



PROGRAM

METHODIST MISSION AT HOME AND ABROAD

European Methodist Historical Conference
6–9 September 2023
Velletri, Italy

SPEAKERS AND LECTURERS

- Cekov, Christina / Macedonia
- Cotterrell, Ann, Dr / Great Britain
- Gaitskell, Deborah, Dr / Great Britain
- Friedrich, Carmen / Switzerland
- Handschin, Esther / Austria
- Howson, Peter, Dr / Great Britain
- Laferty, Matthew / Italy
- Macquiban, Tim, Dr / Great Britain
- Nikolaev, Sergei, Dr / Russia
- Pope-Levison, Priscilla, Dr / United States
- Purcell, Jon / Great Britain
- Raymann, Damaris / Switzerland
- Schuler, Ulrike, Dr / Germany
- Streiff, Patrick, Dr / Switzerland
- Vogel, Lothar, Dr / Italy
- Wellings, Martin, Dr / Great Britain

World Methodist Historical Society – European Section

- Lakatos, Judit, Dr / Hungary Co-Chair
- Wetzel, Michael, Dr / Germany Co-Chair

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- Aquilante, Sergio / Italy
- Hammond, Geordan, Dr / Great Britain
- Lakatos, Judit, Dr / Hungary
- Schuler, Ulrike, Dr / Germany
- Wetzel, Michael, Dr / Germany

WEDNESDAY, 6 SEPT 2023

- 17:00 Arrival and registration – Methodist Church in Rome, Via XX Settembre
- 17:30 *Transfer to Velletri*
- 19:30 SUPPER
- 20:30 Greetings from OPCEMI (*Luca Anziani*)
Welcome and introduction to the conference program
(*Planning group*)
Prayer and singing (*Luca Anziani*)

THURSDAY, 7 SEPT 2023

Topic of the day: Methodist Mission across Continents

- 9:00 Morning devotion *Mathew Laferty, Italy*
- 9:30 Methodist mission in the context of the mission of other churches
Patrick Streiff, Switzerland

10:15 Questions & Discussions

10:45 COFFEE BREAK

Section 1 Africa and British Empire

- 11:00 Mission from everywhere to everywhere: A Victorian case study
Martin Wellings, Great Britain

11:30 Swiss Methodist aid organization “Connexio” in the Democratic Republic of Congo during the years 1980 to 2001

Carmen Friedrich, Switzerland

12:00 Questions & Discussions

12:30 LUNCH

Section 2 Asia and the Pacific

14:00 Methodist Missions and German Imperialism. Methodist missionary work in the German colonial empire 1884–1918

Michael Wetzel, Germany

14:30 The Russian Methodist Community in Kharbin, Manjuria in the 1920s

Sergei Nikolaev / Russia

15:00 Questions & Discussions

15:30 COFFEE BREAK

Section 3 Inner-European contacts

16:00 Representations of the Wesley brothers and Methodist history in the Italian Risorgimento

Lothar Vogel / Italy

16:30 Relationships between the British and German Methodists in the period 1930 to 1950

Peter Howson / Great Britain

17:00 Questions & Discussions

- 18:00 SUPPER
- 20:00 Presentation of the work of the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry (GBHEM) with special focus on the LeaD Hub-Europe
Greg Bergquist, Amos Nascimento, USA
Ulrike Schuler, Germany
- Presentation of the work of the General Commission on Archives and History (GCAH)
Ashley Boggan D., USA

FRIDAY, 8 SEPT 2023

8:15 *Excursion*

13:00 LUNCH

Topic of the day: Deaconesses, social work, and Home Missions

Keynote

- 14:00 The Role of Deaconesses in Methodist Mission
Priscilla Pope-Levison / United States
- 14:45 Questions & Discussions
- 15:00 COFFEE BREAK

Section 4 Women in Mission

15:30 Race and Gender in Conflict: Wesley Deaconesses in West Africa

Ann Cotterrell, Great Britain

16:15 Paula Spörri-Seidlmann, an Austrian Missionary in China

Esther Handschin / Austria

17:00 Questions & Discussions

18:00 SUPPER

Section 5 Home mission, social work

20:00 Aspects of home missions in British Methodism in the 1890s and 1900s

Tim Macquiban, Great Britain

20:30 Diaconal service of deaconesses in Serbia until World War II (Bethania hospital in Novi Sad)

Christina Cekov, Macedonia

21:00 Questions & Discussions

21:30 Evening devotion

Damaris Raymann / Switzerland

SATURDAY, 9 SEPT 2023

Topic of the day: Mission and Methodist Heritage

9:00 Morning devotion

Ulrike Schuler, Germany

9:30 Urban Evangelism, Rural Education and National Ecu-
menism: EW Grant in Segregationist South Africa

Deborah Gaitskell, Great Britain

10:00 Recent developments in British Methodist heritage

Jon Purcell, Great Britain

10:15 The first Historic Site in Hungary: Martha Maria Home in
Budakeszi

Judit Lakatos, Hungary

10:30 Questions & Discussions

11:00 Closing words and blessing

12:00 LUNCH

Departure (transfer to Rome)

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