



Gemeinschaft Evangelischer Kirchen in Europa (GEKE)
Community of Protestant Churches in Europe (CPCE)
Communion d'Eglises Protestantes en Europe (CEPE)



Young Theologians in Communion – a European Reference Group 2020 - 2024

The CPCE is a communion of Protestant churches. 94 Lutheran, Methodist, Reformed and United churches from over thirty countries in Europe and South America. Together the CPCE represents altogether around 40 million Protestants.

“Unity in reconciled diversity” is the model of the Church unity of the CPCE. Thanks to intensive theological work CPCE member churches did not only overcome historical doctrinal divisions, but deepen their communion through many further study processes and doctrinal discussions. A group of young theologians from CPCE member churches is invited to engage in the current work and accompany the current study processes of the CPCE.

Who is invited?

Senior undergraduate or graduate theology students, pastors in training, and pastors from the CPCE’s member churches aged up to 32 years.

Requirements

- a deep interest in the work of CPCE
- support of a CPCE member church
- disposition to continue working in the group over a period of five years
- a sound knowledge of English
further languages (especially German) are desirable, but not required.



Program

The group of young theologians shall discuss the study processes running in the CPCE and contribute to the developing documents. Thus the members of the group will become acquainted with the work of CPCE by studying texts and engaging in discussions on current topics of CPCE. The group with not more than 25 members shall form for a period of five years (2020-2024). The members will take part in an annual study conference and eventually further meetings. The first study conference is to be held at **Westminster College, Cambridge, 14-18 October 2020**. The task of this first study conference will be to analyse the CPCE's previous study processes in order to ascertain their relevance in the various member churches and different contexts. In the further course of the period, the group is expected to reference running study processes. There will also be a chance for members of the group to explore their ongoing theological work with one another.



Costs and application

Member churches are expected to grant the travel costs for participants from their churches. All other costs for the conferences will be paid by CPCE.

CPCE member churches can send **applications of young theologians** (citing their name, role, current place of study or work, age and email address) **until 30 April 2020**.

Further information

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