CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

A Time for Change
Believers, Society and State in
Central & Eastern Europe

28 August

1: A Time for Change: From the Exclusion of God to a New Agenda

1715 Address by Cardinal Basil Hume
2015 Plenary Lecture: Archbishop Alojzij Šuštar
Religious Faith in Central and Eastern Europe Today

29 August

0900 Lectures: ‘The Survival and Revival of Faith Under Persecution’
Rev. Dr Anton Hlinka: Regenerated from below: the Church in Slovakia 1945-89.
Bishop Albrecht Schön herr: State and Church in the GDR
Pastor Géza Németh: Christianity’s Answer to Nationalism
Bishop Kokša: Religion and Culture in Yugoslavia

1010 Lectures: ‘The National Context of Faith and Religious Minorities’
Bishop Pavlo Vasylyk & Ivan Hel’: The Position and Role of the Greek Catholic Church in the Ukraine
Pastor Bogdan Tranda: The Situation of Protestants in Today’s Poland
Stefan Wilkanowic: Problems & Tasks Confronting the Church in Central & Eastern Europe Today

1135 Workshops

1530 Plenary session: reporting back from workshops

II: A Time to Speak: Overcoming Spiritual Bankruptcy

1700 Lectures: ‘The Problems of Re-evangelisation in a Materialistic Society’
Vladimir Poresh: Belief and Non-Belief in the Soviet Union
Fr László Lukács: The Challenge of Freedom for the Churches in the Former Communist Countries
Fr Vladimir Horvat: Ecumenism in Belgrade
Ms Irina Ratushinskaya: Religious Education in Tomorrow’s Russia

2015 Plenary Lecture: Dr Hubertus Dessloch
The Social Market Economy in Germany & Europe: Principles & Perspectives

30 August

0900 Lectures: ‘Religious Believers and Social Involvement’
Mrs Marie Broxup: The Impact of Islam on Soviet Russia
Prof. Dr Meyer: The Contribution of Catholic Christians to Social Renewal in East Germany
Mrs Vera Wollenberger: The role of the Lutheran Church in the Democracy Movement in the German Democratic Republic
Father Constantin Galeriu: Fundamental Choices in the Dialogue between Believers, Society and State in Romania

1010 Lectures: ‘Religious Believers and Political Activity’
Aleksandr Ogorodnikov: The Russian Christian Democratic Union
Rev. Vaclovas Aliulis: Political Activity of Believers and Freedom of Conscience in Lithuania
Rev. Dr Paul Negrut: The Baptist Church in Romania

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1700 Lectures: ‘The Renewal of Religious Perspectives, East and West’
Prof. Dr Peter Hünermann: Der Christliche Glaube und der Janusköpfige Europäer: Anmerkungen zur Moderne in Ost und West
Fr Barbarić: Aspects of the Medjugorje Phenomenon in Today’s Context
Dr Oto Mádr: The Struggle of the Czech Church: What We Can Learn from a Theological Analysis
Hieromonk Hristofor Subev: Christianity, the Alternative to Totalitarianism

2015  Plenary Lecture: Mr Christopher Cviic
      The Challenge of Consumerism in Europe

31 August

0900  Plenary Lecture: Canon Michael Bourdeaux
       From Where We Stand: the Record and the Task

1010  Plenary session: ‘What Next?’

Papers submitted by invitees unable to attend:

Rabbi Ráj: The Changing Fate of Jewry in Present-Day Hungary