

2nd European Conference in Krzyżowa/Kreisau

Confidence

Responsibility

Future

Social and political perspectives of pastoral care



PART OF THE BERLIN WALL, WHICH DIVIDED BERLIN, GERMANY AND EUROPE IN 1961-1989. IT FELL ON NOVEMBER 9TH 1989.

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12 LISTOPADA 1989 ROKU W KRZYŻOWEJ PREMIER TADEUSZ MAZOWIECKI I KANCLERZ HELMUT KOHL UCZESTNICZYLI W MSZY POJEDNANIA PODCZAS KTÓREJ PRZEKAZALI SOBIE ZNAK POKOJU.

WYDARZENIE TO STAŁO SIĘ SYMBOLEM PRZEŁOMU W STOSUNKACH POLSKO-NIEMIECKICH.

PRZEZWYCIĘŻENIE POWOJENNEGO PODZIAŁU EUROPY, KTÓREGO SYMBOLEM BYŁ MUR BERLIŃSKI, OTWORZYŁO NOWY ROZDZIAŁ W DZIEJACH DIALOGU I WSPÓŁPRACY OBU NARODÓW.

Z OKAZJI DWUDZIESTEJ ROCZNICY MSZY POJEDNANIA TABLICĘ ODSŁONILI 11 GRUDNIA 2009 ROKU BRONISŁAW KOMOROWSKI, MARSZAŁEK SEJMU RZECZYPOSPOLITEJ POLSKIEJ, ORAZ NORBERT LAMMERT, PRZEWODNICZĄCY NIEMIECKIEGO BUNDESTAGU.

ON NOVEMBER 12TH 1989, POLISH PRIME MINISTER TADEUSZ MAZOWIECKI AND GERMAN CHANCELLOR HELMUT KOHL PARTICIPATED IN WHAT WAS CALLED THE "MASS OF RECONCILIATION" IN KREISAU (KRZYŻOWA) AND GAVE EACH OTHER THE SIGN OF PEACE.

THIS EVENT HAS BECOME THE SYMBOL OF A TURNING POINT IN THE GERMAN – POLISH RELATIONS.

THE END OF THE POST-WAR DIVISION OF EUROPE, THE SYMBOL OF WHICH WAS THE BERLIN WALL, OPENED A NEW CHAPTER IN THE HISTORY OF DIALOGUE AND COOPERATION BETWEEN BOTH NATIONS.

20 YEARS AFTER THE MASS OF RECONCILIATION, ON DECEMBER 11TH 2009, PRESIDENT OF POLAND BRONISŁAW KOMOROWSKI AND PRESIDENT OF THE GERMAN BUNDESTAG NORBERT LAMBERT INAUGURATED A MEMORIAL PLAQUE TO COMMEMORATE THESE EVENTS.



Questions and Goals

The Global Pastoral Care and Counselling Congress of the *International Council on Pastoral Care and Counselling* (ICPCC) took place in 2007 in the Kreisau Foundation. Since then, there has been a good relationship between

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and

Fundacja Krzyżowa dla Porozumienia Europejskiego
Krzyżowa Foundation for Mutual Understanding in Europe.

Both organisations share commitment to the encounter and exchange between people regardless of their nationality, culture and religion, and therefore to peace, justice and preservation of creation.

Thanks to the relationship between Kreisau and SIPCC, in 2009 it was possible to successfully organise the 1st Polish – German Conference in Warsaw with the following topic:

Pastors in the Resistance

Poelchau - Delp – Zieja – Bursche

Remarks about prophetic pastoral care today

During its evaluation process, it was decided that cooperation between the Foundation and SIPCC should be continued and extended. During the first international conference in Krzyżowa/Kreisau in February 2011, the above-mentioned Cooperation Partners (including Seelsorgeseminar Halle and PTiPP) and the participants addressed the following subject:

Life Stories from the Communist Era

Biography Work in Counselling and Pastoral Care

In the meantime, it was decided to organise an European Conference in Krzyżowa/Kreisau every two years..

While both above-mentioned conferences focused on the Nazi and communist dictatorship and its impact, the **2nd European Conference 2013** takes us to the present day of European societies, with particular emphasis on Central and Eastern Europe.

