

New possible members for Oikosnet Europe – the dissolution of EAEE

At the General Assembly in Basel the Arminius Institute/Remonstrants has applied to become a member of Oikosnet Europe. Professor Dr. Goos Minderman gave a presentation of this institution including its background and establishment. The unanimous decision was to welcome this institution as a member of Oikosnet Europe.

In another session Veronika Matějková, President, and Heike Witzel, Managing Director of the European Protestant and Anglican Network for lifelong Learning EAEE, announced that the members of EAEE had decided to dissolve the network at the end of 2023. EAEE is a non-profit European association and network. The focus is on Christian adult education, and the network was open to institutions, organizations, associations, and individuals. EAEE works to strengthen adult education in Europe, to encourage cooperation at the European level and to affirm European identity. This is expressed by valuing the rich plurality of regional identities and contexts, and through the common commitment to education, empowerment, intercultural awareness and by improving mutual understanding.

After it had already been discussed in Basel, EAEE is interested for their members to become members of Oikosnet. The board of Oikosnet Europe and EAEE agreed on the following procedure:

- It is up to each present member of EAEE to decide if they want to become a member of Oikosnet Europe.
- The fact that members of EAEE represent different kinds and types of organization, from National Churches, Academic Departments to smaller independent units, is not a problem. There is already a variety of types of organizations that are members in OE.
- The EAEE Board will recommend the application to Oikosnet to its members.
- The whole Board of Oikosnet Europe will support the acceptance and welcoming of EAEE members as members of Oikosnet.
- It will recommend to its members in a circular resolution that the applying EAEE members be accepted.

In Basel, the Oikosnet delegates recognised with appreciation that the inclusion of EAEE members in Oikosnet would represent a positive contribution in terms of expertise and commitment. It was agreed that this would combine forces and be an enrichment for all involved. We will of course provide information about the individual members as part of the planned circular resolution and also communicate the framework conditions for the planned admission to our network.

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