

Sharing Together Our Mission in a Secular Society

The PCUSA and the ECCB Partnership Conference, Prague, April 19-26, 2016

Prague, January 16, 2016

Dear friends,

We invite you to the PCUSA and ECCB Partnership conference, organized by the American Working group of the ECCB in Prague and by the Czech Mission Network in the US. This conference follows the conferences in 2008 in Prague and 2012 in Annapolis.

The goals of this conference are to foster:

- The existing partnerships between Czech and US congregations;
- The mission of the churches carried out by Diakonie and other outreach projects;
- Theological exchange in the common quest for appropriate forms of our witness; and
- Seeking new ways of doing things together and starting new partnerships.

There will be reflection and appreciation of the past 25 years of the various forms of the partnership as well as sharing recent experiences. There will be theological reflection of both the partnership and the present situation of our churches (Rev. Daniel Ženatý, the ECCB moderator, Rev. Gerhard Frey-Reininghaus, Dr. Petr Sláma from Charles University, Petr Haška, Director of the ECCB Diakonia and others have agreed to take part). There will also be opportunities to share our concerns and dreams with our overseas partners. There will also be opportunities to worship together, to enjoy the beauty of Prague and its culture, as well as to visit congregations outside Prague involved in partnerships.

The cost is \$450.00, which includes room, board, land transportation, and program materials.

We are looking forward to your coming.

The Preparation team on the Czech side:

Gerhard Frey-Reininghaus, Karen R. Moritz, Ivana Marková, Renata Popelářová, and Petr Sláma

REGISTRATION FORM

Sharing Together: The PCUSA and ECCB Partnership Conference
Prague, April 19-26, 2016

Please fill in this form and send it before March 11, 2016 to:

Rev. Dr. Karen Moritz
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E-Mail: ekumena@e-cirkev.cz
and to Mark Moran, Annapolis: markfmoran@me.com

Please send a check for \$450.00 (room, board, land transportation, program materials) payable to First Presbyterian Church of Annapolis to:

First Presbyterian Church
Attn: Czech Sharing Conference
171 Duke of Gloucester St.
Annapolis, MD 21401

Name and Surname:

Address:

E-mail:

Phone-number:

Mobile number:

Member of an institution involved in partnership (congregation, seminary, other)?

Date of Arrival in Prague

Departure from Prague

Accommodation in Prague required from _____ to _____

Special needs and requests:
(special diet, allergies....)

Conference suggestions, expectations

Tentative Conference Schedule

The sessions will take place in the Hus House at Jungmannova Street #9 in downtown Prague, unless indicated otherwise. The sessions in the morning will start with a short devotion. This schedule is still under construction.

Tuesday April 19, 2016: Arrival

- 3:30 pm Arrival, registration, meeting friends, coffee
- 4:30 pm Welcome address
- 6:00 pm Opening worship in St. Martin in the Wall
- 7:30 pm Dinner

Wednesday April 20, 2016: Reflecting the foundations of Partnership

- 9:00 am Biblical, theological inspiration for partnership (lectures by Dr. Petr Sláma and others, discussion)
- 1:00 pm Lunch
- 2:00 pm Lecture
- 3:00 pm Guided "Reformation tour" in Prague
- 7:00 pm Dinner
- 8:00 pm Cultural event

Thursday April 21: Sharing experiences

- 9:00 am "In the beginning there was..." Phases and Pictures of the partnership (testimonies, pictures...)
- 1:00 pm Lunch
- 2:00 pm Other Faces of Partnership: Theological Faculty, Diakonie
- 3:30 pm Free afternoon
- 6:30 pm Dinner
- 7:30 pm Visiting a theater in Prague

Friday April 22: Some hard facts

- 9:00am Colloquium about fund-raising
Typology of our congregations (Rev. Gerhard Frey-Reininghaus, Rev. Dr. Karen Moritz and others)
- 1:00 pm Lunch
- 2:00 pm Departure to hosting partnership congregations

Sunday April 24: Following the return from hosting congregations

- 6:00 pm Dinner
- 7:30 pm Sharing the experience, music

Monday April 25: Making the Experience come to life

- 9:00 am What we have learned, how to make a partnership: practical exchange, networking.
- 1:00 pm Lunch
- 2:00 pm Free afternoon
- 6:00 pm Closing worship in St. Martin in the Wall
- 7:30 pm Farewell dinner

Tuesday April 26: Leaving Hus House and Prague for home