

European-Ecumenical Study Course 2020
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“Many Gifts – one Spirit”
Christian Identity in Contemporary Europe

Who are we as Christians in Europe today? 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?

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 despite of this (or perhaps because of it?) Jesus Christ mandated him to “tend my sheep”!

What does it mean to be a Christian in our context? What does ‘Christian Identity’ mean for 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 Ecumenical Study Course has been practicing the art of ecumenical learning for a long time. It allows participants from various European churches to discover and to value the diversity of our confessions, traditions and cultures as a richness, to meet each other and to learn from each other in our diversity, to pray together and to be excited by the living spirit of our God.

In an international group comprising only some 40 participants from various churches and confessions there is the opportunity to encounter one another and share discussions. Besides the theoretical debate, it is important to us to share our practical experiences in/of Church and society. In the process there will be plenty of opportunity to open up the treasures of the various spiritual and liturgical traditions to one another. Morning and evening worship, also conceived by the participants, will provide a setting for the daily program.