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8. Vollversammlung der Gemeinschaft Evangelischer Kirchen in Europa  
Basel, 13.–18. September 2018



## Stewarding programme for the 8<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of the CPCE

7–19 September 2018 in Basle, Switzerland

The stewarding programme run by the CPCE is designed for 22 volunteers aged 18 to 27 years old. The programme enables young theologians to get to know other young people from all over Europe, attend a European ecumenical assembly and experience ecumenism in Europe first hand.

The programme consists of three parts:

- 7–9 September:            **Workshop days** focusing on team building and creative work on the General Assembly's slogan: "liberated – connected – committed"
- 10–12 September:       **Work on the General Assembly's topics and preparations** for the event
- 13–18 September:       **Assistance to delegates** during the conference

The entire programme will take place in Basle. For the workshop days and preparatory phase, the stewards will be housed on the Chrischona Campus, before moving to the St. Alban youth hostel during the General Assembly. Stewards nominated by the Swiss Protestant Churches who regularly reside in Basle will live at home during the General Assembly.

### *Who are we?*

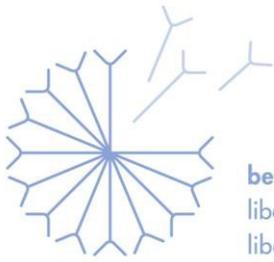
The Community of Protestant Churches in Europe (CPCE) links together Protestant churches, involving some 100 Lutheran, Methodist, Reformed and United churches from more than 30 countries throughout Europe and South America. The CPCE represents around 50 million Protestants in all.

The foundation of the CPCE was laid down in the Leuenberg Agreement, which was signed in 1973. Every six years, the General Assembly of the CPCE sets the agenda for the organisation's forthcoming work.

### *Aims of the General Assembly*

The General Assembly is the supreme body of the CPCE. It decides how the mission of our church community is to be fulfilled during the years ahead. To achieve this,

- It will receive the results of the work directives issued at the 7<sup>th</sup> General Assembly in Florence in 2012
- It will make decisions about the new tasks facing the church community as the basis for formulating the work directives for the forthcoming years
- It will elect a new Council to oversee the implementation of its resolutions and lead the CPCE until the next General Assembly
- It will provide a space in which to realise church fellowship through communion in worship and in communal life, work and celebration.



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### *Criteria*

- You should be no older than 27 years of age
- You should be a student of Protestant theology or a pastor in training
- You should be conversant in English as the working language for the stewarding programme

### *Tasks*

The stewards support the General Assembly by performing the following tasks:

1. Conference office – helping to staff reception and provide information throughout; copying the materials required during the conference.
2. Preparing the plenary hall and workrooms for meetings; distributing the material for meetings.
3. Publicity – assisting the journalists in attendance as required; copying and distributing materials.
4. Preparing rooms for services and meditations.
5. Controlling access to the venue.
6. Assisting delegates as required.

### *Expenses*

- Free board and lodging in twin rooms
- Your travel expenses will be covered
- You will get CHF 250 pocket money

For further information do not hesitate to contact Rev Martin Hirzel ([martin.hirzel@sek-feps.ch](mailto:martin.hirzel@sek-feps.ch)).

If you are interested in participating in the stewarding programme for the 8th General Assembly of the CPCE and fulfil the stated criteria, please send the following documents,

**by 15 March 2018,**

to the Federation of Swiss Protestant Churches, Ms Christiane Rohr ([christiane.rohr@sek-feps](mailto:christiane.rohr@sek-feps)).

- Application form (enclosed)
- Curriculum vitae with a photo