

## ICETE sets dialogue between formal and non-formal theological education

The International Council for Evangelical Theological Education (ICETE) will hold a ‘hybrid consultation’ on 16–18 November 2021 on how formal and non-formal theological education might build trusted relationships and meaningful collaboration to prepare shepherds worldwide for the church’s mission.

This ‘HC-21’ will include a small group of regional representatives gathering in Rome, as well as hundreds of online participants around the world. The session formats will vary amongst panelist discussions, breakout room conversations, local watch parties, and TED-type talks.

HC-21 will focus on listening and identifying problems rather than finding solutions. Moving towards solutions will be the theme of a subsequent in-person consultation in November 2022.

Register to join us online at <https://worldea.org/yourls/tn503a>. The fee is \$30 for all 9 sessions and is per connection, not per person—we encourage you to participate with friends and colleagues! Registration also includes a one-year membership to the ICETE Academy, where all consultation materials (including links to join the sessions) will be available. This small fee will help offset the costs involved with the consultation and will also provide scholarship assistance for the 2022 consultation.

How important is it for formal and non-formal theological education to work together to serve the church? Is it even possible? Take this survey and let us know your thoughts: <https://worldea.org/yourls/tn503b>

## Schirmmacher addresses Catholic-Evangelical relations

On 15 May 2021, WEA Secretary General Thomas Schirmmacher addressed a global dialogue of Evangelical Charismatic and Catholic Charismatic Christians on the topic of ‘Catholics and Evangelicals and Their Future Relations’. Pope Francis addressed the virtual event shortly after Schirmmacher’s message.

Schirmmacher discussed seven possible ways in which the two streams of Christianity could relate to each other, from enemies to fellow believers. Without overlooking ongoing differences, he contended, ‘There cannot be any theological excuse for remaining in historic trench warfare.’ He instead described pathways to peaceful interaction, mutual understanding, and rewarding personal encounters.

‘There is no cheap way out here’, Schirmmacher stated. ‘Yes, the body of Christ cannot live without doctrine or without clear formulations of theological truth. But neither can we surrender our fundamental commitment to the goal of unity in faith. Our requirement to pursue Christian unity is itself a Christian doctrine.’

The full speech is available at <https://vkw.li/tn503ce>.

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