

## European-Ecumenical Study Course 2021

### ■ Date

Arrival: 24 May until 4 p.m.  
Departure: 02 June after breakfast

### ■ Costs

Course incl. excursion:

- 675 Euro (single room with ensuite bathroom)
- 615 Euro (single room with communal bathroom)

Delegates from church districts ("Kirchenkreise") of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Bavaria (ELKB) will be reimbursed by the Ecumenical Office except for a personal contribution of € 150,-. Travel costs will not be reimbursed.

Employees and volunteers of the various churches in Bavaria can apply for grants from the appropriate authorities in accordance with the training guidelines. Travel costs will not be reimbursed.

For Non-Bavarian delegates special financing has been agreed upon between the delegating churches and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Bavaria.

### ■ Further Information and Registration

**Delegates are asked to register with the Ecumenical Office of the ELKB in good time:**

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The study course is organized by the Evangelical Lutheran-Church in Bavaria in cooperation with the Josefstal Study Centre for Evangelical Youth Work e.V.



24 May - 02 June 2021 in Josefstal

„Not a Spirit of Fear, but of  
Power and Love and Sound Mind“

Christian Identity in a Changing Europe

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## Christian Identity in a Changing Europe

Who are we as Christians in a changing Europe? Who do we want to be? What is our identity? Is there a common identity of Christians despite different denominations and the differences of the regions East, Central-East and Western Europe, despite nations drifting further apart in times of Covid-19?

The biblical character of Peter takes centre stage in our discussion during these days. His identity as a follower of Jesus changed again and again and yet (or perhaps because of it?), Jesus Christ mandated him to "tend my sheep".

What does it mean to be a Christian in this rapidly changing Europe? What does 'Christian identity' mean for a minority church or a majority church?

How can our churches be Church together in a pluralistic world? How does our Christian Identity contribute to being a city on a hill for our societies?

We are going to wrestle with these questions, listen to each other and find common paths together.

## The European-Ecumenical Study Course

offers Christians from Northern, Southern, Eastern und Central Europe and Great Britain the opportunity to come together for an intensive 10-day meeting. The course is grounded in:

- meeting ecumenically committed men and women from different Christian confessions and churches of Europe – across different nations and all generations;
- coming together and learning from one another;
- enjoying an open and truthful dialogue as well as discussing theological and cultural questions;
- giving and receiving spiritual impulses from different spiritual and liturgical traditions which we pass on to one another.

**The conference languages are German and English; translation between these two languages will be provided.**

**To ensure the success of the study course, participants are expected to be present for the entire duration of the course.**



Metropolit Serafim of the Romanian Orthodox Church visiting the study course

## Participants

- Delegates of invited churches
- Ecumenically committed employees and volunteers

## The international team

- Ewa Sliwka, Evangelical-Augsburg Church, Poland
- Iveta Apostu-Starcova, Orthodox Church, Slovakia
- Remus Marian, Orthodox Church, Romania
- Eike Kohler, PhD, United Church, Germany
- Roger Schmidt, Lutheran Church, Germany
- Heinz Dunkenberg-Kellermann, Lutheran Church, Germany