

Ministers' Conference, 28th January – 1st February 2019

Speakers – Abstracts of talks

Tomáš Matouš Živný (* 1987) Minister in the Evangelical Church of the Augsburg Confession in the Czech Republic (in Pilsen congregation since 2013), he is a member of the ECCB in Chrast by Pilsen, he is married.

Mgr. Alžběta Hanychová, roz. Čejková (* 1987) Grew up in the ECCB congregation in Hlinsko, organised staff development programme in the Diaconia Academy for four years, did her one-year probation in the Prague-Jarov congregation and has been minister in Prague-Horní Počernice congregation since November 2018.

Mgr. Jan Hrudka (* 1985)
Minister in Telecí congregation

doc. Petr Sláma, Ph.D. (* 1967) Teaches Old Testament at the Evangelical Theological Faculty of Charles University (ETF UK), and is interested in the mystery of biblical exposition. He has written a book on rabbinic literature (*Tanu Rabanan, Prague 2010*) and a book on how biblical theology goes with historical criticism (*New Theologies of the Old Testament and History, Prague 2013*). He is currently working on a commentary on the book of Exodus. He is also a 'reserve' minister.

Abstract

Moses – God's servant

Moses was called God's servant only after his death. What was his service based on? He was mainly a link, go-between, mediator, interpreter. The lecture will be a probe into Old Testament biblical theology.

doc. Jiří Mrázek, Th.D. (* 1960)
Teaches New Testament at the ETF UK and is Dean of the Faculty of Theology.

Panel discussion with the Synodal Council

Where we are going or what is the form of our congregations and our church, about finance and the church's investments, about church celebrations and how the church presents herself to the public...

The Synodal Council:

Mgr. Daniel Ženatý (* 1954)

Synodal Senior

Ing. Vladimír Zikmund (* 1955)

Synodal Curator (lay person)

Mgr. Pavel Pokorný (* 1960)

First Deputy Synodal Senior

Mgr. Ondřej Titěra (* 1964)

Second Deputy Synodal Senior

Ing. Jiří Schneider (* 1963)

First Deputy Synodal Curator

Eva Zadražilová (* 1962)

Second Deputy Synodal Curator

Panel moderator

Mgr. Zvonimír Šorm (* 1961) Minister in Prague-Modřany, longstanding Chairman of the Probationers Committee

Prof. Dr.phil Dr.theol. Hermann Steinkamp (* 1938)

Professor of Practical Theology at the Catholic Theological Faculty of Muenster University (1974–2004). His research and practical interests are:

- 1) congregations (base communities in Brazil)
- 2) social pastoral care (teaching at the Luther Seminary in Sao Leopoldo in Brazil)
- 3) diaconate (co-worker and supervisor in the Bodelschwingh institution in Bethel, Germany, for 20 years, research companion in church projects aimed at diaconate in congregations)
- 4) the question of power in pastoral care

1st lecture abstract

Christian congregation as the source of diaconia in a community

"Church is church only when it exists for others," said Ernst Lange. A congregation cannot see its purpose of existence for the world in sending people to the diaconal institutions. The usual division of tasks into leading worship, preaching, baptising, conducting weddings and funerals on the one hand and dia-

conate on the other destroys the unity of the love of God and love of the neighbour. It is blasphemy.

2nd lecture abstract

About the Samaritan or how Jesus understood 'diaconia'

The word 'service' (diaconia) has more meanings and therefore it is dangerous. The Pope is called *servus servorum dei* and, at the same time, he is the mightiest person in the Catholic Church. There is often a concealed desire to have power in 'serving'. To the question what the correct (orthopractic) understanding of service (diaconia) is Jesus's answer – the story of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10, 25–37) is unambiguous.

Mgr. Zita Nidlová will lead a workshop. She is the director of the Fundraising Department of the ECCB central office. She worked at the ETF UK in the Grants Department (1999–2009), she was the Manager of Finance for the operational programme for competitiveness training at the Ministry of Education for five years, and she was the economist at the Jabok College (2013–2018).

Abstract

How to raise funds for service (workshop)

There are grants – local, national or European – that can help a congregation to finance its activities or needs. In the workshop we will learn how to understand the language of applications and how to make use of the possibilities grants offer for the needs of a congregation. How to estimate the (financial, personnel, legal, etc.) potential of the congregation so as to avoid any risks? How to develop the needs of the congregation into a grant project – where is the line which we should not cross? We will also touch strategic planning – how to prepare ourselves for unforeseen challenges which may occur? You will also be given a few practical examples. The topic of the workshop can shift or develop depending on the participants' experience with grants or their concrete needs.