After the collapse of Communism and the end of the Cold War in 1989, nations of the European continent see themselves challenged by far-reaching social, political and economic transformation processes, which partly have a liberating effect, but are also a source of anxiety and a burden. Therefore, it is no wonder that some people in the East and in the West mourn the “good old days“.

In present-day European societies, there are a number of possibilities for individuals to manage and be responsible for their own lives, which is however connected with uncertainty. It is exhausting to find and affirm oneself as a “subject” with its own identity. At the same time, it is essential that people would share in community tasks and together shape social processes. If they fail or are prevented from doing it, they lose their value and self-confidence, and feel redundant. It is clear that our life always remains in the area of conflict between subjectivity and sociality. For many people today this conflict is almost unbearable.

During the conference, we are going to address the question what perspectives can pastoral care offer people in such circumstances so that they would “Risk Confidence – Assume Responsibility – Win Future”. How can pastoral care be helpful in individual and social anxieties? Which social and political responsibilities does pastoral care bear, which can it support? Can it convey confidence in life?



From which religious and spiritual sources does it draw to become relevant to individuals and societies?

Important **goals** of the conference will be - to become *sensitive to social and political life situations* of people. Do they belong to a minority in the society and how does it affect them? Do they have the possibility to contribute to material, cultural, political and social processes? Are their life stories and/or ancestry determined by exclusion or persecution? What influence do the political circumstances in the past (for example in the Communist era) have in their contemporary feelings about life and their social participation? Such and other questions are going to be considered in order to better understand the life situation of people.

The conference is an opportunity to *get to know personal and social situations in different European countries*, especially through own experience of participants from Poland, Hungary, Slovakia, Romania, Germany, the Netherlands and other countries.

Short presentations of experts from different countries concerning the motto “Confidence – Responsibility – Future“ inspire to become aware of our today’s circumstances and emphasize them.

The aim of the conference is to *encourage* to take over responsibility for oneself and others, and to face the future with confidence. Through transcripts of pastoral conversations and case descriptions, concrete personal life situations will be perceptible in their social, societal and political context, and how positive life perspectives for people can be developed in them. At the same time, the purpose will be to find out which encouragement can pastoral care and social involvement give people who have the tendency to withdraw into themselves.

The conference will be held in Polish and German. Interpretation between these languages will be provided.

The contributions will be published after the conference, the polish ones in „Słowo i Myśl“, the German ones in the SIPCC magazine.

Target Group

Everyone who is interested in the topic is welcome, especially people,

- who contribute to better understanding between Poland, Germany and other CEE countries,
- who are involved on the social and political level for professional or private reasons,
- who contribute to the integration within the society and in churches,
- who are involved in counselling and pastoral care and wish to work on new questions in these areas.

Students and young adults are particularly welcome to take part and contribute to the exchange.

Methods of Work

The above-mentioned goals will be conveyed through the following methods of work:

Devotions

give the conference a spiritual framework. They will circle around the keywords “Confidence - Responsibility – Future“ and refer to Christian resources. (responsible: rev. *Adrian Korczago* PhD, Poland)

Church Service

The group will participate in a church service on Sunday, February 17th 2013 in the Lutheran Peace Church in Świdnica. Before the service, a guided tour of the Peace Church (UNESCO World Heritage) will be offered.

Case Analyses

During the case analyses, participants will become aware of people's situations in their social context based on transcripts of conversations. Then, there will be a discussion on how from the pastoral perspective they can be helped to risk confidence, assume responsibility and manage their future. The groups remain the same throughout the conference.

Case analysis groups will be supervised by:

Ari van Buuren, Netherlands / *Aleksandra Blahut-Kowalczyk*, Poland
Grzegorz Giemza, Poland / *Christa Weiß*, Germany
Klaus-Dieter Cyranka, Germany / *Eva Oslíkova*, Slovakia
Janos Toth, Hungary

Reflexion Groups

In these groups, participants will have the opportunity for intense encounter and exchange by telling about their own situations. These groups will be heterogeneous (people from different countries), they will be divided before the conference. Moderators will supervise the conversation. All participants should be given space for their experiences. The groups don't change throughout the conference, so that confidence can develop.

