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2023 CEC GENERAL ASSEMBLY TALLINN – ESTONIA

Have you ever wondered which roles churches may play in European societies today? How Orthodox, Protestant, and Anglican churches engage with each other and towards political institutions?

The **Steward's Programme** is an intensive training programme for young adults that is meant to strengthen the ecumenical formation of participants by exposing them to the development of ecumenical relations in Europe. Further, the Stewards Programme is of the highest importance for the overall smooth running of the General Assembly as stewards assist in different areas of work: worship, documentation, communications, language services and floor management. The Stewards Programme begins before the Assembly as a short training course on ecumenism in Europe, and runs throughout the Assembly, while stewards are assisting the running of the Assembly in different capacities.

The **General Assembly** is the highest authority of the **Conference of European Churches**. It is also the largest gathering when it convenes every 5 years. The goal of the General Assembly is to evaluate the progress made by the Conference in achieving the strategic objectives as agreed by the previous ordinary General Assembly and decide upon new or revised strategic objectives to be taken up. Participants to the General Assembly are delegates from the Member Churches of the Conference of European Churches and participants without voting rights that are invited in an advisory capacity. Central to the running and life of the General Assembly are worship, Bible studies, thematic plenary sessions, workshops, and hearing sessions. All relate to the main theme of the General Assembly: **“Under God’s blessing – shaping the future”**

Deadline for applications is **20 January 2023**.

For any questions, please contact the Assembly office at 2023assembly@cec-kek.be



What is unique about this Programme? Apart from providing practical information on the life and running of the General Assembly, the Programme will ensure the active participation of young adults by providing space and time for them to engage in the discourse of the General Assembly. The goal is to enrich discussions of the General Assembly with perspectives of different generations.

Am I eligible to apply? If you are between 18 and 30 years old, and have a strong commitment to ecumenical work, you are eligible to apply! Sufficient knowledge of English is a requirement as this is the working language of the programme. Be prepared to work for long hours in a team of people from a variety of cultural and church backgrounds!

How can I complete and submit my application? Please complete the online form [here](#). In support of your application, you need to provide a recommendation letter by your church or organization, together with a copy of your passport or national ID.

Who covers my expenses? Churches are expected to cover the costs for travel, board, and lodgings for their respective stewards. The Conference may cover all or part of the cost of travel, board and lodging of persons participating in a body of the Conference as representatives of a Member Church that cannot bear these costs itself. The General Secretary will have the final decision. Passport, visas and any other personal related expenses are to be borne by the steward.

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