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## Ecumenical Continuing Formation



**14-31 August 2016**  
**Pastoral Challenges to Sharing**  
**the Faith in a Multi-cultural**  
**and Multi-faith World**

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### **Pastoral Challenges to Sharing the Faith in a Multi-cultural and Multi-faith World**

**14-31 August 2016 at Bossey, Switzerland**

A central missionary and pastoral challenge of today for churches in a multi-cultural and multi-faith world is how to share the faith with younger generations in a way that is meaningful for their lives.

The 17-days-long course offers the opportunity to analyze the challenges of the contemporary multi-cultural and multi-faith contexts, to understand the values and aspirations especially of young people living in these contexts, and to learn from the experiences of other Christians and their churches about concrete, successful approaches to address these challenges.

The learning process includes study visits to the Vatican, the Taizé Community, the Orthodox Centre in Chambésy, Geneva as the city of John Calvin and the Reformed tradition, and the WCC's central offices. The programme will also feature encounters with representatives of other faith communities (Jewish, Muslim, Buddhist, Hindu) as they are also confronted

with similar challenges to that of the Christian community.

The course is designed for priests and pastors as well as church leaders, newly appointed ecumenical officers and others interested in ecumenism. It is coordinated by Fr Prof. Dr Ioan Sauca, associate general secretary for Ecumenical Formation, and Rev. Dr Martin Robra, programme executive for Ecumenical Continuing Formation, in cooperation with Bossey faculty and WCC staff.

The 3950 Swiss francs tuition fee includes full board during 14 days in Bossey with visits to Geneva, two days in Rome and one day in Taizé.

For more information and application forms please contact: [ECF@wcc-coe.org](mailto:ECF@wcc-coe.org).

**Deadline for applications: 14 May 2016**

<https://www.oikoumene.org/en/press-centre/events/pastoral-challenges-in-a-multi-cultural-multi-faith-world>



# Courses and Workshops still open for applications

**Capacity-building in Diakonia and SDGs**  
6– 10 June 2016, Saydat El Jabal, Lebanon

**Youth Engagement, Religion and Violence**  
18 - 22 August 2016, Cairo, Egypt

**Ecumenical School on Governance, Economics and Management**  
22 August - 2 September 2016, Hong Kong SAR of the Peoples' Republic of China

**Youth Engagement in Social Justice in Latin America**  
1 - 6 October 2016, Colombia

**Mission and Transformative Discipleship**  
8 - 15 October 2016, Argentina

**Please note: The course "Building an Interreligious Community" offered every summer**

has now been accredited by the University of Geneva. The course, leading to a Certificate of Advanced Studies (CAS) with credits from the University of Geneva will take place on 25 July to 12 August 2016

Please look at

<http://www.oikoumene.org/en/press-centre/events/building-an-interfaith-community>

More information on the seminars, seminar fees, application forms, etc. are available on the internet at

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