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The 38th Europe Kirisuto-sha TSUDOI

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In Strasbourg, France

Main Theme

Hope in Christ

Jeremiah 29:11

For I know the plans I have for you," declared the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. (NIV 2011)

The *Jikkoiin-kai* (the Committee of the four churches) has unanimously agreed on the keyword "hope" for **TSUDOI** 2021. The humanity has been hit by plague, famine and sword, as in the time of Jeremiah the prophet, in recent years. Is there a hope is there in these strange and uncertain times? We, the Christians, find the answer in the Word of God, the Bible. May our hope in Christ be refreshed and renewed firmly in our hearts and minds as we gather together in fellowship, to hear the word of God to press on in our joyful walk with God.

The Venue

Ciarus
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Dates

Thurs. 29th July -
 Sun. 1st Aug 2021

Health & Safety

The word "*tsudo*" means literally to gather together, face to face, to share our joys and sorrows, to join our hearts in praise and to glorify the name of the Lord. Health and safety of everyone who attends *Tsudo* is paramount, and the Committee, *Jikkoiin-kai*, has drawn up a protocol to ensure them.

In France, the lockdown measures have completely been lifted in the end of June, yet a new set of rules with so-called Pass Sanitaire are announced, in order to tackle with the Delta variant.

We are keeping a close eye on the ever-changing situation and regulation imposed by Macron administration.

The main hall with 187 sq. meters can accommodate up to 200 people, and the Youth Room up to 60 people. For the Youth, three meetings rooms are put together to create one large area with a total floor space of 89 sq. meters. So there is an ample space to socially distance during the conference. We encourage everyone to keep face mask on, disinfecting hands and fingers often, and keep social distance as much as possible.

Ciarus has their own strict health and safety protocol, i.e. limiting the number of people to keep a social distance in restaurants, rigorous cleaning with



disinfectants during meal times; breakfast, lunch and dinner, and ventilation several times a day. Ciarus recently held a five-day seminar for 120 young people from all over Europe, and is happy to inform you that there was no problem. The reputation is important for



Ciarus. They take every precaution seriously as the consequence of cluster would be devastating.

If you are feverish, or feel unwell, or develop a cold like symptoms, we kindly ask you to stay at home, or in your room if you are on site already. The Committee would like you, each participant, kindly to take an antigen test on the Day One and Day Four. We will provide a set of antigen test for everyone. The test kit indicates the result within 15 minutes.

The procedure for if you have a positive result is being sought. The health and safety protocol will be published on the Tsudoj Official website. Please check this before you send your questions via the main contact email address.

If you are travelling from Germany or Switzerland, the current French law requires you to present a negative PCR test, or a negative antigen text, or a proof of full-vaccination, upon the entry into France. We advise you to check the rules once again before you travel.



Evening of Worship & Testimony

Instead of our usual "Evening of Praise" on Saturday evening, we are introducing a brand-new "Evening of Worship and Testimony" for blessing sharing. This will be hosted by the Youth-Band and the Programme Team.

In addition to ensemble praise by the choir and special worship by those who are studying music in Europe, everyone is encouraged to share testimonies from your daily walk with our Lord.

Please pray that the His presence and the knowledge of the glory of the Lord fill the evening.

The Church Representative Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Church Representatives will take a place on Saturday 30 July, after such time. The agenda will be confirmed soon.

Youth & JH/HS student



The Youth Programme is for everyone from junior high and high school, to university and beyond, up to around 25 years old. It will be run in parallel to the main conference in a dedicated Youth Room. For

the Session 2, the Evening of Worship and Testimony, and the Sunday Service, we will join the main programme.

The speakers are Rev Hiroshi YABUKI from Frankfurt Japanese Evangelical Christian Church, and Rev Dieter HAEGELE from Dusseldorf Japanese Christian Church.

For the past six months, thirteen staff members, mostly in their twenties and thirties, and the two speakers have prayerfully been preparing for the Youth Programme. Health and safety for the young persons and speakers alike are paramount and we take precautionary measures seriously.

