

Dear Students and Colleagues,

We look forward to our annual meeting of Mennonite students of theology in Europe,

April 16-19 2020 at Dopersduin in Schoorl (The Netherlands). Dopersduin is a Mennonite Conference Centre and Hostel <http://www.dopersduin.nl>

As usual, we will start the conference on Thursday afternoon. Mennonite students from the Netherlands, Germany and Switzerland, from France – and probably many other countries will gather to study, discuss and share, pray and worship. We are planning an excursion, probably to the old city of Alkmaar with traces of Mennonite history.

We have a draft program to share with you, but we still need to confirm some of the details:

THEME: Tolerance, Power and Identity: Exclusion and Embrace from a Mennonite Perspective.

We will start and end our days with morning and evening prayers. **Please indicate if you would be willing to do either a morning prayer or an evening prayer** (about 10-15 minutes).

Language: we have become accustomed to use English as 'lingua franca' during our meetings, but we want to try to accommodate also those who speak other languages, as far as possible. Our goal is to be inclusive – creating community. Please indicate with your registration if you need translation from/to English.

On Sunday, we plan to visit the Mennonite Congregation of Haarlem. From Haarlem there is a good connection by public transport to Schiphol Airport (approximately 30 minutes) or to train connections.

Registration: We made a reservation for about 35 persons. We will have both double rooms (€ 220-250 per person) and single rooms (€ 265-295 per person). Additional costs for the excursion will probably be about € 20 per person. Please contact your national coordinator about possible reimbursement! We may be able to accommodate more, but for the planning of accommodation and the trips, **we need your registration by February 10.** Please note if you would be ready to share a double room or need a single room.

For English students: please contact Joshua Searle – searlej@tcd.ie – about the opportunities for sponsoring of the stay by 'the Anabaptist Mennonite Network';

To **register**: send an email to Joshua Searle: searlej@tcd.ie

Please remember that registration is binding: in case you cancel late, you will still have to pay the cost of your stay at Dopersduin.

Practical infos:

There is no train station at Schoorl. You can take a bus from the train station of Alkmaar (there is a direct connection by train from Amsterdam Central station to Alkmaar (from Schiphol Airport via Amsterdam Central Station)).

Please include any dietary wishes in your application in case you have them.

Please be so kind to inform us which languages you speak fluently and for which languages you would need or could provide translation.

On behalf of the organizing team,

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