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# „NEWSPAPER AND BIBLE“ - CONFESSING CHRIST IN EUROPE TODAY EUROPEAN CONSULTATION in Budapest, Hungary



World  
Communion  
of Reformed  
Churches

We, theologians from Hungary, the Netherlands, Romania, Germany, Denmark, Greece, Slovakia, Scotland and the USA met from 25 to 27 October in Budapest inspired and encouraged by the theology of Karl Barth to discuss the variety of challenges which face Europe today.

By listening to each other we have realized once more what it means to look beyond borders and to try to understand the fears and concerns people have:

“The Christian Community is originally ecumenical, it also resists abstract, local, regional and national interests in the political field. It will always and ever seek the best of this and that city. But it will never do that without looking beyond its walls at the same time. It remains conscious of the externality, relativity, and temporariness of its limits, and the separation of tasks of other cities. It will always in principle stand up for understanding and cooperation in larger circles.” (Karl Barth, Christengemeinde und Bürgergemeinde, in: Theologische Studien 104, Zürich <sup>4</sup>1989, 72f.)

Therefore, we encourage European churches to take up their calling as ambassadors for reconciliation and to raise their voices for a unified, friendly, human and open Europe, always and ever, without rest. In the trust of God, the creator of all humans, of Jesus Christ, who redeemed us, and the Holy Spirit, who broadens our horizons.

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