We believe and pray for abundance of God's blessings on each and every one of the young participants, whether you gather in person, or join via online. Please remember us in your prayers.

CS Programme

The theme of CS Programme is "Walking with Jesus". In 5 sessions, we aim to learn and experience the 5 Biblical verses.

- 1) The Hope of Meeting Again by Mrs. Yabuki
- 2) God's gift of eternal life by Mrs. Shimizu
- 3) God's Family by Mrs. Yamauchi
- 4) God's Kingdom by Rev. Kawakami
- 5) Treasures in our Hearts by Rev. Ino

In the afternoon of the 31st July, we are planning to have a fun party. The children's prayer team might visit the SG time.



Rev and Mrs Yabuki (left)

Announcements

If you would like to make an announcement (3 minutes pp including entry and exit time) during the Tsudoj, please contact by 22 July via the main contact email below. The deadline is strictly kept.

The time of announcements about the ministries is scheduled after the 'Introduction of participating Churches' during the Opening Service.

Announcements after each Session are exclusively from the Committee. This is to ensure the message we heard in the Session can be dwelled in our hearts as we disperse. Thank you for your understanding.

If you would like to use the stalls for exhibition or sales, please contact us by 22 July. You can also upload your ministry material onto the Official Tsudoj website in advance. Please note that you are responsible for your own display, sales transaction and clean-up.

The 'Introduction of participating Churches' at the Opening Service, we will use a Powerpoint. There will also be a list of participating churches/ congregations, uploaded on our website.

When You Arrive

Before you check-in, please pick up a **Tsudoi** Guidebook, and your name badge. The **Jikkoinn-kai** members, and volunteers will be there to welcome you.

Your room key will be given as you check-in at the CIARUS reception desk. A negative PCR test (tested within 72 hours) is required upon the entry into France. Please show this at the reception, too. If you have not done the PCR test, the Committee, have spare antigen test kits, which gives you a result in 15 minutes.

The reunion with our family and friends in Christ will be particularly special, after the difficult 2020. To spot familiar faces in the lobby is the moment that we rejoice after a long journey. Hugging and kissing, and laughing loudly are all normal scenes in ordinary times. However, the more traditional Japanese greetings with bowing or elbow bumps will be recommended this year.

Emergency Contact:

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What to bring

The Bible, Pens and Notebook, medication (if needed), hat, slippers, Uchiwa-fan, mask (not a requirement) etc.



Families with child/ren in CS:
Clothing easy to play, water-bottle, suncream, hat, etc

Walking Tour of Strasbourg Prof. Masashi ISHIBIKI



Sat. 31 July 13:30 -15:00

The Reformation & Protestantism in Strasbourg.



The early centres of the Reformation in the 16th century were naturally Wittenberg in the Electorate of Saxony with Luther and Zurich in Switzerland with Zwingli. Strasbourg, when it was a part of south-west Germany, however, became a centre of its own, influencing the surrounding cities and countries. Strasbourg was known for its tolerance of heresy and attracted an influx of religious dissenters, including re-baptists and Spiritualists.



The leader of the Strasbourg Reformation was Martin Butzer, later pastor of the church of Santoma. But it was Matheus Zell, a cathedral priest, who first began an evangelical movement, paving a way for the Reformation. At the end of the 1530s, the French reformer Jean Calvin, who had been expelled from Geneva, was invited to stay for three years as a pastor of the French Church in Exile. He stayed there for three years. Calvin taught theology also at an institution of higher education, which later became the University of Strasbourg. On this walking tour, we will visit sites and churches associated with Butzer, Calvin and Zell.

