

**DRAFT 30 January 2018**

*You shall be my witnesses (Acts 1:8)*

*Hospitality – Justice – Witness*

**2018 Novi Sad General Assembly of the Conference of European Churches**

## **Pre-Assembly Youth Event**

**28-31 May 2018, Novi Sad, Serbia**

**27 May 2018**

Arrival of coordinating team

Team meeting before dinner at the Hotel Master

**28 May 2018**

*Arrivals of stewards, delegates and youth advisors: Participants will have been advised to arrive by 15:00. Upon arrival they will be welcomed and taken to their rooms. A lunch bag will be given to them.*

*A person from the Youth coordinating team will be responsible to organize their travels once the information is received by the CEC Secretariat-Maria*

*18:00-18:30 Opening Prayer – Triin and Sasha responsible for the session. Fr Misha will lead the prayer. A small choir will offer byzantine hymns*

Fr Misha will offer a greeting on behalf of the Serbian Orthodox Church

**18:30-19:00 Welcome by Fr Heikki Huttunen, General Secretary of CEC,**

**Round of introductions – Maria responsible for the session**

**19:00-20:00 Dinner**

**20:00-21:00**

**The Conference of European Churches: Historical Overview and Key Partners**

**Greetings**

**20:00-20:05** Rt. Rev. Christopher Hill, President of CEC

**20:05-20:10** Very Rev. Karin Burstrand, Vice-President of CEC

**20:10-20:15** His Eminence Metropolitan Emmanuel of France, Vice-President of CEC

**20:15-20:45** Historical overview by Rev. Jean Fischer, former General Secretary of CEC

**20:45-21:00** Discussion

**21:00-22:30**

**21:00-22:00 Icebreakers – getting to know each-other –Krista responsible for the session**

**21:00-21:20 Introducing rules and addressing respect for each other (also introducing sexual harassment policy)**

**Introduce Bingo game with 9 points**

**21:20-22:00 Dot game –Can Triin lead it?**

**22:00-22:30 Speed dating**

**Perhaps name-adjectives game?**

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### **22:30 Optional informal gathering in the evening with beer and chips**

*Simple rules for the group will be introduced, sexual and other harassment will be discussed. Material will have been communicated in advance.*

*Krista and Benjamin will be introduced as responsible for pastoral care for the group. Sasha will be introduced as the local host to whom questions can be addressed. Two persons from the local team (Sasha will identify them) will be introduced to provide participants with help in cases of health emergencies.*

**Room in the villa-on the left**

## **29 May 2018**

### **9:00-9:15 Morning Prayer - Triin responsible for the session**

#### **The Conference of European Churches: Main areas of work**

**09:15-09:25** Human Rights, presentation including video on minority rights

**09:25-09:35** Economic and environmental justice

**09:35-09:45** Employment and social issues

**09:45-09:55** Bioethics, Education and democratic citizenship

**09:55-10:05** EU policy and legislation

**10:05-10:15** Communications

**10:15-10:25** Ecclesiology and theological dialogue, Peacebuilding and Reconciliation

### **10:30-11:00 Coffee Break**

**The stewards meet with their supervisors. The relevant info needs to be communicated at the Welcome desk: indicate assigned room where they will meet.**

### **11:00-12:30**

**Introduction to Serbia and to the Orthodox Church - Sasha responsible for the session**

**11:00-11:30** Mr Sasha Kuridza

**11:30-12:00** Dr. Julija Vidovic, Governing Board Member of CEC

**12:00-12:30** Discussion

### **12:30-14:00**

#### **Lunch**

### **14:00-15:30**

**Introduction to General Assembly processes & Stewards' training – Satu responsible**

**14:00-14:20** Mr Marc-Henri Heiniger, Conference Expert, WCC

**14:20-14:40** Mr Andreas Henriksen Aarflot, Governing Board Member, CEC

**Short break. Setting up the role play...**

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**15:00-16:00 Game: Model of the General Assembly**

**16:00-17:30**

**Coffee break**

**17:30-19:00**

**Building relationships in ecumenical networking in an era of rapidly changing communication and social media technologies.**

**17:30-17:50** Presentation by Mr Oliver Rath

**17:50-18:10** Presentation by WCC communications expert (perhaps Iva Kupcic?)

**18:10-19:00** Small group discussion

Use seminar rooms, posters, markers, facilitators: our group, and listeners, 7 groups reporting only new ideas  
Note-books and pens to be included in the bag

*Expected outcome: The youth to come up with recommendations to the General Assembly on Future of Europe how to communicate, to articulate how young people could engage in social media.*

**Questions: 1. How can the Church reach out to young people through social media? How can you do good/have positive impact through social media? How can you go beyond communication to practical ways/ experience? 2. What does the future of networking look like? The Assembly is a form of networking; what will be the forms in the future? 3. How can we connect with each other?**

