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Oppnevning av delegater fra Dnk til KEKs generalforsamling i 2013

Sammendrag

KEKs generalforsamling skal finne sted i Budapest, Ungarn, 3.-8. juli 2013 med tema:
«And now what are you waiting for?» CEC and its Mission in a Changing Europe.

Delegatene oppnevnes av Kirkerådet etter forslag fra MKR. Fristen for tilbakemelding til Kirkenes Verdensråd er 1. juli d.å. Da Kirkerådet har sitt møte **før** rådsmøtet i MKR i mai, må imidlertid MKR foreta sin anbefaling til oppnevning på dette rådsmøtet.

Det skal velges fem delegater fra Dnk. To av disse bør være sentralkomiteens medlemmer: Elise Sandnes og Erlend Rogne. KEK oppfordrer til at det oppnevnes en person under 30 år, samt en representant fra en migrantkirke.

Det foreslås at Elise Sandnes og Erlend Rogne, Dnks medlemmer i sentralkomiteen, en biskop oppnevnt av BM, nestleder i MKR og Eva Frydenborg, medlem fra Dnk i Churches Commission for Migrants in Europe i KEK, oppnevnes som delegater. Hvis man ønsker å oppnevne en ungdom under 30 år, må en av de som er foreslått ovenfor, gå ut. Det gjøres i den forbindelse oppmerksom på at Erlend Rogne ble valgt inn i sentralkomiteen på ungdomskvoten i 2009, og at Eva Frydenborg vil være 33 år i 2013.

Generalsekretæren i MKR vil være delegasjonens rådgiver.

Forslag til vedtak

MKR foreslår for KR at følgende personer oppnevnes som delegater fra Dnk til KEKs generalforsamling i 2013:

Elise Sandnes
Erlend Rogne
Biskop oppnevnt av BM
Nestleder i MKR
Eva Frydenborg

Økonomiske/administrative konsekvenser

Mellomkirkelig råds sekretariat har ansvaret for møte- og reiseplanlegging i forbindelse med generalforsamlingen. Utgiftene dekkes av bevilgninger fra OVF.



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Dear Esteemed Church Leaders,
Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

***“And now what are you waiting for?”
CEC and its Mission in a Changing Europe***

This is the Assembly theme inspired by the passage from Acts 22:14-16 which refers to witness, a sense of urgency, mission and the challenges of a changing Europe.

Further to the motion adopted by the previous CEC Assembly in Lyon, in accordance with the requirements of the Constitution and following the decisions taken by the CEC Central Committee in Prague (September 2011), the Conference of European Churches (CEC) has the pleasure of inviting CEC Member Churches to the forthcoming **14th CEC General Assembly**. Representatives of member churches will be the delegates of the Assembly. Also invited are a limited number of representatives of the Associated Organisations.

This Assembly will focus on reform measures as well as constitutional, legal and decision-making aspects deemed necessary for a CEC in a changing context with new emerging challenges. For this purpose the Lyon Assembly elected a working group of 15 members to develop a revision proposal for CEC as a whole, including a common purpose, vision and strategic goals as well as a possible structure which would serve these goals appropriately and in accordance with the wishes and needs of the Member Churches. This will subsequently lead to a revised constitution.

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This letter is sent now because the Assembly Standing Orders require that Member Churches be notified eighteen months before the Assembly of the date of the Assembly, its expected duration and the number of delegates. At present, however, the Central Committee has not yet had an opportunity to discuss the report prepared by the Revision Working Group (see below) and the finances of the Assembly are not fully secured. This means that the Central Committee may need to revisit the question of the size of the Assembly and allocation of seats once the financial provision is clear and once the Central Committee has had an opportunity to assess the constitutional implications of the report of the Revision Working Group and the response of the member churches to the proposals in the coming period of consultation. We will, of course, keep you closely in touch with any developments as they arise.

At the present time, we are pleased to communicate to you the following information:

1. Dates and venue

On the invitation of the CEC member churches in Hungary with the fraternal support of the Orthodox and Anglican churches in Hungary, the next CEC General Assembly will be held from **3 to 8 July 2013** (including arrival and departure days) in the RaM Colosseum Conference Centre, **Budapest**, Hungary.

It will be necessary for delegates to ensure that their arrival time in Budapest will permit their attendance to the Opening Worship in the afternoon of Wednesday, 3rd July 2013. Then, there will be 4 working days with departures on Monday 8th July 2013.

2. CEC Revision Process

The CEC Revision Working Group (RWG) is to submit to the Central Committee a draft revision consultation paper which will then be sent to the CEC member churches.

The Central Committee meeting in January 2012 will consider the work of the RWG, after which it will be sent to Member Churches for their views with the request to send their comments to the Central Committee by 30 June 2012. Please reserve already now time in church agendas for discussing the report and for a response.

