications and social media. They can contribute fresh perspectives and give stories of the assembly the human touch. Member Churches and networks will be encouraged to nominate candidates

to serve as co-opted staff and stewards, who have an aptitude for undertaking these important tasks.

Those from the Member Churches who are communicators are invited to join the CEC Assembly Communication Team.

The CEC communication team will work in cooperation with the Estonian host churches, to highlight the assembly through local media and promote materials in the Estonian languages. The hospitality of Estonian churches and their role in the CEC Assembly will be high on the agenda of the local news. All information will be available on the General Assembly website <https://2023ce-cassembly.org> which will serve as the main hub. This is where news stories, photo albums, short videos, information about the programme, the speakers, Assembly publications and official documents will be available.

MEDIA

Live streaming of the major event each day will be offered, as well as short videos from thematic plenaries, worship services, speeches and public events.

Press briefings will be held regularly at the venue. Journalists will benefit from live streaming. They will be provided with press kits, releases, presentations from the speakers, profiles and will be offered support with reporting, interviews and coverage for TV and internet outlets.



Facebook, Twitter and YouTube will present the everyday highlights. Social media will feature news stories, short videos, photos, and official statements. These posts will welcome comments, sharing, prayers and greetings from the Member Churches, related organisations and networks. All participants are encouraged to use hashtags [#cecassembly2023](#) and [#Tallinn](#).



11.

YOUTH AT CEC ASSEMBLY

CEC actively engages youth in its activities. Working in close cooperation with the World Student Christian Federation, Europe region, and the Ecumenical Youth Council in Europe, it creates spaces where young people can take part and make their voices heard.

Young adults between 18-30 years of age will take an active part in the General Assembly as delegates, stewards and advisors. Engaged as they are in the life of their local churches, young Christians will contribute their



expertise and experience in various areas of work of the CEC. They will bring to the conversation the concerns and priorities of their generation regarding Christian witness in Europe today.

Stewards Programme

Participating in the CEC General Assembly is an enriching ecumenical experience for young adults from the CEC Member Churches in Europe.

YOUTH

YOUTH AT CEC ASSEMBLY

The Stewards' programme will help with their ecumenical formation and develop the participants' understanding of church relations in Europe.

Stewards play a special role in the smooth running of the General Assembly by assisting in areas of work such as common prayer, communications, language services and floor management.

A short ecumenical formation programme will be held before the Assembly for stewards, as well as youth advi-

sors. This will give them the necessary tools to engage in the exchange of knowledge related to European churches and deal with diversity.

The Stewards Programme will ensure a vibrant participation of young adults at the General Assembly. These participants will not only enrich dialogue at the Assembly from diverse youth perspectives but will help set directions of the ecumenical future.

The Youth Pre-Assembly event will serve to prepare young participants for the Assembly by bringing together Christian youth from Europe active in the churches and society. Thirty-nine young people aged between 18 and 30 with a strong interest in ecumenical work will help run the Assembly. They are nominated by the CEC Member Churches or CEC partner organisations.



YOUTH

YOUTH GATHERING IN TALLINN

Wednesday 14 June 2023		Thursday 15 June	
Venue: EKNK Toompea Kogudus, Toompea 3		Venue: Kultuurikatel, Kursi 3, 10415 Tallinn	
12:00	Arrivals and Lunch	8:30-9:00	Morning prayer: My/Our future?
14:00-15:30	Opening Prayer Welcome by Dr Jørgen Skov Sørensen, General Secretary of CEC Round of introductions	9:00-10:30	Assembly preparations Group A - Stewards' training Facilitator: Marc-Henri Heiniger, Conference Expert, World Council of Churches
15:30-16:00	Coffee Break		Delegates introduction to General Assembly processes Facilitator: Rev. Dr Patrick Roger Schnabel, Legal Adviser - CEC General Assembly
16:00-17:30	Ecumenical Learning – dealing with diversity Facilitator: Lea Schlenker, Youth Adviser - Governing Board Member, CEC. Ecumenical Learning is designed to create an environment in which participants can reflect and express their opinions freely, share their cultural and religious experiences, understand the limitations of their own perspectives and choices, and prepared to respond positively and constructively to diverse views. It will furthermore explain the Code of Conduct of the GA.	10:30-11:00	Coffee Break
18:00 - 22.00	Surprise activity including dinner and evening prayer. Please bring warm clothes and shoes for walking	11:00-12:30	Assembly preparations continued Group A - Training continued
			Group B - Preparation on the topics of the GA, encouraging the perspectives of the young people Facilitator: Tijana Petković, Vice-Chair of the Assembly Planning Committee
		12:30	Lunch
			Beginning of the General Assembly

PRACTICAL INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS

12.

