



**Institute for Ecumenical Research, Strasbourg**  
**55th International Ecumenical Seminar, July 5-12, 2023, Strasbourg, France**

**"Communion of Churches"**

**PRELIMINARY PROGRAM**

Time	Wednesday, July 5	Thursday, July 6	Friday, July 7	Saturday, July 8	Sunday, July 9	Monday, July 10	Tuesday, July 11	Wednesday, July 12
08.20-08.50		Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
09.00-10.20		Introduction into the Seminar (Prof. em. Dr. Theodor Dieter, Institute Strasbourg)	Roman Catholic Understanding of the Church (Prof. Dr. Michael Quisinsky, Freiburg)	Communio within and among Orthodox Churches (Prof. Dr. Julija Vidovic, Paris)	<b>Excursion with wine tasting and tarte flambée</b>	The History of the Leuenberg Concord (Church Pres. ret. Prof em. Dr. Marc Lienhard, Strasbourg)	Communion within the World Council of Churches (Dr. Kenneth Mtata, Geneva/Zimbabwe)	Departure after breakfast
10.20-10.40		Break	Break	Break		Break	Break	
10.40-12.00		World Christianity Today (Dr. Gina Zurlo, USA)	Roman Catholic Understanding of Ecumenism (Prof. Dr. em. Wolfgang Thönissen, Paderborn)	Communion among Pentecostal Churches (Prof. Lisa Dr. Stephenson, USA)		Leuenberg Fellowship. Systematic Perspectives (Prof. em. Dr. André Birmelé, Strasbourg)	Working Groups	
12.00-12.30		Prayer, St. Thomas Church	Prayer, St. Thomas Church	Prayer, St. Thomas Church		Prayer, St. Thomas Church	Prayer, St. Thomas Church	
12.30		Lunch	Lunch	Lunch		Reception by the local Church - Lunch ??	Lunch	
15.00 - 16.30	14.-18.00 hrs - Arrival (Séminaire Protestant, 1bis quai St-Thomas)	Communion in the Early Church (Prof. Dr. Peter Gemeinhardt, Göttingen)	Communion with the Anglican Communion (Dr. Christopher Wells, Director of Unity Faith and Order, Canterbury)	Picking up of sandwiches for evening	The Porvoo Agreement (Bishop Dr. Matti Repo, Turku, Finland)	15.00-15.45 hrs - Summary/Closing of the Seminar (Prof. em. Dr. Theodor Dieter)	Departure after breakfast	
16.30		Break	Break	Afternoon free		Break		
17.00		Communion within the Global Christian Forum (Global Christian Forum Secretary Dr. Essamuah, Upper Mallboro)	Plenary Discussion			Plenary Discussion		17.00 hrs - St. Pierre-le-Jeune Church: Closing Service (Prof. Dr. Dirk Lange, Geneva)
19.00		18.30 Dinner	Dinner			Dinner		Dinner
	20.30 hrs - Reception at the Institute for Ecumenical Research (8 rue Gustave Klotz)	Social Evening						