



## **Steward Programme**

### **August 22, 2024 – September 3, 2024**

### **CPCE General Assembly Hermannstadt/Sibiu/Nagyszeben 2024**

At the 9th General Assembly of the Communion of Protestant Churches in Europe (CPCE) in Sibiu/Romania, which will take place from 27 August to 2 September 2024, there will once again be a steward programme. With the steward programme, the CPCE is offering 25 young people between the ages of 18 and 28 the opportunity to take part in an ecumenical volunteer action that traditionally accompanies CPCE General Assemblies. A number of former participants have remained involved in ecumenism to this day. In this respect, participation offers a good introduction to ecumenical and international work. In 2024, at the General Assembly in Sibiu, the programme will be led by Pastor Kathleen Müller (Braunschweig) and accompanied by the Center for Protestant Theology in Eastern Europe (ZETO).

#### **Aim of the Programme**

The steward programme aims to enable young people to meet other Christians and their churches, to deal with current topics from the Protestant context in Europe and to learn about church life in Romania and the topics it deals with. At the same time, the stewards have the opportunity to be part of the CPCE General Assembly and actively support it.

#### **The Place**

The 9th CPCE General Assembly will be organised in Romania, in Sibiu/Hermannstadt, a city characterised by cultural, linguistic and religious diversity. The city is conveniently located. Sibiu is connected to the railway network and the motorway. For air travellers, we recommend the international airport in Sibiu/Hermannstadt (SBZ - 15 minutes away)<sup>1</sup>. The main venue is the Evangelical Parish Church of Sibiu. During the entire programme, the stewards will be accommodated in double rooms in the nearby Protestant student home "Ernst Weisenfeld" (Str. Mitropoliei Nr. 13, RO - 550179, Sibiu). In addition to accommodation, the home offers communal rooms, a kitchen and a courtyard for leisure activities. Meals will be eaten together.

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<sup>1</sup> Further travel details will be clarified with the participants at a later date.



## The Stewards

The CPCE is looking for young people between the ages of 18 and 28 who are committed to the church to become stewards. Prerequisites are membership of a CPCE member church and an academic background, but not necessarily a degree in theology. The same applies to students and graduates. Knowledge of English is necessary, as the steward programme will be held in English - without translation. After a selection process, two to a maximum of three people from each church will be accepted onto the programme.

## The Programme

The programme consists of two parts:

- **Workshop days** (22.08<sup>2</sup>.-26.08.2024) The stewards will introduce themselves and their churches, learn about the current ecumenical, social and political situation in Romania and explore the motto of the Assembly "In the light of Christ - called to hope". An excursion will also be organised to enable them to get to know local churches and congregations.
- **General Assembly** (27.08.-02.09.2024) Together as a team, the stewards support the organisation of the General Assembly. Tasks include, for example, technical support, registration of delegates, logistical and messenger services, accompaniment delegates, assistance with devotions, signposting, assistance with errands, acting as the contact person for organisational questions, etc. They also have the opportunity to initiate the Assembly's proceedings each day.

An online meeting (May 2024) will be held before the programme. The aim of this first meeting is for the stewards to get to know each other and familiarise themselves with the topics of the CPCE.

On the evening of 2 September 2024, the stewards - together with the other employees - are invited to a final celebration commemorating the conclusion of the Assembly.

## Login and registration

Registration takes place in two stages. In the first phase - until 15 March 2024 - young people can apply. After an internal selection process, the second phase - registration - begins on 1 April 2024.

Those interested can be registered by the CPCE member churches. However, it is also possible for them to apply directly. The approval of their church will then be obtained subsequently.

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<sup>2</sup> The official start of the programme is Thursday, 22.08.2024 at 17:00.



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Please submit the following documents with your registration:

- a. Curriculum vitae (with proof of church experience),
- b. Registration form (with photo, letter of motivation and details of personal interests and skills that can be brought to the Assembly),
- c. church recommendation.

These documents must be sent by e-mail to [steward@leuenberg.eu](mailto:steward@leuenberg.eu).

## Financing

The travel and accommodation costs for the steward programme are borne by the CPCE. The sending churches are generally asked to contribute to this. Participation in the programme is free of charge for the stewards, who also receive pocket money of 200.00 euros for the entire period.

## Further information

At [steward@leuenberg.eu](mailto:steward@leuenberg.eu) and 0043 59 151700902

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