



CALL
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EUROPEAN CHRISTIAN
EMPLOYMENT AND
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CALL WG on Economic Sustainability

To the member churches

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The reaction of Churches in Europe to the economic crises

Since the year 2008 Europe has been facing ongoing economic crises, starting with a crisis in financial markets, followed by a fiscal and political crisis in the European Union. The CALL network would like to produce an overview of the reaction of the churches in Europe to that. What is their analysis of the crises? How do they perceive the social and economic impact of the crises? What is their theological perception of the current situation in Europe? What solutions do they offer?

We therefore send you this questionnaire with the intention of acquiring an overview of the church positions with regard to the social and economic challenges in Europe. The results are intended to support church leaders in finding common responses to the crisis and strengthening their national position. The group will discuss the results and make them available to you and to our member churches.

We adopt this procedure as a first step towards a more united position of the European churches on the way to an economically sustainable Europe. The purpose of the survey is to enable the churches to recognize common ground in spite of the different situations facing each country. They may then want to join forces in order to strengthen their impact.

If you can please complete the questionnaire below either with one word, or with not more than two or three sentences, as appropriate. If you do not know the answer to some of the questions you might consider involving somebody who does or leave it blank. If you could return the questionnaire by the end of July the working group will come up with the results by Autumn 2013.

With many thanks for your cooperation,

the working group

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Questionnaire

(If your church has issued several statements, please use one questionnaire for every statement)

Personal information (will be kept confidential)

Name:

Address:

Email:

Phone:

Church:

General Questions

1. Has your Church produced a statement on the economic crises in Europe?
2. What is the title of the statement?
3. In which language has it been issued?
4. Is an English translation available?
5. When was it issued?
6. By whom has it been issued?
7. Can you please attach the statement or indicate where it can be found on the internet?
8. Do you know whether your church is planning further statements on this issue in the future?

Can you please give an overview of the statement?

9. What are the issues the statement is dealing with (list of contents)
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10. Are the causes of the crises analysed? If yes, please specify
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11. Is there a description of the social and economic impact of the crisis? If yes, please specify

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12. Can you identify and state a key message of the statement?

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Is there a theological perception of the current situation in Europe?

13. Is there a biblical reference? If yes, please specify

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14. Are there specific values or concepts mentioned?

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Solutions

15. Does the statement offer a specific solution? If yes, please specify

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16. Who is expected to do what?

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What actions has your church taken as a result of the crises?

17. Did the crises have an impact on the diaconal and social work of your church?

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18. Did the crises change the financial investment policies of your church?

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19. Any other?

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What is your personal opinion? (voluntary)

20. How do you perceive the answer of your church?

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21. Did you personally consider there is anything missing from the statement?

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22. Any other comments or suggestions?

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Thank you for the time and work you have given to your responses!
Please send your questionnaire by the end of July to the coordinator of the group:
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