



CPCE Press release

**Community of Protestant Churches in Europe (CPCE)
- Leuenberg Church Fellowship -**

CPCE Strengthens European Minority Churches

On 1st July 2010 CPCE takes over the administration of AGDE, the joint working group of the Gustav-Adolf Works and the Evangelical Diaspora Works.

The management of AGDE, the joint working group of the Gustav-Adolf Works and the Evangelical Diaspora Works in Europe and Brazil, will move on 1st July 2010 to the office of CPCE, the Community of Protestant Churches in Europe, in Vienna. AGDE had addressed a corresponding enquiry to the CPCE.

AGDE is concerned with the mutual support of minority churches in Europe across national and church boundaries. Some 40 protestant churches in 35 European, Latin American and Asian countries receive through the Gustav-Adolf Works support of 3 million Euro annually for 200 projects.

The tasks of the management moving to Vienna include advice on the project work of the protestant churches and their assisting organizations in the AGDE member countries as well as the raising of financial means. The cooperation model will be evaluated in 2013.

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At present 105 Protestant churches in Europe (including five South-American churches originating from Europe) belong to the Community of Protestant Churches in Europe (CPCE). Lutheran, Reformed, United and Methodist along with pre-Reformation churches such as Hussites and Czech Brethren grant each other pulpit and table fellowship on the basis of the Leuenberg Agreement of 1973. The Secretariat is housed in the Severin-Schreiber-Gasse 3, A-1180 Vienna, office@leuenberg.eu, tel. +43.1.4791523.900, fax .110 The CPCE press officer is Dipl.theol. Thomas Flügge (Bern), tel. +41.31.3702502, t.fluegge@leuenberg.eu.