

To:

- Churches in Europe
- Members and friends of European Christian Environmental Network
- Member Churches and Organisations in Partnership with the Conference of European Churches

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Re: Invitation to the Assembly of the European Christian Environmental Network 2022

Dear Eminences, Bishops and esteemed Church leaders,
Dear members and friends of ECEN,

On behalf of ECEN, I invite you or a representative of your church, or a partner organisation the 2022 ECEN Assembly. The theme of the Assembly will be: **‘Challenges we are living in.’** The Assembly will take place from 13 – 15 June 2022, in an online format.

The impacts of the pandemic have not stopped climate change or environmental degradation. Covid-19 brought to the forefront many concerns related to the human dependency on creation. Assessment of achieved results, and new scientific data evaluating the progress of climate change, are reasons for growing distress.

Churches and faith-based organisations are included in those who carefully monitor developments and, at the same time, offer space for a growing number of its members to take part in efforts leading to a sustainable future. Networking and exchange of experience is, in this situation, becoming more important than ever before.

An essential aspect of the ECEN Conference 2022 will be relating the work of European churches in ecology and care for creation to the 2022 Assembly of the World Council of Churches in Karlsruhe, cooperation with youth, and a discussion on the future of ECEN.

In several webinar sessions over the course of two days, the Assembly will focus on churches’ action in promoting a more sustainable future and will offer an opportunity to reflect on European and global action on climate change and nature protection.

The Assembly will offer an opportunity to highlight important aspects of ecological crises and climate challenge from a Christian perspective. It will also underline that care for creation is an intrinsic part of Christian faith and, as such, offers an opportunity for a broad ecumenical cooperation.

The outline of the Assembly, as well the detailed programme with the registration link, are available through website of ECEN www.ecen.org. The conference will be held in English. All registered participants will receive further information, enabling their participation at the conference. In case of any question related to the Assembly, please do not hesitate to let us know.

Please share this invitation in your respective churches and ecumenical organisations and those who are most suited and interested in participating. All are welcome!

With kind regards,



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Secretary of ECEN