Arrival, Departure, Airport Transfer

Participants will be met at the airport and port by the Assembly Staff and Volunteers. Volunteers at the CEC welcoming desk at the Tallinn Airport are there to greet people and help them to find the way to the hotels/venue.

The City of Tallinn started a big programme renewing the tramways in March 2023 to provide better connections between parts of the capital. Because of this, alternative buses will be available.

Registration Procedures

On-site registration for the participants for the 2023 Tallinn General Assembly of the Conference of European Churches will be in Kultuurikatel/Creative Hub throughout 15 June.

INFORMATION

Delegates and participants are asked to register upon their arrival when they will be given their badge and General Assembly Welcome bags and directed to their hotel. Those arriving after 15 June will also be able to receive their badge and information at the Kultuurikatel. Please go to the information desk. The on-site registration area is located at the entrance of the Kultuurikatel. Big doors with the logo displayed let you know you are at the right place.



Meals

All participants will have breakfast in the hotel where they are staying. Lunches and dinners will be served at the Kultuurikatel. Coffee, tea and water is available throughout the day. Go to the Atrium of the Kultuurikatel to find it!

The Estonian Evangelical Lutheran Church is welcoming Assembly participants with a special dinner at the new Cruise Terminal Building (Logi 4/2) The dinner is scheduled for 15 June at 20:00.

INFORMATION

The city of Tallinn is inviting us to a closing reception dinner on the 19th of June at 20:30 at Lauluväljak (laluvaljak.ee).

June is the beginning of summer in Estonia; we encourage participants to drink a lot of water. Water is always available and provided by the caterer. We have also been advised by the local Committee that tap water in the hotels and throughout the General Assembly venue is safe to drink. We encourage you to use your re-usable water bottle.



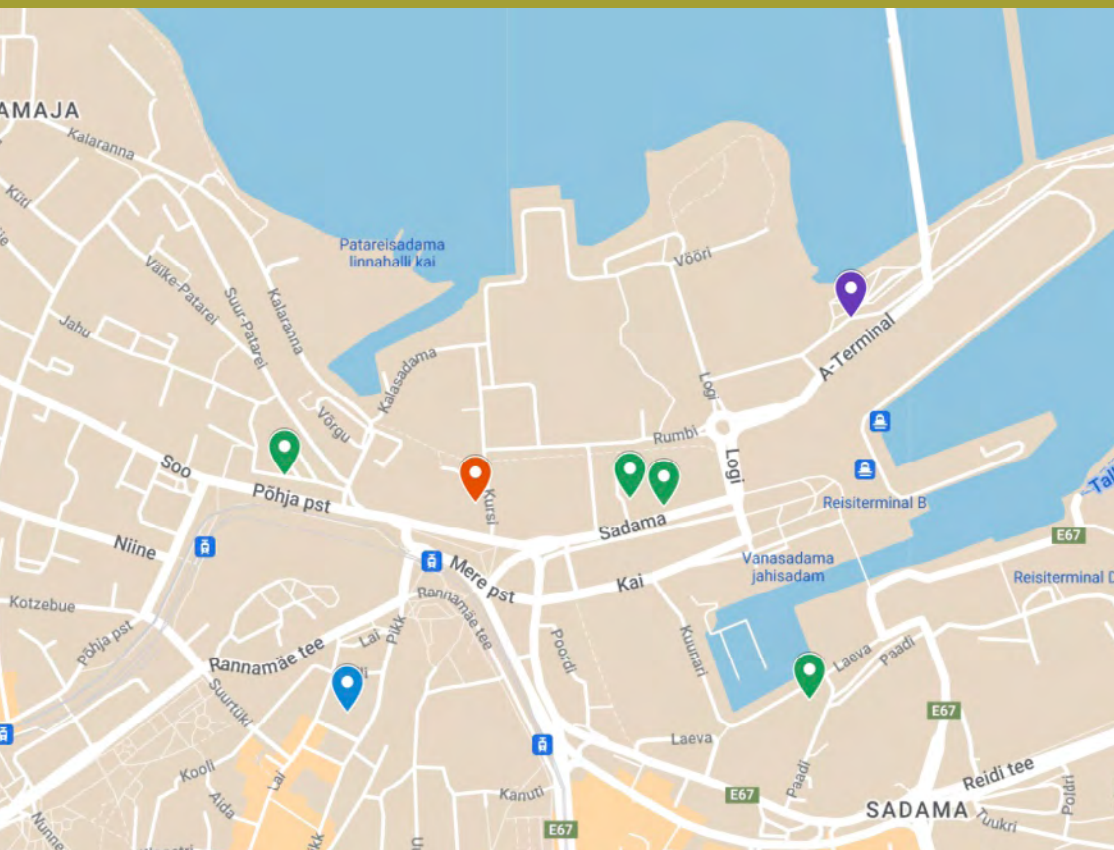
Accommodation and Transport - Local transportation

