The Christian Council of Sweden has 27 member churches and three observing members. They reflect the various Christian traditions in our country. The churches meet within the Christian Council to share experiences and coordinate projects. All that have their own identity and priorities. However, fellowship exists and dialogues.

Church Families

The member churches which meet within the Christian Council of Sweden, are divided into four church families. The Council links the initiatives and activities of the member churches together by arranging forums for exchanging ideas, creating networks, providing communication services, supporting the development of ecumenism and coordinating joint activities. The Council is also a meeting place for the countries’ church leaders, who meet regularly for council meetings, church leaders’ days and board meetings.

Activities

Cooperation between churches is facilitated within working groups or networks, where representatives of the churches and related organisations meet. Information concerning current activities in the represented churches and organisations is shared in the working groups, as well as coordination of joint projects. Issues such as human dignity and concepts concerning peace and justice are also processed in the working groups, in order to identify churches’ own priorities in their community initiatives. Other relevant issues that working groups focus on are equality, discourse, ethics, migration and integration.

Advocacy

At times it is crucial for the Christian church to speak with one voice. For example when certain vulnerable groups are not adequately considered within society. This is when the churches join together in a manifestation or an advocacy effort. The Christian Council also acts as a consulting body addressing certain issues concerning the government, giving joint responses to certain issues or reports. The Council also facilitates courses and produces information materials and publications.

Ecumenical commitments

The Christian Council is responsible for coordinating a chaplaincy within the prisons, hospitals and schools of Sweden. Cooperation

Showing Christian unity, through the representation of all member churches, is a vital component in the work of the Christian Council of Sweden. This is displayed when we are in contact with governmental institutions, the parliament and civil society. Cooperation can be seen in the relations with the Conference of European Churches and the World Council of Churches. The Christian Councils of the Nordic countries also cooperate with each other.

Ecumenical Calendar

The Christian Council coordinate recurring events, such as the Martin Luther King prize ceremony and the World Day of Prayer for Christian Unity in January, and the Divine Mercy and the Assumption of Virgin in September.
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