

Meeting of the General Secretaries of the European Councils of Churches, 26 to 29 May 2015, Berlin

PROGRAMME Pilgrimage for Justice and Peace

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DATE	ITEM ON THE AGENDA	NOTES
Tue 26		
	ARRIVALS	for information on getting to the venue from the airport see p. 4
1600	SESSION 1 (moderator: Guy Liagre) Introductions Bible study, ending with a short prayer (Archpriest Radu Constantin Miron, deputy chair of the ACK)	The “Bibelarbeit” will serve as a theological basis for the different subjects to be discussed at the meeting (the “glue” that holds them together).
1800	Supper	
1930	SESSION 2 Sharing Experiences from ENCCs 3 groups of 6 people (composition of the groups to be set by the preparatory group; each group should have a “leader”) Session to end with a short prayer (Guy Liagre).	ENCC papers to be shared in advance, participants have been given a set of questions as guidelines for the reports. 13 completed questionnaires so far and 2 reports
2100	Close	
Wed 27		
from 0630	Breakfast	
0900	Prayer (Klaas van der Kamp)	
0915	SESSION 3 Sharing Experiences from ENCCs with the focus on a set of questions given by the preparatory group a different set of 3 groups of 6 people	A questionnaire has been sent to all participants.
1030	Coffee	
1100	SESSION 4 (moderator: Marc Witzemberger) Global perspective: CEC / CCEE updates (Peter Pavlovic) WCC update (Hielke Wolters) with focus on specific issue (e.g. WCC: Pilgrimage, KEK and CCEE Integrity of Creation, ECEN)	
1300	Lunch	

1430	SESSION 5 (moderator: Elisabeth Dieckmann, interpreter: Nicole Witzemann) Meeting with the chair of the Council of Churches in Germany, Bishop Dr. Karl-Heinz Wiesemann	
1630	Coffee	
1700	SESSION 6 (moderator: Mervyn McCullagh) “open space” session	At the end of session 6 day tickets for public transport for Thursday will be handed out.
1830	Prayer (Mervyn McCullagh)	
1845	Dinner	
	Free time – or additional SESSION 2000-2100	
Thu 28		
from 0630	Breakfast	
0815	Prayer (chapel) (Peter Pavlovic)	
0830	Trip by Underground to venue for session 7	day tickets are needed, will be bought by the ACK (cf. above, session 6) Depending on weather conditions, participants will need either sun protection or jackets and umbrellas. It would be best for them to take both with them to Berlin.
0915	SESSION 7 (moderator: Elisabeth Dieckmann, interpreter: Nicole Witzemann) Visit to the Office of the representative of the Council of the Evangelical Church in Germany to the Federal Republic of Germany and the European Union: Relations between church and state in Germany Lecture and discussion: OKR Joachim Ochel, <i>Theologischer Referent</i> (theological advisor)	J. Ochel will give the speech in English, but would like to speak German during the discussion, so interpretation will be needed.
1000	Discussion with Members of Parliament (speakers for religious affairs): Volker Beck (Bündnis 90/Die Grünen) Christine Buchholz (Die Linke)	V. Beck will speak English. Christine Buchholz: ?
1100	Walk to the German Parliament (Bundestag)	
1130	Arrival at the German Parliament, Westportal	
1200	Guided tour of the German Parliament (Bundestag), English	
1300	Packed lunch, trip by bus to pier	There are a few GenSecs who will not take part in session 7;

		they will have to make their way to the pier on their own.
1400	sightseeing cruise on the River Spree trip by underground back to the Hotel Aquino	cruise from 1415 to 1515
1600	Coffee	
1630	trip by underground to the Roman Catholic Cathedral (St. Hedwigs-Kathedrale Berlin, http://www.hedwigs-kathedrale.de/en/page/directions)	
1700	SESSION 8 Meeting with the Ecumenical Council of Berlin-Brandenburg (ÖRBB) - Short guided tour of the cathedral - walk to the Bernhard Lichtenberg Haus, which is behind the cathedral - talk with Diocesan Administrator Prälat Tobias Przytarski und other representatives of the ÖRBB interpreter: Nicole Witzemann - presentation introducing the ÖRBB (Nicole Witzemann) - discussion - Reception (food will be prepared by the Greek Orthodox Parish of Berlin)	
20:00	Walk back to the hotel	
	Free time – or additional SESSION 2030 -2130	
Fri 29		
from 0630	Breakfast	
0900	Prayer (Heikki Huttunen)	
0915	SESSION 9 (moderator: Marc Witzemberger) Religious freedom and Christians in minority situations (Antonia zu Knyphausen, assistant to Prof. Dr. iur. Heribert Hirte MdB – member of parliament)	
1100	Coffee	
1130	SESSION 10 (moderator: Guy Liagre) evaluation planning of next meeting prayer (Guy Liagre)	
1300	Lunch	
	DEPARTURES	

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<http://www.hotel-aquino.de/start.html>

GETTING THERE

The closest station is underground station (U) "Oranienburger Tor". From there it is just a few minutes walk to the Hotel Aquino:

www.google.de/maps/dir/U+Oranienburger+Tor+%28Berlin%29/Hotel+Aquino+Tagungszentrum+Katholische+Akademie,+Hannoversche+Stra%C3%9Fe,+Berlin/@52.5263372,13.3837167,17z/data=!3m1!4b1!4m13!4m12!1m5!1m1!1s0x47a851e9bd87bb07:0x1beaf6b2a64580e!2m2!1d13.387587!2d52.525163!1m5!1m1!1s0x47a851ebc7fb51e9:0x1d86a00949c39426!2m2!1d13.384947!2d52.527517

Information on getting to the city from

Airport Berlin Tegel: www.berlin.de/en/airports-and-stations/1872399-2932875-airport-berlin-tegel-txl.en.html

Airport Berlin Schönefeld: www.berlin.de/en/airports-and-stations/1872375-2932875-airport-berlin-schoenefeld-sxf.en.html

Map of public transport in Berlin: www.s-bahn-berlin.de/pdf/VBB-Liniennetz.pdf

time is needed for:

- sharing
- global perspective
- get to know our surroundings
- space to process everything

prayers: mornings and evening (participants will be asked beforehand)

moderators: members of preparatory group

interpretation: members of ÖRBB (Rev Nicole Witzemann)

questions to be kept in mind:

- connection of Charta Oecumenica and Pilgrimage
- Can ENCCs give new impulses for Charta, what has been done so far?

participation fee: 450 €

preparatory group: Guy Liagre (CEC), Elisabeth Dieckmann (ACK), Marc Witzenbacher (ACK), Mervyn McCullagh (Irish Council of Churches), Hans-Joachim Ditz (ÖRBB)

very helpful staff: Maura O’Riordan (CEC), Kerstin Rau (ACK)