The city of Tallinn is supporting this Assembly by providing all participants with free QR tickets to use on public transport.

The QR ticket, that you should have received in the email, must be validated at the bottom of the rectangular orange validator located at the front of the public transport vehicles: place the QR code displayed on a smart device screen or printed on paper in front of the screen of the code reader, situated at the bottom of the machine.

INFORMATION

A map with the location of the most important venues of the event can be found - [here](#)



Simultaneous interpretation

Simultaneous interpretation will be available in English, French and German throughout the plenary sessions.



Weather

The average maximum daytime temperature in Tallinn in June can be around 20°C, but it can still be quite chilly and at night, with an average low of 9°C. The weather can be quite unpredictable, so it is advisable to bring clothes that are suitable for different weather conditions.

Electricity

The voltage in Estonia is 230 volts and the electric plugs have 2-pins. Most European plugs will fit, but if in doubt it is best to bring an adaptor.

First-Aid and Medical Assistance

The Information Desk located in Kultuurikatel will be able to provide first aid for minor aches and illnesses. Should you require more specialist assistance or if there is an emergency, the following numbers may be of use.

Your first help – 112

If you need help from an ambulance, rescue service or police, call 112. If you need information or tips, contact state helpline 1247.

Travel and health insurance should be organised by participants themselves.



In Estonia the currency is the EURO. If any assistance is needed, please turn to the information desk.

In ATMs if you withdraw cash

- If original currency is euro, the price is 1 euro + 2,5% of the sum.
- If the original currency is not euro, there will be 1,5% convert-fee added.

Lost Property

If you lose or find any valuables at the venue, you may deposit the article you have found or inquire about your lost belongings at the Information Desk.

Pastoral Care Two ears for you!

God did not create us with two ears and only one mouth by chance. At the suggestion of the Governing Board, we have set up a pastoral care team. We will be present during the Assembly to listen to you if you would like or need to share your thoughts with someone. If you are feeling alone, if you are distressed or just want to talk to someone, please feel free to contact us. We will introduce ourselves personally at the beginning of the gathering.

You'll find us in the chapel before morning prayer, at lunchtime and in the evenings, - but you can also contact us by email so we can meet with you. We will be happy to listen to you.

You are also invited to visit St Olaf Church if you just need some quiet time.

The team will be coordinated by Rev. Máté Joob.
The phone number for pastoral care during the Assembly: +372 546 16735.

Please ask at the information desk if you need more concrete information.



ECO MANAGEMENT

13.



Materials

Every effort has been made to reduce the use of paper during this Assembly. Double-sided printing, the use of recycled paper and a sparing use of hand-outs are visible steps on this road. The Assembly Handbook will only be available in an online version this time. The percentage of participants requesting paper copies of documents was 37,7% on 28 April 2023.

The items found in the Welcome bag have been carefully selected and made from recycled and/or responsibly sourced materials.

Food and water

The caterer is providing water at the venue in water dispensers. Tap water in Tallinn is safe to drink. We encourage all participants to refill the bottle offered to them the welcome bag, instead of buying bottled water.

ECO

There is no or hardly any single use tableware. We have asked the caterer to use as little packaging as possible and to offer Fair-Trade coffee, tea, sugar etc.

Vegetarian and vegan meals are also offered, and participants should have already indicated their requirements on the registration form. Food is sourced locally or nationally as far as possible - but Estonia is a small country, and not everything is available within its borders. Friday is an all vegetarian day in the General Assembly.

Transport

The hotels chosen by CEC are within a short walking distance of the venue and old town. Free public transport has been provided by the City of Tallinn to our Assembly participants for their journeys to and from the airport. Providing this service is part of the eco-friendly welcome from our hosts. CEC work together with Klima-Kollekte, a church-based carbon compensation fund.