The Central Committee will meet again from 13-15 September 2012 to discuss the variety of issues in this connection. The RWG will be asked to work on the responses of Member Churches and Central Committee members. The final reform proposal is to be completed for the Assembly by January 2013.

The 14th CEC General Assembly will debate the proposal at its meeting from 3rd to 8th July 2013 in Budapest, Hungary.

The outcome of the various assembly presentations, debates and discussions on the revision process proposals will, if the proposals are accepted, result in a new CEC constitution.

3. Participation

Up to 300 member church representatives will attend the 14th CEC Assembly as official delegates. Together with representatives from CEC Associated Organisations, guests, consultants, young stewards and staff, the total number of participants will be approximately 450 persons (about half the Lyon Assembly participation).

4. Delegations

Member churches are strongly encouraged to include current Central Committee members within their delegation and as far as possible representatives of migrant churches in Europe that are constituents of the Churches Commission for Migrants in Europe (CCME)

4.1 Balance of delegations

There is a necessity for an assembly of a reduced size, as one of the measures taken due to financial constraints. In light of this, churches and organisations are asked to consider a number of issues as follows.

The Central Committee draws your attention to the following considerations concerning the composition of your delegation, detailed in the *Bye-Laws to the Constitution, Paragraph 5 (1)* which states the need to ensure that *"the different confessions and regions of Europe shall be appropriately represented. In addition, balanced representation of leading church officials, parish ministers and lay persons, men, women and young people, should be respected as far as possible."*

We particularly invite member churches from each country to enter into discussion with each other so as to try to ensure that representatives from black majority churches are included in one or more of the delegations from each country. We also ask that careful consideration be given to the inclusion of disabled people in delegations from member churches, as well as delegates of ethnic minority background.

While CEC cannot oblige churches to balance their delegations, it is nevertheless required to seek to ensure that of those present as delegates of the Assembly, at least 40% are women, at least 40% are men and at least 20% young people under the age of 30. (*Bye-laws to the Constitution paragraph 7 (4) 1. (d)*)

Depending on the outcome of the revision proposals new decision-making bodies may have to be elected by the Assembly. Under the present constitution only those who are present at the Assembly as delegates of a member church (or their alternate) may be elected to the new Central Committee. It is also necessary that your delegates are able to speak in English, French or German.

5. Nomination procedure and deadline

You will find attached a Nomination Form indicating the number of delegate(s) allocated to your church by the Central Committee. We kindly ask you to fill the Nomination Form for each delegate and send it back to cecassembly@cec-kek.org

We request that nominations be submitted to the Assembly Office **by 1st July 2012** so that they will be presented to the Central Committee in September 2012.

Organisational details, the Agenda of the Assembly as well as information concerning the online registration procedure, will be forwarded to the delegates thus nominated.

Associated organisations approved by the Central Committee will also find attached a Nomination Form. Each associated organisation is eligible to send one representative.

6. Financial matters

6.1 Registration Fee and Conference Fee

A registration fee of € 100 per person will be invoiced before the Assembly. It has been possible to keep the registration fee at the same level as in Lyon due to the astute negotiation regards costs in Budapest.

In addition to the registration fee there will be a conference fee of € 250. This amount will also be invoiced before the Assembly and will cover the cost all meals (with the exception of breakfast which will be incorporated in the accommodation price), breaks and any other catering that may be arranged such as for special events. This amount is a contribution towards the total cost but does not cover them entirely.

Churches will therefore be invoiced a total of €350 in advance of the Assembly and upon receipt of the Nomination form for their delegates. Due to financial constraints Churches are urged to settle these accounts soon after receipt of the invoice.

6.2 Accommodation and travel

The organisers are seeking the most economical means of hosting the Assembly in Budapest, with a range of types of accommodation available; further information concerning this will be communicated later.

PLEASE NOTE: A NEW PROCEDURE

The Central Committee has decided that every delegate (or their member church) should make arrangements and pay for their accommodation and travel. Moreover, such payments should be made directly to the relevant hotel or travel agency, thus avoiding such arrangements being processed by the CEC Assembly Office. CEC will provide a list of the hotels for participants to directly contact. Only these hotels will have travel service to the conference centre.

6.3 Request of subsidies

Member Churches and Associated Organisations are expected to cover all the expenses of their delegation, including travel. Only in extreme cases will CEC consider requests for financial assistance. Requests for this should be addressed to the CEC Assembly office. Further details on the application deadline as well as the date by which decisions will be communicated will follow in due course.

6.4 Solidarity fund

As with previous Assemblies, an appeal will be made for member churches to help finance the participation of delegates who, if they do not receive financial assistance, might not be able to attend at Budapest.

7. Stewards Programme and Youth Preparation

An important feature of all CEC Assemblies is the work of the stewards. We plan for good cooperation in this respect. Although churches do not nominate stewards, your church is kindly invited to encourage and suggest young people to help with this vital function of the Assembly. Detailed information and an application form will be distributed in due course.