Prof. Masashi ISHIBIKI



Retired professor of Western history at Aoyama Gakuin Women's Junior College, ISHIBIKI studied the history of the Reformation at the Faculty of Protestant Theology at the University of Strasbourg from 1970 to 1973. In Japan, he was a member of the Setagaya Chitose Church of Christ. Here, he attends the local Lutheran church. For several years, he has been attending the "Stories from the Bible Group". Author and translator of "History of France 2" (co-authored) [Yamakawa Shuppansha] and "Catalina Schutz Zell" (co-translated) [Ichimugi Shuppansha].

Parking/Transport



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Themes of Main Sessions and Morning Prayers



Session 1 by Rev K. Shimizu Jeremiah 29:11 The Time of Jeremiah and Us



In Jeremiah 29:1-14, a wonderful hope that speaks of restoration is given to the Israelites who were already in captivity. We hope to receive this amazing grace

and blessing that are contained in the word of the Lord spoken by Jeremiah into the depths of our being. As we gather together, proclaiming the Hope in Christ, as our main theme.

Morning Prayer 1 by Rev. H. Ando Lamentation 3:19-33 To bear the yoke



The Babylonian army destroyed Jerusalem. In the midst of unprecedented misery, what did the author focus on and how did he prepare his relationship with the Lord?

Lamentations take a major turn here, from lament to praise. This is something we can learn from, as we still find ourselves in the lockdown-misery.

Session 2 by Rev H. Yabuki Romans 5:1-5 Hope that never ends in



For the past year and a half, the Church has actually followed what Romans 5:1-5 tells us. The rule, which was imposed such as do not congregate in person, and do not

sing praises to God aloud, was fatal for the Church. Yet, through the communication tools that God provided for us, the Church

continued to gather together to praise God.

Through the hardships, we learned to be patient and grew in faith. Hope not only has been extinguished, but become even more certain. Even though we are going through difficulties, God is still pouring out his love into our hearts by his Spirit.

Session 3 by Rev Y. Asano Psalm 37:5 The Lord will do this



In the age of globalisation, the socio-economic disparity has widened, issues of racism, global warming and conflicts in many parts of the world

cast a dark shadow on the future of humanity. The prolonged lockdowns and various restrictions increase the worries of future for many people. We Christians, too, find our faith tested, torn between trusting God and anxieties of life. In the midst of all this we still say, "Commit our way to the Lord. Trust in the Lord. He will do this..." God's voice is like a ray of light in a long, dark tunnel. Let us learn together what it means to "trust God with our lives" and to "let Him work it out" so that we can live with hope even in these uncertain times.

Morning Prayer 2 by Rev Y. KAWAKAMI I Corinthians 10:11-13 God ordained challenge and a way



1. What does the history of salvation and unbelief of the Israel teach the Christian? (1 Corinthians 10:1-11) 2. The trials and challenges

God gives and a way out. (1 Corinthians 10:13) 3. Upon which the Christian must stand. (1 Corinthians 10:12)

Morning Prayer 3 by Rev R. Sasaki Genesis 3:1-10 Where are you?



This is God's first question to us. What God wants us to do is to stand before Him and walk with Him in the light of His forgiveness.

To do this we need

to ask: "Where are you? Are you not far from me?" He is always asking us, "Where are you? This is the fundamental question of a lifetime that we need to keep asking.

Session 4 by Rev M. Shimizu Revelation 21:1-4 New Heaven & New Earth

Introduction to the Book of Revelation. The Position of chapters of 21 and 22.

1. The new heaven and the new earth - the completion of God's plan of salvation, the final destination of history. 2. The road to the new heaven and the new earth - the former things that have passed away. 3. The blessings of the new heaven and the new earth - the holy city, the new Jerusalem. 4. The role and hope of the believer, God's invitation.



Sunday Service by Rev. M. Meyer

John 14:27 & Mat 8:23-27

Peace that Christ gives



"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives" (John 14:27).

This is one of the most encouraging words that Jesus left with his disciples.

We all crave for peace of mind. But only a few has real peace. As we look at the story of Jesus Christ calming the storm in Matthew 8, let us learn what the peace of Christ is, how we can have it, and how it is a power that transcends all the fears of life.