



Conference of European Churches  
*Together in Hope and Witness*  
*“You shall be my witnesses” (Acts 1:8)*

First meeting of Ecumenical Officers and Secretaries for Theology  
24-26 September 2019  
Kaunisniemi, Finland

Draft Programme

Day 1

Arrivals

16:00-16:30 Opening Prayer

16:30-16:45 Welcome by CEC

16:45-17:00 Introductions and rationale of the meeting

*What are the current priorities and key questions in the Member Churches?*

*What are their expectations from CEC?*

17:00-18:00 Session 1

Facilitators will be identified from the group of participants

18:00-18:30 Coffee/Tea

18:30-19:30 Session 2

Facilitators will be identified from the group of participants

19:30 Dinner

Social evening

Day 2

7:30-8:30 Breakfast

8:30-9:00 Morning prayer

9:00-10:00 Greetings from the local Churches

*What are the major concerns of the World Christian Communion at the moment? How do these concerns relate to the European context?*

10:00-11:00 Session 3

Facilitators to be identified from the group of participants

11:00-11:30 Coffee/Tea

*The theological dialogue between churches with historical longevity in Europe and the so-called 'migrant' and 'minority ethnic' churches: Identifying partners and key concerns*

11:30-13:00 Session 4

Speaker tbc

Rev Dr Robert Calvert, Church of Scotland, Contextualisation and self-understanding of migrant churches

13:00-15:00 Lunch

15:00-16:00 Session 5

Rev Dr Benjamin Simon, Bossey Ecumenical Institute/WCC, Christian communities and migration: An ecclesiological opportunity?

16:00-16:30 Session 6

Guided discussion on ecclesiologies of communion and 'migrant' and 'minority ethnic' churches

16:30-17:00 Coffee/Tea

17:00-18:00 Session 7

Dr Ani Ghazaryan-Drissi, Programme Executive, Faith and Order Secretariat/WCC: The Faith and Order working group on the dialogue with the Evangelical and Pentecostal Churches – Strengthening partnerships

18:00-18:30 Session 8

Guided discussion on the question of terminology and key questions to be studied by CEC

18:30-19:00 Prayer

19:00 Dinner

Social evening

### **Day 3**

7:30-8:30 Breakfast

8:30-9:00 Morning prayer

9:00-10:30 Group work on CEC's programmatic work (themes, key partners, resource persons)

10:30 Coffee/Tea

11:00-12:00 Discussion in Plenary and conclusions

12:00-12:30 Ideas for facilitating communication between meetings, brainstorming  
on the theme of next year's meeting

13:00 Lunch

Departures