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RECONCILIATION BETWEEN JEW AND GENTILE'S

Pavol Strežo from Slovakia, who gave such an impressive testimony on reconciliation with the Jews during our ICCRS Eastern European meeting September 2014 (EUCRRIL 272), informed us about a special ecumenical consultation May 23rd till 25th, 2019 in Lithuania. It's organised by the ecumenical charismatic initiative Towards Jerusalem Council II East European region (Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, Belarus, Ukraine, Russia, Finland, Poland). Many charismatic Catholics in quite a number of countries participate in this initiative TJCII for reconciliation between Jew and Gentile's.

Speakers

Two members of the new International Service of Communion of CHARIS are among the speakers: Deacon Johannes Fichtenbauer from Austria and Fr. Prof. Etienne Vetö, who is member of the doctrinal committee of ICCRS and will be member of the doctrinal committee of CHARIS. His topic in Lithuania will be *The Church from the Nations in connection with the Church from the Jews*. Other speakers have been earlier in our midst: well-known messianic Jewish theologians Marty Waldman and Richard Harvey. See below.

Language

Consultation will be in English with translation into 5 languages (Lithuanian, Latvian, Russian, Ukrainian and Polish).

Location

Grand Hall of Kaunas, Archdiocese – Kaunas

[Registration, prices and whole program and all details*](#)

Context and questions

One of the remarkable meetings during the celebration of the 50th anniversary of Catholic charismatic renewal in Rome was at the Urbana University, on the 2nd of June 2017. The announced topic was Romans 9-11. Moderator was father Peter Hocken, a week before he passed away. Two messianic Jewish rabbis gave an testimony: rabby Marty Waldman from United States and Richard Harvey from England. Waldman testified about his meetings with Cardinal Ratzinger shortly before he became Pope Benedict and his meeting with Cardinal Bergoglio, shortly before he became Pope Francis. Besides father Peter Hocken also Deacon Johannes Fichtenbauer was a speaker. The whole meeting gave an impression of a remarkable new development in reconciliation between Jew and Gentile, initiated by the growing number of Jews who believe that Jesus is the Messiah. [Whole meeting 2017 on YouTube](#).

This raises many important theological, ecumenical and interreligious questions that can result in new surprises of the Holy Spirit. The consultation in Lithuania is a contribution in this process. Marty Waldman will also speak in the Netherlands, May 17-19th (www.tjcii.nl).

To promote the ecumenical dimension of Catholic Charismatic Renewal is one of the objectives in the statutes of CHARIS. According to the statutes National services of Communion also have to include particular ministries and ecumenical initiatives.

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Earlier EUCRRILs on this topic on www.iccrs.eu:

Issue 144, May 20th, 2005 on reconciliation in Jewish/Christian relations. What did Pope John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI say about it?

Issue 272, September 19th, 2014 Representatives from in Central and Eastern Europe were together around the topic reconciliation and Pavol Strežo gave a testimony.

Issue 305, June 16th, 2017 Peter Hocken his final contribution at the Urbana University.

*Registration, prices and whole program and all details of the consultation:

<https://www.kcv-net.nl/assets/files/9-bieb/TJCII%20Eastern%20Europe%20Consultation%20May2019.pdf>

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