Carbon compensation for greenhouse gas emissions due to travel will be the responsibility of CEC for those whose journeys they have arranged. We would strongly encourage all participants to compensate the CO2 emissions from their own travel.



Eco-management within the Creative Hub (Kultuurikatel)

The CEC General Assembly venue, the Tallinn Creative Hub (Kultuurikatel), encourages and supports the separation of the different types of waste - such as organic waste, packaging, paper/cardboard and mixed municipal waste.

Anxious to minimize its environmental impact, the Creative Hub also prioritises the use of energy-effective solutions for the lighting and heating systems. In addition, the Hub monitors energy consumption throughout the



building, and investigates the uses of alternative sources of energy. Water it is realised is another crucial resource that must be used wisely.

There are various ways the facilities of the Hub contribute to reducing transport costs and limiting the negative environmental impact of traffic. The Hub is close to the public transport system; people are encouraged to avail themselves of car and ride sharing services; there is a nearby scooter rental/charging centre and facilities for parking cycles on the premises.

CHURCHES WELCOMING ASSEMBLY PARTICIPANTS

14.

SUNDAY SERVICE, 18 JUNE 2023

Church	Name in Estonian	Confession	Address	Service starts
The Cathedral of Saint Mary the Virgin	EELK Tallinna Püha Neitsi Maarja Piiskoplik Toomkogudus	Lutheran	Toom-Kooli 6, 10130 Tallinn	11:00
Bethel Congregation	EELK Tallinna Peeteli kogudus	Lutheran	Preesi 5, 10320 Tallinn	11:00
Holy Spirit Church	EELK Tallinna Püha Vaimu kogudus	Lutheran	Pühavaimu 2, 10123 Tallinn	11:00
Kalju Baptist Church	EKBL Tallinna Kalju Baptistikogudus	Baptist	Kalju tn 1, 10414 Tallinn	11:00
St. Olaf Church	EKBL Oleviste kogudus	Baptist	Lai 50, 10133 Tallinn	10:00
Church of St. Simeon and the Prophetess Hanna	EAÕK Tallinna Püha Siimeoni ja naisprohvet Hanna kogudus	Orthodox	Ahtri 7/Paadi 2, 10151 Tallinn	10:00
Tallinn Cathedral of the Transfiguration of Our Lord	EAÕK Tallinna Issanda Muutmise peakiriku kogudus	Orthodox	Suur-Kloostri 14, 10133 Tallinn	10:00
Tallinn Methodist Church	EMK Tallinna metodisti	Methodist	Narva mnt 51, 10120 Tallinn	10:00
Sts. Peter and Paul Cathedral	RKK Tallinna Pühade Apostlite Peetruse ja Pauluse Kogudus	Roman Catholic	Vene tn.18, 10123 Tallinn	11:30
Toompea Pentecostal Church	EKNK Toompea Kogudus	Pentecostal	Toompea 3, 10130 Tallinn	10:30
Anglican service in the Creative Hub	Anglikaani teenistus	Anglican	Kursi 3, 10415 Tallinn	10:00

BASIC ESTONIAN PHRASES

15.



ESTONIAN PHRASES

BASIC PHRASES

Hello!	Tere!
Good morning!	Tere hommikust!
Good evening!	Tere õhtust!
Good night!	Head ööd!
Bye!	Head aega!
Yes	Jah
No	Ei
Thank you	Aitäh
Please	Palun
Excuse me	Vabandust
My name is...	Minu nimi on...
Where is...?	Kus on...?
Cheers!	Terviseks!
Have a nice day!	Head päeva!
No problem	Pole viga
I know	Ma tean
I don't know	Ma ei tea
Excuse me, where's the toilet?	Vabandust, kus asub tualett?

THINGS YOU MIGHT SEE

Entrance	Sissepääs
Exit	Väljapääs
Emergency exit	Varuväljapääs
Push	Lükka
Pull	Tõmba
WC	WC
Toilets	Tualetid
Gentlemen	Härrad
Ladies	Daamid
No entry	Sissepääs keelatud
In difficulties	
Help!	Appi!
Be careful!	Olge ettevaatlik!
Look out!	Ettevaatust!
Please help me!	Palun aidake mind!
I need a doctor!	Ma vajan arsti!

