

THE ECUMENICAL CHURCH IN A GLOBALIZED WORLD

The assigned readings are generally from

- *BVR =Between Vision and Reality: Lutheran Churches in Transition* (LWF Documentation, 2001) – these readings provide a selective overview of how quite different Lutheran churches in various regions view themselves in their societies;
- *CRA =Communion, Responsibility, Accountability: Responding as a Lutheran Communion to Neo-liberal Globalization* (LWF Documentation, 2004) – how key challenges posed by globalization today are being addressed by the ecumenical church

You are encouraged to read most of these two books prior to the course (for some days the readings are extensive, especially on Jan. 18), and then review assigned sections for each day's focus. You can also anticipate receiving "handouts" for/on some days from the presenters.

You will be assigned to one of four discussion groups, which on most days will meet to discuss the days presentations and readings.

Sunday, Jan. 8

Leave John Knox at 10:15, walk down hill to route de Ferney, take no. 5 bus to "Croix-Rouge" stop, walk up into the Old City and follow map to Evangelical Lutheran Church of Geneva.

11:00 – Worship

12:30 – Lunch in the cave (below the fellowship room)

Introductions

13:30 – Historical tour of the Old City by Rev. Satoru Kishii

17:00 – Return to John Knox

Monday, Jan. 9 – "**Ecumenism**" Salle 2-3 (daily, except 1/10)

Read: WCC and LWF handouts (receive in Geneva), BVR, 13-27, 385-409, 475-493

8:30 – Ecumenical Centre chapel worship, followed by brief tour of building

9:30 – Some highlights of recent ecumenical history (especially in relation to WCC)

Rev. Dr. Martin Robra, WCC – Justice, Peace, Creation tea.

11:00 – Coffee break

11:15 – The church as *communio*: Rev. Dr. Karen Bloomquist, LWF/DTS

12:30 – Lunch in the cafeteria

13:30 – Interconfessional dialogue: Rev. Sven Oppegaard, LWF Ecum. Affairs

15:00 – ELCA: Perspectives on Ecumenism

Dr. Michael Trice

Further contributions by ELCA representatives

15:30 – Tea, and discussion in small groups
16:30 – Adjourn

Tuesday, January 10 – **Where is ecumenism heading?** Salle 4
Reading: handouts on reconfiguration of ecumenical movement

(8:30 brief daily prayers in chapel)
9:00 – Ms. Teny Pirri-Simonian, WCC church and ecumenical relations
10:30 – Break
11:00 – Rev. Dr. Odair Pedroso Mateus, WARC
12:30 – Lunch
13:30 – In relation to interfaith dialogue (Rev. Dr. Ingo Wulfhorst)
14:15 – Bible study (Rev. Bill Strehlow), followed by discussion in groups
15 :30 – adjourn (tea)

Wed. Jan. 11 **Ecumenical Praxis : Diakonia and Development**
Readings: BVR, 463-475, portions of LWF Mission and Prophetic Diakonia documents,
CRA, 101-104

(8:30 brief prayers in chapel)
9:00 – Diakonia and the mission of the church
Rev. Dr. Kjell Njordstokke, Dir., LWF Mission and Development
10:15 – Break
10:45 – Humanitarian relief and development
Ms. Maria Immonen, LWF World Service (pending)
12:30 – Lunch
13:30 – **HIV positive churches** (Dr. Sheila Shyamprasad and Mr. Jaap Schep)
14:45 – Debriefing in small groups
15:30 – Adjourn (tea)

Thursday, Jan. 12 How **neoliberal globalization challenges churches**
Reading: CRA, 21-58, 97-100, 113-130, 163-176, 261-286; BVR, 149-203

9:00 – A panel discussion:
Dr. Rogate Mshana, WCC (economic justice)
Rev. Dr. Setri Nyomi, General Secretary, World Alliance of Reformed
Churches
Rev. Dr. Karen Bloomquist
Rev. Dr. Paul Rajashekar

Small group discussion with presenters

13:00 – Lunch

14:00 – How **Latin American churches** are responding to globalization and other challenges
Rev. Martin Junge, Latin America/Caribbean, LWF DMD (pending)
15:00 – Small group discussion of presentations and CRA book
16:30 – Adjourn

Friday, Jan. 13 Challenges facing churches in **Africa** –

Readings: BVR, 89-144, CRA, 223-234

9:00 – Rev. Dr. Musa Filibus, Africa Secretary, LWF DMD
10:30 break
11:00 Rev. Dr. Nyambura Njoroge, WCC ecumenical theological education and Concerned Circle of African Women Theologians
12:15 lunch
13:30 (pending) Rev. Dr. Ishmael Noko, LWF General Secretary
15:00 Bible study (with Bill and in small groups...with tea)

Saturday, Jan. 14 (free)

Sunday, Jan. 15 – 11:00 worship at ELCG

Monday, Jan. 16- Challenges facing churches in **Asia**

Reading: BVR, 29-88

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8:30 – Worship in chapel
9:15 – Rev. Dr. Deenabandu Manchala, Faith and Order, WCC (will focus on Dalit theology and the Decade to Overcome Violence)
10:45 – break
11:00 – Rev. Dr. Ginda Harahap, Asia Secretary, LWF Mission and Development
12:00 – Dean Paul Rajashekar, response
12:30 – Lunch

13:30 – **Gender and power** in churches of the global South
Priscilla Singh (pending) LWF Women in Church/Society
Response: Rev. Dr. Reinhard Boettcher, LWF/DTS
14:45 – Small group discussions
15:45 – Adjourn (tea)

Tuesday, Jan. 17- **The international advocacy work of the churches:**

Reading: BVR, 29-88

9:00 – Ms. Linda Hartke, Ecumenical Advocacy Alliance
9:45 – Mr. Peter Prove, LWF International Affairs and Human Rights

11:15 – Small group discussion of readings...esp. CRA
12:30 – Lunch
14:00 – **Visit to UN etc.**

Wed., Jan. 18 Challenges facing churches in **Europe**

Readings: BVR, 291-373; CRA, 59-66, 179-184, 275-290

9:00 – Rev. Dr. Colin Williams, General Secretary, Conference of European Churches (CEC)
10:30 – Break
11:00 Rev. Dr. Eva-Sybille Vogel Mbato, Europe Secretary, LWF DMD
12:30 – Lunch
13:30 – Bible study and discussion:
What challenges have we heard for being the church in the U.S. today? How will we respond?
15:30 – Adjourn

Thursday, Jan. 19 **visit to the Ecumenical Institute, Bossey**

Depart at 8 AM from John Knox
8:30 – Worship with the Bossey community
9:30 – Rev. Dr. I. Sauca, director –
Presentations and conversations with students and professors at Bossey
Lunch at Bossey (18 CHF)
Afternoon: plenary and small group processing of learnings

Friday, Jan. 20 **Putting it together in the local congregation**

9:00 – Meet at the church with Pr. Lusmarina Campos Garcia and Terry McArthur
10:30 – Bible study and discussion: how to bring this into congregations back home?
13:00 – Adjourn for lunch in Old City

Saturday, Jan. 21 --FREE

Sunday, Jan. 22 – 11 AM worship

5:00 – Celebratory party at John Knox