



The Reformed Churches Ecumenical Office - Rome and the Facoltà Valdese di Teologia
invite you to the Symposium Public Lecture and/or the Closing Session

World Christianity in an Era of Accelerated Mobility

Rome, 22-23 November 2024

The Symposium is organised by the Waldensian Faculty of Theology and the World Communion of Reformed Churches Office in Rome

Geographical mobility for reasons of faith has been a feature of the Reformed Churches since their beginnings in the sixteenth century. This mobility has made this component of Western Christianity a global phenomenon, rooted in culturally specific and consequently different community contexts, with the ability to reshape its organisation according to different contexts.

The Symposium will focus on the impact of migration and geographical mobility on the reality and theology of the Church.

The sessions that may be of most interest are:

Public Lecture

Church as Home in Borderless Ecclesia- Rethinking Ecclesia in the light of migration, mobility and digital connectivity"

6:00 pm Friday 22 November
Chiesa Valdese, Piazza Cavour

Concluding Session –

Ecumenical Approaches in the Changing Landscape of People on the Move

2:30 pm Saturday 23 November 2024
Aula Magna Via Pietro Cossa 42, Piazza Cavour

By addressing these issues in Rome, the WCRC intends to give space to a theological reflection on the ecumenical potential and theology based on the intercultural experience of mobility.

The Symposium will be held in English

RSVP tara.curlewis@wcrce.eu or register at the following link: <https://forms.office.com/r/FNazcruSRg>





2nd Reformed Ecumenical Symposium in Rome
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Programme

Friday 22 November 2024

Pre-Symposium Event Aula A, Via Pietro Cossa 42

10:00 -12:00 Conversation with Mediterranean Hope

Symposium Registration: Waldensian Church Piazza Cavour

1:00 – 2:00 pm – Participants register

Session 1 Waldensian Church Piazza Cavour

Accelerated Mobility through the Lens of Sociological and Contemporary Experiences effects on church life in Italy, Europe and globally

Moderator: Tara Curlewis

2:00 – 2:30 Welcome WCRC, Facoltà Valdese di Teologia and Tavola Valdese

2:30 – 3:45 **Keynote Address** – Prof Dr Andrea Bieler

3:45 – 4:15 Coffee Break

4:15 – 5:30 **Panel:**

1. Prof Dr Daniele Garrone
2. Monica Attias Community of Sant' Egidio

Public Lecture Waldensian Church Piazza Cavour

"Church as Home in Borderless Ecclesia- Rethinking Ecclesia in the light of migration, mobility and digital connectivity"

6:00 – 7:30 Daniel Rathnakara Sadananda



Saturday 23 November 2024 Aula Magna Via Pietro Cossa 42

Session 2 Mobility of God's People through Theological Lenses

Moderator: Francesca Nuzzolese

9:30 – 10:45 **Keynote Address** - Prof Dr Eric Noffke

Theological Disciplines and Mobility

- Sociology of Religion – Paolo Naso
- Ecumenical – Juan Usma- Gomez
- Practical Theology – Luca Ghiretti

10:45 – 11:15 Coffee Break

11:15 – 12:30 **Panel:**

1. Eric Noffke,
2. Paolo Naso,
3. Juan Usma-Gomez
4. Luca Ghiretti

12:30 – 2:30 Lunch Break Own arrangements

Session 3 Ecumenical Approaches in the Changing Landscape of People on the Move.

Moderator: Marco Fornerone

2:30 – 3:45 **Keynote Address** - Christine Lienemann-Perrin

3:45 -4:15 Coffee Break

4:15 – 5:30 **Panel:**

1. Daniel Rathnakara Sadananda
2. Torsten Moritz CCME – General Secretary.
3. Martin Mujinga – African Methodist Council General Secretary
4. Roman Fihas – Institute of Ecumenical Studies
5. Jean-Daniel Plüss – Global Christian Forum

5:30 – 5:45 **Closing** and Acknowledgements

Sunday 24 November

Worship

11:00 am St Andrews Church of Scotland, Via Venti Settembre 7, Roma
God's People on the Move.



Keynote Speakers

Public Lecture



Dr Rathnakara Sadananda

An eminent New Testament scholar he is an authority on Johannine theology, Dr Sadananda has also contributed to the history of the Basel Evangelical Mission by initiating research into Moegling's encyclopedia, Bibliotheca Carnatica[6] and Ferdinand Kittel's complete works.

He is a member of the World Communion of Reformed Churches theological Network. He was the General Secretary of the Church of South India Synod, Chennai 2014 – 2020. Dr Sandananda has held the position of President of the United Theological College, Bengaluru, Vice President of National Council of Churches in India and Executive Secretary of the Communion of Churches in India, He is the Author of "Rethinking Ecclesia Volume - III: Being and Becoming Christ Communities towards a Borderless Church"

Session 3



Christine Lienemann-Perrin

Professor emerita of missiology and ecumenical studies at the Faculty of Theology, University of Basel, and part-time professor for ecumenical theology at the University of Berne. Born in Switzerland 1946, she studied theology in Bern, Montpellier and Heidelberg where she completed her studies with PhD (1976) and habilitation (1990). From 1977 on she was a staff member of the Protestant Institute for Interdisciplinary Research in Heidelberg and carried out later on a research assignment on political legitimacy in South Africa until 1990. From 1992 to 2010 she held a professorship for ecumenical studies, missiology and intercultural issues at the Theological Faculty (University of Basel). She has taught as a guest lecturer in Congo-Kinshasa, South Africa, Brazil, Japan and the USA.

Her main research areas are: Theological education in the global South; Christianity in Asia and Africa; interreligious encounters; missionary women's studies; the role of churches in societies in transition; religious conversion; and ecumenical theology in global perspective.