

**What future for Europe?  
Contribution of churches to building a community of values  
CEC on the way towards the 2018 General Assembly**

Regional consultation of Conference of European Churches for churches in the South  
prepared in cooperation with Volos Academy for Theological Studies  
4- 6 October 2017, Volos, Greece

**Draft Programme**

Wednesday, 4 October 2017

Arrivals

15.00-15.30 **Opening prayers**

**Welcome and opening of the conference**

Bishop Christopher Hill, CEC President

Metropolitan Ignatius, Church of Greece, Metropolis of Demetrias

Meletis Meletiadis, Greek Evangelical Church

15.30 – 16.30 **An open letter of CEC to churches in Europe**

An introduction

Bishop Christopher Hill, CEC President

Peter Pavlovic, CEC Study Secretary

16.30 – 17.00 Coffee / tea break

17.00 – 18.30 **What future for Europe? Socio-political challenges Europe is facing nowadays**

Dr. George Kalantzis, General Secretary of Religious Affairs of the

Ministry of Education, Research and Religious Affairs

Discussion

19.00 Dinner

20.00 **Life and work of churches in Greece**, activities and cooperation on issues of common concerns to the Christian Churches in Greece

- Church of Greece : work with families
- Greek Evangelical Church : work with refugees
- A joint presentation by the Catholic Archbishop of Corfu, Dr. Ioannis Spiteris, and : Metropolitan of Demetrias Ignatius on the Economic crisis

Informal discussions and sharing

Thursday, 5 October 2017

9.00 – 10.30 **What future for Europe? Has theology a place in the current discourse about Europe?**

Prof Petros Vassiliadis, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

Discussion

10.30 – 11.00 Coffee / tea break

**11.00 – 12.30 Europe – Where Now? Experiences and perspectives from different countries of the region**

Panel discussion with 4-5 representatives of churches from countries in the south of Europe

12.30 – 14.00 Lunch

14.00 – 15.30 **Concerns, experiences and challenges of churches in the south of Europe in the context of contemporary socio-political reality.**

Working groups

- Future of Europe in perspective of churches from south Europe
- Reactions and contributions to the discussion of presented inputs
- Expectations and vision towards the CEC and its next Assembly

15.30 – 16.00 Coffee / tea break

16.00 – 17.00 **CEC on the way towards the 15<sup>th</sup> Assembly**

Fr Heikki Huttunen, General Secretary

Szabolcs Lörincz, Assembly Coordinator

Plenary discussion

17.00 – 17.30 **Conclusion of the meeting**

Fr Heikki Huttunen, General Secretary

18.00 Dinner

Social evening

Friday, 6 October 2017

Departures

