

The standpoint of the social justice

The church has always stood on the side of the poor and it is the main responsibility of the church to care for needed and marginalized – Luke 6,20.

The contemporary standpoint of the Czechoslovak Hussite Church is that political and economic structures should serve the peace and the good (pax et bonum) of the society. The logic purity (strictness) of economic systems demanded by neoliberalism is not considered as the primary value of the Church. The principles – love and justice – are the primary principles.

List of activities of the Czechoslovak Hussite Church

The Czechoslovak Hussite Church runs several programmes relevant for the agenda of the upcoming WCC Assembly. The initiatives are usually developed on local (parishes) or diocese level.

- 1) The project Africa for Africa is a community based project founded in 2009. The overall aim of the project is to develop a self-sustainable community in Kenyan slums. In the framework of the project there are currently developed three different programmes. Firstly, the Computer Centre provides PC trainings for young people in need from Mukuru slum of Nairobi. Secondly, the High school sponsorship supports education of bright students from poor and needy families. Thirdly, the children's home Scream Africa provides financial support for food and management of the Orphanage.
- 2) The parish in Prague – Vršovice is engaged in an environmental project which consists of installation of photovoltaic panels on roofs of parish buildings. The solar energy is used for generating electricity for the whole parish complex of buildings.
- 3) The ecological community centre UBUKU is active in the north of the Czech Republic. The centre organizes both the educational as well as practical ecological projects. Various environmental issues are tackled there theoretically as well as practically through concrete actions such as river bank cleaning, garbage collecting, tree planting etc.
- 4) Several parishes are involved in the Fair Trade initiative and organize Fair Trade markets or support Fair Trade by other means.
- 5) Czechoslovak Hussite Church is a member of The Ecumenical Academy Prague (EAP) which is an independent non-governmental non-profit organisation that is engaged in the field of adult education. The EAP organises seminars, conferences and workshops on issues in the fields of culture, politics, church and society, social justice, sustainable development, North-South divide etc.

The expectations of the Czechoslovak Hussite Church related to the Assembly are:

- to be inspired by projects of other churches all over the world
- to broaden of the theological and ecumenical perspective
- to gain new impulses, especially from the Asian churches for further work

The concerns are:

- sustainability of the WCC structure
- ability of the WCC to fulfil its objectives
 - o to serve as a platform for fellowship of churches
 - o to research and promote development of the ecumenical movement
 - o to actively advocate for common interests