

## Christian Identity in a Changing Europe

Who are we as Christians in a changing Europe? Who do we want to be? What is our identity? Is there a common identity of Christians despite different denominations and the differences of the regions East, Central-East and Western Europe, despite nations drifting further apart in times of Covid-19?

The biblical character of Peter takes centre stage in our discussion during these days. His identity as a follower of Jesus changed again and again and yet (or perhaps because of it?), Jesus Christ mandated him to "tend my sheep".

What does it mean to be a Christian in this rapidly changing Europe? What does 'Christian identity' mean for a minority church or a majority church?

How can our churches be Church together in a pluralistic world? How does our Christian Identity contribute to being a city on a hill for our societies?

We are going to wrestle with these questions, listen to each other and find common paths together.

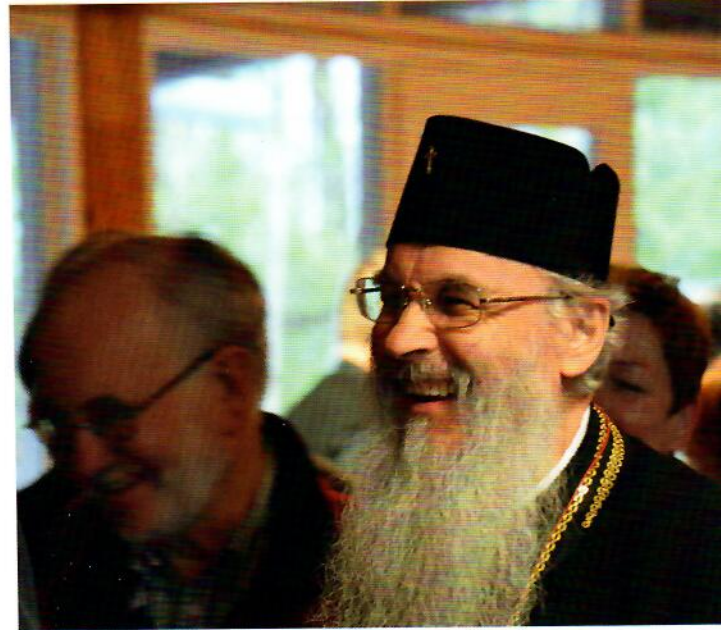
## The European-Ecumenical Study Course

offers Christians from Northern, Southern, Eastern und Central Europe and Great Britain the opportunity to come together for an intensive 10-day meeting. The course is grounded in:

- meeting ecumenically committed men and women from different Christian confessions and churches of Europe – across different nations and all generations;
- coming together and learning from one another;
- enjoying an open and truthful dialogue as well as discussing theological and cultural questions;
- giving and receiving spiritual impulses from different spiritual and liturgical traditions which we pass on to one another.

**The conference languages are German and English; translation between these two languages will be provided.**

**To ensure the success of the study course, participants are expected to be present for the entire duration of the course.**



Metropolit Serafim of the Romanian Orthodox Church visiting the study course

## Participants

- Delegates of invited churches
- Ecumenically committed employees and volunteers

## The international team

- Ewa Sliwka, Evangelical-Augsburg Church, Poland
- Iveta Apostu-Starcova, Orthodox Church, Slovakia
- Remus Marian, Orthodox Church, Romania
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