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## Oppnevninger

### 1. Til CCMEs generalforsamling

#### **Sammendrag**

The Churches' Commission for Racial Justice of the Churches Together in Britain and Ireland har invitert CCME til å arrangere sin generalforsamling i Storbritannia 26.-30. oktober 2005. Det skal oppnevnes en representant fra Den norske kirke til generalforsamlingen.

Forslag til navn på representanten ettersendes/informeres om på møtet.

#### **Forslag til vedtak**

Mellomkirkelig råd oppnevner xx som representant fra Den norske kirke til CCMEs generalforsamling 26.-30. oktober 2005.



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To CCME Members and  
associated organisations

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### **Information CCME Activities 2004**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,  
dear Friends,

The year 2004 comes to an end, and we would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for the participation in and support for the many activities of this year, which marked also the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of CCME. On this occasion, a booklet compiled by Robert Matthes was published, reviewing the 40 years of CCME's activities. Please let us know if you would like to receive this, preferably by e-mail. Today we wish to share with you some of the information on CCME's activities in the year 2004.

#### **CEC-CCME Integration**

CEC has commissioned a study on the impact of an integration of CCME and CEC at the beginning of this year as requested by the Central Committee in 2002 and reaffirmed by the Central Committee after the Trondheim Assembly in 2003. The report by the consultant was discussed by the CCME ExCom, the negotiation group and the CEC Central Committee in September and October 2004. As a general direction it was resolved for CEC to work with three Commissions, the Church and Society Commission, the Commission on Churches in Dialogue and the Churches' Commission for Migrants in Europe.

At the same time, a report on CEC in the debate on the reconfiguration of the ecumenical movement, and a report, as requested by the assembly and Central Committee 2003, on the solidarity and women's desk of CEC were on the agenda of the Central Committee in Prague in October. A group has been assigned to continue the work on the restructuring of CEC which will present proposals to the next Central Committee of CEC in June 2005.

The negotiation group of CEC and CCME met in September, and the proposals of the negotiation group – including an added agreement of cooperation- were adopted by the Central Committee of CEC. The meeting of the group in October sought to clarify procedures until next year when the Central Committee of CEC

as well as the Assembly of CCME will have to take further decisions regarding the integration process.

## **Black and Migrant Churches – Uniting in Diversity**

The highlight in the work with black and migrant churches was the conference at Ciampino, Italy 26-28 March 2004 attended by more than 120 participants, more than half from black and migrant churches. This conference had been prepared by the Task Force on Black and Migrant Churches and was organised jointly by CCME and the Federation of Protestant Churches in Italy. A report and recommendations are finalised and can also be sent as pdf-file on request. The WCC held a meeting on multi-cultural ministry in Dublin in November 2004, at which CCME was represented by Irene Pluim from the Netherlands.

We hope to continue work on the recommendations from Ciampino in the coming year, as the cooperation and community building with black and migrant churches have become more important in many countries in Europe. Many issues and challenges in the current debate on integration of migrants in European societies are reflected also in the work with black and migrant churches. The challenge of developing inclusive communities lies with both, traditional national churches and congregations as well as black and migrant churches and congregations.

We would like to thank particularly those agencies which have supported the participation of black and migrant churches in the conference in Ciampino.

### **The “Christian Action and Networking against Trafficking in Women” (CAT) Project**

The second CAT project has been carried out in the past year, with a public launch of the project in the European Parliament at which participants discussed achievements and challenges 18 months after the Brussels Declaration was published following the Conference against Trafficking in Human Beings of the EU STOP Programme organised by the EU and IOM.

A number of regional visits and workshops have taken place this year. Jointly with the CEC Women's Desk and the WCC Eastern Europe Office, a workshop was organised in Moldova, a country of origin of many trafficked women. Churches in Moldova are eager to combat trafficking in human beings, at the same time it is obvious that economic development and safe, transparent migration channels are indeed necessary to address the problem.

The CAT II has expanded cooperation geographically as well as to new partners, particularly police authorities in a number of countries. While achievements of broadening the work against trafficking are notable, still too many women and children are kept hostage by traffickers. Thus we hope that churches and agencies will continue their work assisting trafficked persons and enhance cooperation at international level.

CAT II will come to an end in spring 2005, however, we are presently considering how the work against trafficking can be refocused in the coming year. The Expert Group of the European Commission will publish its concluding report this week, quite an extensive volume with good conclusions, which will be available on the website of the European Commission Directorate General Freedom, Security and Justice. A press release of CCME and Caritas Europa welcoming this report will be published on 22 December, please find a copy attached.