Moderators:

Hannah Manser, Germany / *Annemarie Franke*, Poland
Adrian Korczago, Poland / N.N.
Miklós Kocsev, Hungary / *Jarek Andrysek*, Czech Republic
Bożena Giemza, Poland / *Pawel Gumpert*, Poland

Lectures and Discussions

The purpose of the lectures will be to provide impulses on keywords of the conference **Confidence – Responsibility – Future** from different perspectives. Additionally a lecture will be delivered on the theme : **“What does it mean – civil society?”**

Confidence – *Jenö Kiss PhD*, Practical Theology at the Protestant Theological Institute Klausenburg, Romania (Institutul Teologic Protestant din Cluj-Napoca = Kolozsvári Protestáns Teológiai Intézet)

Responsibility – *Dr. Adrian Korczago*, Christian Academy Warsaw, Poland

Future – *Helmut Weiss*, President of the SIPCC, Düsseldorf, Germany.

“What does it mean – civil society?” - *Dr. Hartmut Ruddies*, Lecturer at the University Halle/ Saale, Germany

All speakers will be present throughout the conference and will respond to the speeches of others. E.g. After the speech on “Confidence” (ca. 30 minutes), the other two will respond shortly, and then there will be a plenary discussion. On the following day, the procedure will be the same. In this way, a continuous discourse will be encouraged during the conference.

Forum: Initiatives

In the forum, organisations will present their initiatives in which they assume and bear responsibility for the civic society. In this way, they will be noticed and appreciated. At the same time, it should encourage others to organise and promote similar work in other social contexts.

So far the plan has been to present the following institutions: the Krzyżowa Foundation, SIPCC, Gyökössi-Institut and the multi-religious Pastoral Care in hospitals in the Netherlands as active citizenship. Interested organisations or initiatives can come up to present themselves and become involved.

About the social situation in different European countries

One evening there will be the opportunity to find out more about the social situation in two European countries which for many people lie “at the outskirts“ and are unknown, i.e. Romania and Ukraine.

Romania: *Stefan Cosoroabă PhD*, Hermannstadt / Sibiu

Ukraine: *Pastor Pavlo Shvarts*, Lutsk

About active citizenship in Poland

A celebrity from Poland will be invited to present her social involvement. *Mrs. Anna Dymna*, a very popular actress has been invited to speak about her experience. She created the “Mimo wszystko“ (In spite of everything) Foundation to support children with physical and mental problems.

Songs and music from Europe

On the opening night, a young band from the Czech Republic will perform and invite participants to join in the singing.



Schedule of the conference

13. 02. 2013 Wednesday	14. 02. 2013 Thursday	15. 02. 2013 Friday	16. 02. 2013 Saturday	17. 02. 2013 Sunday
 Confidence Responsibility Future	
	7.30 Breakfast	7.30 Breakfast	7.30 Breakfast	7.30 Breakfast
	8.30 Devotions	8.30 Devotions	8.30 Devotions	
	9.00 – 10.30 Case analyses	9.00 – 10.30 Case analyses	9.00 – 10.30 Case analyses	9.15 Guided tour: Peace Church in Świdnica
	11.00 – 12.30 Lecture: Confidence	11.00 – 12.30 Lecture: Responsibility	11.00 – 12.30 Lecture: Future	10.00 Service in the Peace Church
	12.30 Lunch	12.30 Lunch	12.30 Lunch	12.30 Lunch in Kreisau /Krzyżowa
Arrival	14.30 Coffee and tea	14.30 Coffee and tea	14.30 Coffee and tea	End of Confer- ence
Registration	15.00 – 16.30	15.00 – 16.30	15.00 – 16.30	
15.00 Coffee and tea	Forum of Initia- tives: Lecture What does it mean – civil society?	Forum of Initia- tives: Fundacja Krzyżowa and Gyökössi-Institut	Forum of Initia- tives: SIPCC and Multi-religious Pastoral Care NL	
15.30 Welcome				
16.00 – 18.00 Social involve- ment in Polen <i>Anna Dymna</i> (invited)	17.00 – 18.30 Reflexion group	17.00 – 18.30 Reflexion group	17.00 – 18.30 Reflexion group Evaluation	
18.30 Supper	18.30 Supper	18.30 Supper	18.30 Supper	
20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	
Songs and music from Europe	Social situation in Romania and Ukraine	Plans for 2015	Celebration and socializing	