**19:00-20:00**

**Dinner**

**20:00-20:30 Evening Prayer with candles in the yard of Villa Park –Triin, Sasha**

**20:30**

**Open Air Zurka with music programme– Sasha responsible for the evening**

## **30 May 2018**

**9:00-9:30 Morning Prayer – Triin responsible**

**9:30-10:45**

**Ecumenical learning and the future framework of the ecumenical movement – Maria responsible for the session**

**9:30-9:50** Dr. Sara Gehlin, University of Lund

**9:50-10:10** Ms Lisa Schneider, former EYCE Chair

**10:10-10:30** Ms Krista Autio

**10:30-10:45 Discussion**

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**Questions: Why do we need ecumenism? How youth organizations contribute to ecumenical formation?/expose people to an ecumenical experience? Do ecumenical youth organisations still exist today? How can we relate ecumenically in the future? Cultural diversity: a gift or a problem?**

**10:45-11:00**

**Coffee break**

**11:00-12:30**

**What Future For Europe? - Witnessing Christ – *Maria responsible for the session***

**11:00-11:20** Rev. Alison McDonald, CEC Governing Board Member

**11:20-11:40** Dr. Octavian Mihoc, University of Münster

**11:40-12:30** Discussion

**Questions: What does it mean to be Christian in our communities? How can we talk about our faith/confess Christ in secularized societies and in the presence of other religions? How can we be credible?**

**12:30-14:00**

**Lunch**

**14:00-15:30**

**What Future For Europe? - Advocating for Justice – *Maria responsible for the session***

**14:00-14:20** Ms Marijana Ajzenkol, Ecumenical Forum of European Christian Women

**14:20-14:40** Ms Torill Edøy, Coordinator for Europe, Ecumenical Disability Advocates Network, WCC

**14:40-15:00** Dr. Suraya Bechealany, Acting General Secretary, Middle East Council of Churches

**15:00-15:30** Discussion

**Questions: Is the church an inclusive or exclusive community? How do we understand God's justice and human justice? How do we challenge the structures and status quo that exclude people? How do we support minorities' rights?**

**15:30-16:00 Coffee break**

**16:00-18:00**

**What Future For Europe? - Demonstrating Hospitality – *Maria responsible for the session***

**16:00-16:30** Doris Peschke, General Secretary, CCME

**16:30-16:50** Rev. Adriana Florea, CEC Governing Board Member

**16:50-17:10**

**17:10-18:00** Discussion

**Themes: Countries in crisis, refugees, asylum seekers, Roma people-understanding their culture, 'Migrant churches'**

**Questions: Are our churches hospitable? Is hospitality enough? Minority-majority question: how do we share space and resources?**

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### 18:00-18:30 Coffee break

18:30-19:30 Recapturing the themes of the day in small group discussions  
The Future of Europe the overarching theme (Witness-Justice-Hospitality)

Questions: What did you find challenging? What would you do differently?  
What did you find transformative: did any of the conversations change the way you think about the topics?  
As generation, how do you see your future and role in the church and society? What could you recommend to the churches?

### 19:30-20:30

Dinner

### 20:30-21:00

Evening Prayer – *Triin responsible – check names of stewards to see who will be involved*

*Exploring the city centre of Novi Sad – Sasha responsible for the evening*

## 31 May 2018

### 9:00-9:30

Morning Prayer

### 9:30-10:30

Preparing input for the Plenary on the Future of Europe – *Benjamin responsible for the session*

7 Listeners (delegates, advisors) will have been identified at the beginning of the programme. Their reports will be used in the session. Identify 2 persons (stewards) for the Plenary on the Future of Europe and plan a presentation for 30 minutes.

### 9:30-10:00

- Benjamin will introduce the task of the group and process
- Plenary where they can reflect on the notes collected/outline of themes from the evening before
- Discussion and summarizing of issues that have been addressed, noting open questions and issues
- Project ideas already on the screen so that everyone can reflect
- Identify the crucial points

### 10:00-10:30

- Ask the group who would like to draft the text until end of coffee break. Small group works separately.
- The rest of the participants go into groups and brainstorm on ways of presenting

### 10:30-11:00

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### Coffee break

**11:00-12:30**

**Preparing input for the Plenary on the Future of Europe – Benjamin responsible for the session**

**-Group comes back in Plenary, discusses methodologies and text, practises the presentation**

**12:30-13:00 Closing of the Youth Pre-Assembly**

**13:00-14:00**

**Lunch**

*Stewards will be going to their assigned posts...*

**18:00 Participation to the Opening Worship of the General Assembly of CEC**

### Notes:

**-Evaluation of the whole Youth Programme will take place on Day 10 of the General Assembly, 30 mins? –**

*Krista to develop evaluation form*

**-The coordinating team will hold briefings every evening at 20:45**

**-On DAY 5 of the General Assembly (Friday 1 June) there will be a stewards' meeting after dinner at 21:00, and cultural evening, with their own food and music (info to be communicated in April).**

**-On DAY 7 of the General Assembly (Sunday 3 June) there will be a stewards' meeting after dinner at 21:00.**