

**The written contribution of the Reformed Church in Hungary (RCH) for the CSC/CEC
Preparatory meeting for the 10th WCC Assembly Busan**

The Reformed Church in Hungary has been preparing to the General Assembly of WCC with efforts in communication and in theological and ethical work. In addition we can highlight some activities which are related to the programme of the Assembly.

We are working on the Hungarian translation of the Pilgrimage to Busan – the participant's guide book of the Assembly for congregations. Our plan is to share the Hungarian translation with the Hungarian Reformed congregations as part of our church's revision process. Therefore it will be available on the website and we will encourage our congregations to share their ideas and comments with us, what we will forward to the Assembly.

We will concentrate on analyzing the two main topics of the Assembly, the issue of economic and environmental justice. We plan to organize a consultation on the Sao Paulo Statement and on the Economic Justice in cooperation of the Collegium Doctorem, the Ecumenical Council's Committee on Social Ethics and the Ecumenical Advisory Board of the RCH. Additionally we will use the result of the CEC CLAI dialogue regarding the globalization. The Ecumenical Advisory Board is working on a reflection which will study the ecclesiological document *Church of Faith and order* and the mission statement of CWME. On the basis of the result of these studies and consultation, the Ecumenical Committee will report to the General Synod of RCH in April.

Some related activities:

Ministry among Roma:

In Hungary, Roma communities have been an inseparable part of society for centuries. Basically this activity includes help to facilitate their integration into society, such as educational and social assistance. In RCH's view, education is of pivotal importance to facilitate the integration and advancement of Roma. We believe that the strengthening of the Roma community's diverse cultural life needs to be facilitated, and a greater awareness about Roma culture must be achieved. To reach these goals, our church entrusted a coordinator and a Council to organize this ministry.

Refugee ministry

The main purpose of the Refugee Ministry is to provide assistance, comfort and fellowship to anyone in need regardless of nationality, race, religion or social position. The overall vision and strategy of this ministry is to assist Hungarian society in "welcoming the stranger" and accepting "newcomers" as brothers and sisters. We aim not only to help with material goods but also to provide helpers who see to spiritual and psycho-social needs, welcoming the newcomers into a supportive community. The three main activities of the Refugee Ministry are assisting refugees access housing, education and employment.

Eco- congregation programme

In October, 2010 the Church of Scotland and the Reformed Church in Hungary joined an agreement in order to launch the Hungarian equivalent of the Eco-Congregation Programme, which is already running successfully in Scotland. Following the pattern established by the Scottish Church, the RCH aims to create a volunteer-based scheme as a direct way to offer opportunities to those individuals and church groups who feel the urge to protect God's creation. In this field, various local initiatives have been born. They organize international conference each year for the Hungarian congregations and partners, as well as they announce an eco-prize for eco congregations every year and they operate a website to strengthen the network between those who are interested in the programme. A coordinator and a Council stands behind the initiative and the related projects.