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Lausanne Europe 2020 **Conference and Process**

Dynamic Gospel – New Europe

Europe is perhaps the greatest challenge for Christian mission today. The *Cape Town Commitment*, the current roadmap for the Lausanne Movement, seeks to “bring a fresh challenge to the global Church to bear witness to Jesus Christ and all his teaching - in every nation, in every sphere of society and in the realm of ideas”. Nowhere in the world is that challenge more urgent and necessary than in the continent of Europe.

Forty-five years after the historic First Lausanne Congress, the Lausanne Movement announces its intention to celebrate **a key conference in Europe once again**. Lausanne Europe invites evangelical leaders – including leaders in churches, ministries, mission agencies, and in the workplace and the academy – to come together to reflect, pray and consider how we might work together to bear witness to Jesus Christ in Europe today.

**The continent-wide *Lausanne Europe 2020* conference
Dynamic Gospel – New Europe
will be held 21st – 25th October 2020 in Germany.**

This invitation-only gathering is the central event of **a three-year process (2018-2021)**, which will include pre-conference working groups, research, publications, online resources, and post-conference networks.

We will be **partnering** with the IFES Revive Europe Conference in the New Year 2019 / 2020 and will be including many other evangelical partners in the process and the event. We anticipate that half of the attendees at the 2020 event will be younger leaders.

The conference and the process will seek to honour “**the spirit of Lausanne**” with a focus on prayer, study, partnership, hope, and humility, and with an unwavering commitment to the evangelization of Europe.

It is our hope and prayer that the *Lausanne Europe 2020* conference and process will **contribute to the following outcomes:**

- a renewed confidence in the Bible as the Word of God;
- a greater international, intercultural, and intergenerational unity, partnership, and collaboration amongst evangelicals;
- a stronger emphasis on transformational whole-life discipleship;
- a clear recognition of the unique contribution of majority world churches to mission in Europe and of Europe’s ongoing role in world mission.
- and, a strategic production of new research and study resources to equip European Christians to live and speak prophetically in their contexts.

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Bearing witness to Jesus Christ and all his teaching in every nation of Europe, in every sphere of European society and in the contested realm of European ideas is a huge challenge.

We call on evangelical Christians across Europe, and the rest of the world, to **unite with us in prayer** for our needy continent and for this new Lausanne Europe initiative.

Europe is in crisis. Politically, there are signs of increasing divisions. Spiritually, we are facing even greater challenges. The unholy trinity of secularism, pluralism and scientific materialism are increasingly shaping our cultures as Europeans discard biblical values and the Gospel. How should the church, and evangelical believers especially, respond?

A return to God's Word, a fresh wave of evangelistic initiatives, as well as partnership and dialogue, is needed among God's people. This gathering of around 800 evangelical leaders, and the strategic process around it, has been called to help facilitate that.

It will offer a fresh challenge to God's people to bear witness to Jesus Christ and all his teaching in all of Europe geographically, and in every sphere of society, including the realm of ideas. Please join us in praying for God's hand upon this initiative and for the beginnings of a turnaround in our continent.

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For **more information** on the 2020 conference and the 2018-2021 process, see regular updates at www.LausanneEurope2020.org.



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