



## On the way to a «European Christian Convention»

Thursday, June 9th – Saturday, June 11th 2016

Location: Kloster Kappel, Kappel am Albis, [www.klosterkappel.ch](http://www.klosterkappel.ch)





«We are convinced that the spiritual heritage of Christianity constitutes an empowering source of inspiration and enrichment for Europe. On the basis of our Christian faith, we work towards a human, socially conscious Europe, in which human rights and the basic values of peace, justice, freedom, tolerance, participation and solidarity prevail» (Charta Oecumenica 2001).

Today peace and freedom in Europe are threatened by an increasing number of conflicts. People from all over the world are fleeing from war, oppression, violence and natural disasters. Inequality is rapidly increasing and more and more people are facing poverty and social exclusion. In this fragile and uncertain context, Christians in Europe are called to reflect with greater care on how we remember the past and how this can shape our responses to today's challenges.

Therefore an international group initiated a process towards a «European Christian Convention», a fully ecumenical event, bringing together people from all over Europe and beyond. This event shall be a place to share our spirituality and a festival of creativity. It should address burning issues as well create spaces of respectful dialogue.

In order to meet these goals we would like to invite you to this second international meeting. The aim of this meeting is to create an international ownership and clarify the next steps on this exciting journey.

The preliminary coordination team:  
Peter Annegarn (Vice Chair),  
Jeannette Behringer (Vice Chair),  
Annika Foltin, Sven Giegold (Chair),  
Ann Katrin Hergert, Eszter Kalit,  
Katerina Karkala-Zorba,  
Jari Kupiainen, Silke Lechner,  
Leslie Nathaniel, Rüdiger Noll



### Thursday June 9th, 2016

Morning: Arrival and registration

12.30 p.m      Lunch

13.45 p.m      Welcome prayer  
*Coordination team*

14.00 p.m      **Welcome and opening**  
*Michel Müller, President Reformed Church of the Canton of Zürich*  
*Sven Giegold, MEP, Chair of the coordination team*

14.30 p.m      **A vision for Europe and the role of a «European Christian Convention»**  
*Silvie Goulard, MEP*

15.15 p.m      **Current status of the project and aims for Kappel**  
*Jeannette Behringer, Reformed Church of the Canton of Zürich*  
*Peter Annegarn, European Forum of Christian Laity Committees;*  
*Vice-Chairs of coordination team*

Plenary: Open space for discussing the shape of the project:  
*Round tables hosted by the coordination team*

16.30 p.m      Coffee Break

17.00 p.m      **Responsibility for the project I**  
Suggestions for a legal structure and membership  
*Silke Lechner, German Protestant Kirchentag*

17.45 p.m      Evening prayer  
*Markus Sahli, Kloster Kappel/Christina Aus der Au, University of Zürich*

18.15 p.m      Dinner

19.30 p.m      **Responsibility for the project II**  
Suggestions for decision making processes, a steering committee and candidates  
*Rüdiger Noll, Executive Secretary for Europe and Ecumenical Affairs,*  
*Protestant Academies in Germany*



### Friday June 10th, 2016

- 7.45 a.m. Morning prayer  
*Kloster Kappel*
- 8.00 a.m. Breakfast
- 9.00 a.m. **Responsibility for the project III**  
Suggestions for a timeline, finances and next steps  
*Sven Giegold/Jeannette Behringer*
- 10.30 a.m. **Presentation of possible candidates for the ECC Council**  
*Moderation: Leslie Nathaniel, Archbishop of Canterbury's International Ecumenical Secretary and Council for Christian Unity's European Secretary*
- 12.15 p.m. Lunch
- 14.00 p.m. **Commitment for membership and election of candidates for the ECC Council**  
*Moderation: Leslie Nathaniel*
- 16.00 p.m. Coffee Break
- 16.30 p.m. **Location**  
First ideas on criteria and a prospective application procedure for cities and regions  
*Christina Aus der Au/Annika Foltin, World Student Christian Federation, Europe*
- 18.00 p.m. Evening prayer  
*Kloster Kappel*
- 18.15 p.m. Dinner
- 20.00 p.m. Get together

### Saturday, June 11th, 2016

- 7.45 a.m. Morning prayer  
*Kloster Kappel*
- 8.00 a.m. Breakfast
- 9.30 a.m. **World Cafe: Responsibility for Europe – what could be specific Christian contributions towards a tolerant, peaceful and socially just Europe?**  
Results in plenary  
*Moderation: Eszter Kalit, E.-Luth. Church of Romania/Jari Kupiainen, Finish Church Congress*
- 12.15 p.m. Lunch
- 14.00 p.m. End of the meeting



## Administrative information

### Conference Chair

Members of the preliminary coordination committee of the project «European Christian Convention»

### Conference Fee

EUR 160 (full board and accommodation).  
This is a subsidised rate financed by the Reformed Church of the Canton of Zürich.  
A bill will be sent to you.

We may give further support in specific circumstances. Please contact Ann Katrin Hergert ([ak.hergert@bluewin.ch](mailto:ak.hergert@bluewin.ch)) if further financial support is needed.

### Conference Language

The conference language will be English

### Enquiries

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Location (see also map and travel information enclosed)

### Conference Center

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