Programme of the Conference

Tuesday, February 12th 2013

Arrival of the preparation team

Wednesday, February 13th 2013

Arrival of participants / Registration / Accommodation

- 15.00 Coffee and tea
- 15.30 Welcome
Annemarie Franke, Krzyżowa Foundation
Helmut Weiß, 1. President of SIPCC
- 16.00 – 18.00 Social commitment in Poland
Interview with *Anna Dymna*, actress (invited)
“Mimo wszystko“ Foundation (In spite of everything) to support children with physical and mental disabilities
- 18.30 Supper
- 20.00 – 21.30 Songs and music from Europe
A young band from the Czech Republic making music and singing

Thursday, February 14th 2013 / Confidence

- 7.30 Breakfast
- 8.30 Devotions
- 9.00 – 10.30 Case analyses
- 11.00 – 12.30 Lecture – **Confidence**
Jenö Kiss PhD, Klausenburg / Cluj-Napoca / Kolozsvár, Romania
- 12.30 Lunch
- 14.30 Coffee and tea
- 15.00 – 16.30 Forum of Initiatives: Lecture and discussion
What does it mean- civil society?
Dr. Hartmut Ruddies, Halle/Saale, Germany
- 17.00 – 18.30 Reflexion groups
- 18.30 Supper
- 20.00 Social situation in Romania and Ukraine
Stefan Cosoroabă PhD; Romania (invited)
Pastor Pavlo Shvarts, Ukraine



Friday, February 15th 2013 / Responsibility

7.30	Breakfast
8.30	Devotions
9.00 – 10.30	Case analyses
11.00 – 12.30	Lecture: Responsibility <i>Dr. Adrian Korczago, Christlian Academy Warsaw, Poland</i>
12.30	Lunch
14.30	Coffee and tea
15.00 – 16.30	Forum of Initiatives: Fundacja Krzyżowa and Gyökössi-Institut
17.00 – 18.30	Reflexion groups
18.30	Supper
20.00	Plans for 2015: 3rd European Conference in Krzyżowa/Kreisau

Saturday, February 16th 2013 / Future

7.30	Breakfast
8.30	Devotions
9.00 – 10.30	Case analyses
11.00 – 12.30	Lecture: Future <i>Rev. Helmut Weiss, President of the SIPCC, Düsseldorf, Germany</i>
12.30	Lunch
14.30	Coffee and tea
15.00 – 16.30	Forum of Initiatives: SIPCC and Multi-religious pastoral care in Hospitals in the Netherlands <i>Rev. Ari van Buuren, Amsterdam</i>
17.00 – 18.30	Reflexion groups – Evaluation of the conference
18.30	Supper
20.00	Celebration and socializing

Sunday, February 17th 2013

7.30	Breakfast
9.15	Guided tour: Peace Church in Świdnica
10.00	Service in the Lutheran Church in Świdnica
12.30	Lunch in Kreisau

End of the Conference

Venue

Address / Telephone / E-Mail / Map

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To view the map, go to: www.krzyzowa.org.pl

Costs

Conference fee, board and accommodation for participants from **Germany and Western Europe:**

Double room	250.00 €	Single room	325.00 €
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Conference fee, board and accommodation for participants from **Poland and other CEE countries:**

Double room	250.00 Zloty	Single room	325.00 Zloty
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Please note:

Participants from Poland, Central and Eastern Europe can apply for a discount or, in urgent cases, for cost exemption. In principle, participants cover their travelling expenses themselves. To protect the environment and save travelling costs, if possible, participants should carpool.

Special cost regulations apply to contributors.

Students are young adults receive special support.

Donations to support participants are most welcome! Receipts will be issued.

Account number to which the transfer should go will be sent after registration.

