

Benefits

Young Theologians will have the opportunity to connect with a cohort of other young theologians from across Europe and engage in meaningful cultural exchange and networking. The programme also provides opportunities to visit new cities and learn more about local contexts and situations, all at no financial cost to the participant. Young Theologians also gain access to the inner workings of CPCE and have the unique privilege of staying up to date on all CPCE working processes. Successful completion of the program will grant participants a certificate of completion from the CPCE Head Office.

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 ***nominations of young theologians*** (citing their name, role, current place of study or work, age and email address) ***until April 30 2025***. Interested parties should reach out to their member church for more information on how to apply.



Further Information

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CPCE Young
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What is the CPCE Young Theologians Program?

The CPCE is the Communion of Protestant Churches in Europe. 96 Lutheran, Methodist, Reformed and United churches from over thirty countries in Europe and South America. The CPCE represents around 40 million Protestants altogether.

The Leuenberg Agreement was drafted and signed in 1973, laying the foundations for the CPCE as we know it. Thanks to intensive theological work CPCE member churches have not only overcome historical doctrinal divisions but have deepened their communion through many further study processes and doctrinal discussions. At CPCE's General Assembly in Sibiu, Romania in 2024, the motto was "Called to Hope in the Light of Christ". CPCE believes that a major key to this hope lies in the next generations of Christians in Europe. CPCE looks to integrate bright and theologically-oriented young people into its working processes and is excited to welcome the next group of CPCE Young Theologians to take part.

Who is Invited?

Senior undergraduate or graduate theology students, pastors in training, and pastors from the CPCE's member churches. Applicants may be no older than 30 years old at the beginning of the programme.

Requirements

- Interest in learning about the work of CPCE
- Full support of a CPCE member church
- Ability and desire to participate in the group over a period of five years
- A sound knowledge of English, further languages (especially German) are desirable, but not required.
- Active participation in discussion and working processes
- Adequate preparation for all conferences



**“It was a gift to have experienced the common devotions and the new worlds opened up by the conversations and reflection together.”
-Henrietta, Romania**

Program

The 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, consisting of circa 25 members, shall form for a period of five years (2025-2030). The members will take part in an annual study conference in various European cities and participate in online video conferences. The first study conference is to be held from 25 to 28 September 2025 in Prague. 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 and will be asked to take part in various CPCE working processes and report to the group on the developments therein. There will also be a chance for members of the group to explore their ongoing theological work with one another.