### **Refugee Resettlement**

The report of the CCME Conference "Making Refugee Resettlement Work" of April 2004, supported by the European Refugee Fund, was published in July. Copies can be sent on request by e-mail or as hard copy. The conclusions are a basis for further advocacy work for a European Refugee Resettlement Programme, which may become an important additional instrument to ensure access to durable solutions for refugees. At the moment, the majority of EU Member States are still reluctant to embark on refugee resettlement. ECRE, the European Council of Refugees and Exiles, is currently working on a position paper. We hope to receive the necessary funding to do more information and advocacy work on refugee resettlement in the coming year. It is an important area of cooperation also with the Church World Service Immigration and Refugee Programme USA and the Middle East Council of Churches.

### **Other events**

In May 2004, the Churches at the Rhine and the Protestant Churches Fellowship in Europe (Leuenberg) held a consultation on migration and asylum in Europe at Liebfrauenberg. The **Liebfrauenberg Declaration** on "The Challenges of Migration and Asylum" can be found on the CEC-website in the CCME section, but also on the website of the Church of Baden, Germany, [www.ekiba.de](http://www.ekiba.de). The Fellowship of Protestant Churches requests member churches as well as others to adopt and work with this Declaration, which outlines a range of challenges in migration and asylum for churches, governments and other actors.

The meeting of the **Amman Process** took place in Lisbon 9-12 September 2004 on the invitation of the Portuguese Church and Society Group. With wide participation from migrant churches and representatives of other religions, interreligious and intercultural dialogue was the main theme at this meeting. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Portuguese hosts of this meeting for their hospitality and effort to bring together so many persons and make this meeting an important one in the process of exchange between European and Middle Eastern churches on migration.

**22-24 October 2004**, CCME celebrated its **40<sup>th</sup> anniversary** with a conference on globalisation, international migration and Christian ethics at Arnoldshain/Germany, where the initial WCC conference to found CCME was held. Working and celebrating together has been a good mix at this conference, which focussed particularly on two major concerns, the securitisation of migration policies and economic aspects of migration which need to be addressed more in the future. A report on the conference will be made available in the coming year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Ecumenical Department of the Protestant Church of Hesse and Nassau which granted support for the participation of members of minority churches at this event.

More information on the various meetings of the year 2004 will of course be contained also in the full activity report.

### **EU migration and asylum policy agenda**

The past year saw tremendous changes in the institutions, which of course meant a slower process of policy development as well. The enlargement of the Union by 10 member states in May 2004 was marked by ecumenical organisations in Brussels with a special service on this occasion.

Prior to the elections of the European Parliament in June, APRODEV, CCME, CEC Church and Society Commission and Euro diakonia issued a joint leaflet

raising concerns about European developments to be discussed with candidates during the election campaign. The new Parliament with members from 25 Member States and more languages to adjust took up its work in July. In autumn, the new European Commission with 25 Commissioners was nominated and finally confirmed by the European Parliament in November. The new Commission has now started its work in the re-opened Berlaymont Building very close to the Ecumenical Center in Brussels.

Jointly with other non-governmental organisations cooperating in the Platform on Migration and Asylum, CCME has undertaken efforts to introduce the organisations and concerns about migration and asylum policies to old and new persons in the institutions.

The Council adopted a new programme for this policy field under the Dutch Presidency, the Hague Programme. However, this will be spelled out in more details in the coming months.

### **CCME Assembly 26-30 October 2005**

The Churches' Commission for Racial Justice of the Churches Together in Britain and Ireland have invited CCME to hold its General Assembly 2005 in the United Kingdom. The Assembly is scheduled for 26-30 October 2005. That will be at the time of the UK Presidency of the EU.

The Assembly will have to discuss and decide on the further integration of CCME and CEC, the new work programme for the coming years, and elect the Executive Committee. Please take already note of the date and inform potential delegates to the assembly.

At the end of this year, I wish to express our gratitude to the many persons in our member churches and agencies who have assisted and supported CCME's work throughout this year in the working groups, the various events, conferences and meetings.

On behalf of the Executive Committee and the staff of the CCME Secretariat, I wish you all a Merry Christmas and all the best for the New Year!

With best regards,  
sincerely yours

Doris Peschke  
General Secretary

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The Churches' Commission for Migrants in Europe (CCME) is the ecumenical agency on migration and integration, asylum and refugees, and against racism and discrimination in Europe. Members are Anglican, Orthodox and Protestant Churches and Councils of Churches as well as church-related agencies across Europe. CCME formally cooperates with the Conference of European Churches and the World Council of Churches.

