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1. Introduction

The European Bulletin reaches its half-century with this edition coming to you in Holy Week.

2. Evaluating Sibiu: News from CEC and CCEE

CCEE and CEC had a Joint Committee meeting at the Royal Foundation of Saint Katharine, London in February to evaluate the Sibiu Ecumenical Assembly. With regard to future collaboration the Committee decided to deepen ecumenical collaboration at the local and European levels on “consensus” themes, in the light of the Charta Oecumenica and the Sibiu recommendations. Among these themes will be promoting the knowledge of the Bible in Europe, interreligious dialogue (particularly with Muslims), the integrity of Creation, migration and peace. The need to reflect on the reconfiguration of the ecumenical movement in Europe emerged as a concern.

For further details see the “Ecumenism in Europe” press release on the CCEE website: <http://www.ccee.ch>

3. Ecumenical Forum of European Christian Women

The Ecumenical Forum are holding a seminar at Scottish Churches House, Dunblane on Monday 21 to Friday 25 April on the theme of “Theology from a Gender Perspective in a Protestant Country”. Speakers include Revd Sheilagh Kesting, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, Dr Lesley Orr McDonald from the Iona Community, Heather Walton lecturer in practical theology from Glasgow University and the Very Revd Alan McDonald of St Andrews, a former Moderator of the General Assembly. There will be visits to local places of interest including the Scottish Parliament.

For more details contact Constance Robertson on crobertson39@hotmail.com

4. News from CPCE

The Community of Protestant Churches in Europe (Leuenberg Church Fellowship) has sent news about recent events and initiatives including a study on Evangelising, an inter-faith discussion on „Europe of the religions „, a consultation with the Eastern Orthodox churches on reciprocal recognition of baptism and internet survey among the 105 member churches about the most urgent social challenges in Europe.

For more details see the website www.leuenberg.net

5. Europe's Soul and her Patron Saints

This booklet by Ashley Beck makes a measured assessment of the immensely rich Christian heritage of modern Europe, through the prism of Europe's 6 patron saints. There are chapters on Saint Benedict, Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein), Saint Catherine of Siena, Saints Cyril and Methodius and Saint Bridget of Sweden. Moves towards unity and cooperation in Europe are recorded with special reference to Jean Monnet, Robert Schuman and Konrad Adenauer.

Father Ashley Beck is Assistant Priest of Beckenham in the Archdiocese of Southwark and a Faith in Europe Committee member. His booklet is published by Catholic Truth Society ISBN 978 1 86082 442 5 Price £1.95

6. And finally...

News and info welcome

There are a lot of good and interesting developments in the world of European church links. Please contact me with news and information for future bulletins.

The CCU staff extend warm greetings to all readers for Holy Week and Easter.

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