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Armenia

Armenian Apostolic Church

Austria

Evangelical Church of the Augsburg Confession in Austria

Evangelical Church H.C. in Austria

Old-Catholic Church of Austria

United Methodist Church in Austria

Belgium

United Protestant Church in Belgium

Bulgaria

Pentecostal Assemblies of Bulgaria

Union of Evangelical Baptist Churches in Bulgaria

CHURCHES

Croatia

Baptist Union of Croatia
Church of God in Croatia
Evangelical Church in the Republic of Croatia
Evangelical Pentecostal Church in Croatia
Reformed Christian (Calvinist) Church in Croatia

Cyprus

Church of Cyprus

Czech Republic

Czechoslovak Hussite Church
Evangelical Church of Czech Brethren
Old-Catholic Church in the Czech Republic
Orthodox Church in the Czech Lands and Slovakia
Silesian Evangelical Church of the Augsburg
Confession in the Czech Republic
United Methodist Church in the Czech Republic

Denmark

Baptist Union of Denmark
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Denmark

Estonia

Estonian Evangelical Lutheran Church
Orthodox Church of Estonia

Finland

Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland
Orthodox Church of Finland

France

Federation of Evangelical Baptist Churches of France
Malagasy Protestant Church in France
Union of Protestant Churches in Alsace and Lorraine
United Protestant Church of France

Georgia

Evangelical Baptist Church of Georgia

Germany

Catholic Diocese of the Old-Catholics in Germany
Protestant Church in Germany
Union of Evangelical Free Churches in Germany
(Baptist Union)
United Methodist Church in Germany

Greece

Church of Greece
Evangelical Church of Greece

Hungary

Baptist Union of Hungary
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Hungary
Reformed Church in Hungary
United Methodist Church in Hungary

Iceland

Evangelical Lutheran Church of Iceland

Ireland

Church of Ireland
Methodist Church in Ireland
Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Italy

Christian Evangelical Baptist Union of Italy
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Italy
Evangelical Methodist Church in Italy
Waldensian Church in Italy

Latvia

Evangelical-Lutheran Church of Latvia
Latvian Evangelical Lutheran Church Abroad

Liechtenstein

Evangelical Church in the Principality of Liechtenstein

Lithuania

Evangelical Lutheran Church in Lithuania

Luxembourg

Protestant Churches in Luxembourg

Netherlands

Mennonite Church in the Netherlands
Old-Catholic Church of the Netherlands
Protestant Church in the Netherlands
Remonstrant Church

North Macedonia

United Methodist Church Macedonia

Norway

Church of Norway

Poland

Baptist Union of Poland
Evangelical Church of the Augsburg Confession in Poland
Evangelical Reformed Church in Poland
Old-Catholic Mariavite Church in Poland
Polish Autocephalous Orthodox Church
Polish Catholic Church (Old-Catholic)
United Methodist Church in Poland

Portugal

Evangelical Methodist Church in Portugal
Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Portugal
Lusitanian Catholic Apostolic Evangelical Church

Romania

Evangelical Church of the Augsburg Confession in Romania
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Romania
Reformed Church in Romania Kiralyhagomellek (District)

Romanian Orthodox Church

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Russia

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Serbia

Reformed Christian Church in Serbia
Serbian Orthodox Church
Slovak Evangelical Church of the Augsburg Confession in Serbia
United Methodist Church in Serbia

Slovakia

Evangelical Church of the Augsburg Confession in Slovakia
Orthodox Church in the Czech Lands and Slovakia
Reformed Christian Church in Slovakia

Slovenia

Evangelical Church A.C. in the Republic of Slovenia

Spain

Spanish Evangelical Church
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Sweden

Church of Sweden

Uniting Church in Sweden

Switzerland

Protestant Church in Switzerland

Old-Catholic Church of Switzerland

United Methodist Church in Switzerland

Ukraine

Reformed Church in Transcarpathia

United Kingdom

Baptist Union of Great Britain

Church in Wales

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23.

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Belgium

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Czech Republic

Ecumenical Council of Churches in the Czech Republic

Denmark

National Council of Churches in Denmark

Estonia

Estonian Council of Churches

Finland

Finnish Ecumenical Council

France

French Protestant Federation

Germany

Council of Christian Churches in Germany

Hungary

Ecumenical Council of Churches in Hungary

Ireland

Irish Council of Churches

Italy

Federation of Protestant Churches in Italy

The Netherlands

Council of Churches in the Netherlands

Norway

Christian Council of Norway

Poland

Polish Ecumenical Council

Portugal

Portuguese Council of Christian Churches

Romania

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Slovakia

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Spain

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International Association for Christian Education
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