



Registration

Please register for the online-consultation by sending an e-mail to [wcrceurope@gmx.eu](mailto:wcrc-europe@gmx.eu) mentioning your name, position in church, church, and the purposed working group.

Registration deadline: 12 March 2021

Save the date

A deepening follow-up consultation is planned as a conference attended in person on-site for **8-10 October 2021** at the Casa Valdese and Facoltà Valdese di Teologia in Rome.

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What can be learned from Corona?

Theological and ethical challenges for churches living with the COVID pandemic

17 – 19 March 2021

Online-consultation

by

the Communion of Protestant Churches in Europe (CPCE),
the World Communion of Reformed Churches in Europe
(WCRC Europe) and
the Protestant Church in Switzerland (PCS)



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The COVID-19 pandemic challenges churches in many ways – regarding their liturgical practices, spirituality, pastoral care, diaconal work, finances, communication policies, how to practise fellowship and solidarity between churches, and, last but not least, both theologically and politically.

The impact of the pandemic on the social and health policies of the countries concerned also affect the churches' work and witness. Some are quite certain, while others suggest that the "passing of the crisis" won't and can't herald a "return to normal". This crisis is also a chance to renew and rethink many issues and habits that churches until now assumed to be standard or not questionable.

Target audience

Church experts in ethical issues, social responsibility and contemporary theological issues, and people interested in church reactions to the consequences of the pandemic.



Programme

17 March 2021, 3 - 5 p.m.

Covid-19: Challenges to the protestant churches in Europe
An orientation paper by the CPCE (to be issued end of February)
(Keynote: Prof. Dr Torsten Meireis | Berlin)

18 March 2021, 3 - 5 p.m.

Working Groups on specific issues:

- 1) Leiturgia** - Churches, worship services and pastoral care
- 2) Martyria** - Public witness, democracy and education
- 3) Diaconia** - Fairness, justice and health care
- 4) Koinonia** - Neighbourhood, families and European solidarity

19 March 2021, 3 - 5 p.m.

Trust in times of crisis

Wrap-up and outlook

(Keynote: Prof. Dr Ulrich Körtner | Vienna)

The official language of the conference will be English.