Mgr. Anna Peltanová (* 1990) Minister in Vanovice

Mgr. Ondřej Macek (* 1980) Minister in Nosislav

Abstract

Diaconia in the Nosislav congregation

The foundation of Sheltered Accommodation in Nosislav (Diaconia of the ECCB). The involvement of the congregation in the preparation and running of it. What we have gained and what we have lost, sleepless nights, etc.

Mgr. Jan Satke (* 1975) Minister in Přeštice ECCB since 2003, (part time linked charge of Merklín and Přeštice until 2009), married, 4 children

Abstract

Diaconia in the Přeštice congregation

The Day-care Centre Kristian has been in the Přeštice congregation since 2017. Our care is aimed at adult people with special needs and senior citizens. We are open on week days from 7 am to 4 pm. One of the reasons for opening the centre was to help families who care for their relatives at home and have a job or other responsibilities and therefore they cannot give the care needed. We recognise that they see caring for their loved ones at home as essential and so we try to help. Those who use the Day-care Centre have an opportunity to refresh their Christian faith, in which most of them had been brought up. There is room for ten clients in the Day-care Centre. The number will double when an extension to the building is finished in the near future

Ridina Ahmedová lives in Prague, is a singer and an author. Her roots are Jewish, Czech and Sudanese. She has been living in this country since the 1980's, after some years of living in Africa. Her singing origins are in jazz. She gradually found a unique way of working with voice which is a soundboard of personality. She has founded and is the director of Hlasohled, a centre for work with the human voice.

Abstract

Time for the voice The workshop will become a concert we will do together. From our individual breathing to the voice and multi voice. The workshop is suitable for all who work with words, which means with voice.

Visits to the ECCB Diaconia schools and centres

1. Praha-Stodůlky, Vlachova 1502/20, Praha 13 – Stodůlky, **day-care centre and school for children with special needs**. How to get there: Metro line B, direction Zličín, get off at Stodůlky station, (the journey takes about 20 minutes); the visits begin at 9 am and at 11 am

2. Praha-Strašnice, Saratovská 3392/8, **day-care centre and school for children with special needs**, How to get there: Metro line A, direction Depo Hostivař or Strašnická; get off at Strašnická station, (the journey takes about 10 minutes); the visits begin at 9am and at 11 am

3. Praha-Krč, Michle, Šípková 1838/1, **day-care centre, sheltered accommodation and school for children with special needs**, How to get there: Metro line C, direction Háje or Kačerov; get off at Kačerov station, then take bus 138 and get off at IKEM stop (last but one stop of the line, the journey takes about 30 minutes); the visits begin at 9 am and at 11 am

4. Praha-Žižkov, Prokopova 4, **introduction to the advice facility Lifetool and other services of the SCPS centre (S = Centre, C = nationwide, P = programmes, S = services)**. How to get there: tram 9 or 26 to stop Lipanská (the journey takes about 10 minutes), the visit begins at 9 am.

5. Krabčice, Rovné 58, **Old People's Home and Nursing Home**. Transport will be provided, leaving at 9 am from Belgická 22 (it is not far to walk or take Metro line A, direction Depo Hostivař or Strašnická; get off at náměstí Míru and walk to Belgická 22. It takes about 15 minutes all together.)

6. Libice nad Cidlinou, Husova 2, **Old People's Home**, Transport will be provided, leaving at 9 am from Belgická 22. It is not far to walk or take Metro line A, direction Depo Hostivař or Strašnická; get off at náměstí Míru and walk to Belgická 22. It takes about 15 minutes all together.)

7. Praha, Belgická 22, Diaconia Academy, Diaconia Centre of Relief and Development – how it is run. It is not far to walk or take Metro line A, direction Depo Hostivař or Strašnická; get off at náměstí Míru and walk to Belgická 22. It takes about 15 minutes all together.)

Mgr. et Mgr. Jan Soběslavský (* 1979) Director of the ECCB Diaconia, formerly director of a centre in Brno. He studied theology and law. In his current position in Diaconia he specialises in HR. He is the author of the concept of joining diaconal values with competency models.

Mgr. Pavel Hanych (* 1983) Director of the ECCB Diaconia Communications Department. He is a theologian, musician, creative person, FC Sparta fan and lives in Prague.

Mgr. Štěpán Brodský (* 1973) Deputy director of the ECCB Diaconia, responsible for ethics, communication and fundraising. Formerly Minister of Třebenice and Hradec Kralove.

