

2014 Schedule of Continuing Formation Seminars

Ecumenical Institute at Bossey



Women's Pilgrimage Towards Justice and Peace

The ecumenical call to participate in a pilgrimage towards justice and peace will constitute an important milestone for the ecumenical fellowship after the WCC 10th assembly in Busan. All churches are invited to reflect on how their own contexts are marked by experiences and structures of injustice and destructive conflict. By engaging the churches in a global reflection process, attention will be paid to just relationships between men and women and how these can contribute in building more peaceful communities. The seminar will elaborate on the particular resources women can

offer to the ecumenical quest of justice and peace for all, and is intended to serve as a starter for a series of events and seminars in different regions.

Dates: June 9-13, 2014
Costs: CHF 500 + travel to Geneva

Green Churches: Ecology, Theology and Justice in Practice

Creation is endangered. If there is any evidence in the past decades that has influenced public awareness, it is the common responsibility of the world community to reflect upon and act in response to the ecological crisis. The seminar will seek to map the different efforts and initiatives in making the link between

ecology, theology and justice visible, and by drawing attention to the potential for churches to develop viable, applied ethical responses and alternatives to the menace of nature from within their traditions. At the same time the seminar will provide insights into eco-theological discourses which emphasise the necessity of processes of mutual critique between ecology and theology in order to promote the common aim of a sustainable world for tomorrow.

Dates: June 23-27, 2014
Costs: CHF 500 + travel to Geneva



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The Continuing Formation Programme

provides safe spaces for the analysis and discernment of cutting-edge themes at stake in the ecumenical movement and in offering expertise and experience to accompany this discernment process.

Seminars are designed to sharpen the awareness for the ecumenical implications of societal and ecclesial changes for the churches and to encourage them to engage in dialogue and cooperation, envisioning possible action, also with people of other faiths.

The Ecumenical Institute in Bossey is academically affiliated to the University of Geneva (UNIGE) through the Autonomous Faculty of Protestant Theology since 1952. Through its community life, formal study and ecumenical prayer, Bossey offers a unique experience of ecumenical learning in its continuing ecumenical formation programmes. In a contemporary world of learning where academic formation is pluralised and potential students are demanding new forms of accredited formation, continuing education programmes are gaining more and more importance.

Building an Interfaith Community

This three week residential course is designed to enable participants to encounter each other in mutual respect, to learn together, and to challenge and overcome stereotypes. While fully respecting and affirming each particular faith identity, the overall question to be explored is: What can we, as people of faith, do to respond and to overcome, the pressing challenges of our time as violence and conflict and build together mutually accountable societies based on respect and cooperation? This seminar is co-organised by the Ecumenical Institute Bossey, the WCC Programme on Inter-religious Dialogue and Cooperation, the World Student Christian Federation, the *Inter-knowing Foundation* (Muslim) and the *Racines et Sources Foundation* (Jewish).

Dates: August 4-22, 2014
Cost: CHF 3,300 + travel to Geneva

Evaluating Ecumenical Formation for Migrant Church Leaders

In the past decades the presence of migrant churches has profoundly changed the ecumenical landscape. However, the significance of this

change for the ecumenical fellowship of local churches in neighbourhoods with ethnic minority churches has not yet been sufficiently explored. The seminar is intended as an evaluative analysis of the different formation initiatives churches have offered for migrant church leaders, with a view to systematise the approach, discuss methodologies and coordinate regional projects.

Dates: September 1-5, 2014
Costs: CHF 500 + travel to Geneva

Ecumenical Formation for Specialized Ministries

This seminar, co-organized with the Income Monitoring and Development colleagues, aims to give staff of specialized ministries orientation about the ecumenical movement and to provide a possibility for ecumenical encounter with the WCC and other ecumenical organizations. The significance of the seminar is that it gives to new staff in specialized ministries the opportunity to get to know the ecumenical movement.

Dates: September 21-26, 2014

Each seminar has space for up to 30 participants from a wide spectrum of confessional, cultural and gender representation. The goal is to engage each participant in a global study and reflection process through input by expert resource persons, as well as from each other through shared experiences and exposure. Partial scholarship assistance is available.

For more information, including how to apply, please contact

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