Mgr. Daniel Heller (* 1976) Minister in Valašské Meziříčí and chaplain to Diaconia in Valašské Meziříčí

Mgr. Aleš Gabrysz (* 1972) Director of the ECCB Diaconia Centre in Krabčice

Abstract

ECCB Diaconia and spirituality (Pavel Hanych, Jan Soběslavský, Štěpán Brodský)

Who/What is ECCB Diaconia? Do know about the current trends and developments of diaconal work? Have you heard about the communication strategy of the ECCB Diaconia? We will give you the latest information about the ECCB Diaconia to keep you in the know.

Diaconia sees itself as a grown-up daughter of the ECCB and therefore pays attention to spiritual and pastoral care, works also with the clients' and employees' spirituality. What are the spiritual needs in Diaconia? What instruments does Diaconia use for work with spirituality?

Abstract

The vision/strategy of cooperation between ECCB Diaconia and ECCB

Panel discussion (Jan Soběslavský, Štěpán Brodský, Aleš Gabrysz, Daniel Heller)

Panel moderator – Pavel Hanych

ECCB Diaconia wants to cooperate with the church by which it was founded. The Diaconia centres and schools are in partnerships with congregations.

Representatives of the congregations (ministers and lay people) visit Diaconia establishments. Diaconia clients take part in the activities of congregations. The church is the founder of the diaconate. It is our common task to think about a suitable form of chaplaincy in social care. What are the opportunities for the best cooperation between ECCB Diaconia and ECCB? What do you think? What is your view?

Mgr. Tomáš Jun (* 1986) Minister in Usti nad Labem

Doc. PhDr. Jitka Lorenzová, Ph.D. Teaches social pedagogy at the Department of Pedagogy at the Faculty of Philosophy, Charles University and is also a systemic therapist and supervisor in social care. She has written a number of professional articles, is a member of research teams for research projects currently focussed especially on social educationalists' careers and teachers' digital literacy. She leads in-service training programmes for teachers and, as an expert, cooperates with the National Institute for education in the field of introducing inclusive education. She loves her family and likes to sing in a choir in her free time.

Abstract

Between doing good and service – about risky stimuli of the caring professions

The lecture will focus on the characteristics of ulterior motives fulfilled by being in a caring profession, it will point to risks for carers and clients.

The limits of caring/service – how I have run into difficulties (and why I have not left)

Mgr. Ruth Šormová (* 1965) Studied Special Pedagogy at Charles University in Prague and has been working in social services and with NGO's since 1984. She has also been involved in fundraising and public relations. She was a Citizens' Forum representative in the Federal Assembly of the Czech and Slovak Federative Republic (1990–1992). Later she founded a Centre for people with special needs, Rolnička, in Soběslav, then she was director of Portimo, a public benefit organisation, (*assisting people in difficult life situations*) (2010–2018). She is currently director of the charity "Journey Home" (*Hospice at Home and advice for terminally ill people and their families*).

Mgr. Magdaléna Trgalová (* 1977) Minister in Prague 6 – Dejvice, ECCB supervisor, leader of pastoral care in ministers' training. She was minister in Český Brod and prison chaplain in Jiřice prison. In the liaison programme of the Church of Scotland and the ECCB Magdalena was parish minister in Stromness, Orkney (2013–2015). She is married, with 4 children.

The theme of limits seems to me to be one of the three central themes of ministers' work: limits, a variety of roles and power/powerlessness. I suppose these are the points around which all our internal and external conflicts move and from which other situations develop (like questions about motivation, aggression and passive aggression, emotional starvation). Being a minister in Scotland I confronted my limits in suppressing my own emotions at the many funerals I had to conduct. At other times I transgressed the limits of kindness, and I was mentally challenged as far as names, dates and language were concerned. It helps me to "surface" in a neutral environment and diminish the pressure by leaving the door open for a change. The focus of my talk is to share my failures and hopes with my colleagues.

Mgr. Štěpán Janča (* 1972) Was born in Ostrava, grew up in the today no longer existing Vitkovice congregation, was inspired to enter ministry in Travná events (besides the ETF), in the youth activities in both the presbytery and the whole church, during the time I spent in England and Kenya, Scotland and Norway. Štěpán is married, with 3 children, likes folk and gospel music. Has been minister in Slezská Orlová since 1997, where he struggles with himself, the circumstances and the peculiarity of the Karviná region. He is repeatedly challenged but, with God's grace, always gets up and shakes it off.

Mgr. David Sedláček (* 1974) Comes from Brno, spent a long time in his home Noslav congregation, studied at ETF UK and spent two semesters at the Theological Faculty in Rostock, Germany. His first experience of ministry was nine years in the rural charge in Krouna. Now he is in Miroslav, where, besides usual ministry, he conducts regular worship services in the old people's home in Božice and in the Diaconia Mirandie centre.