

Migration and Ecumenism – Crises and Hospitality

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For the past decades, Europe witnessed large-scale movements of people who left their home country for multiple reasons, including violent conflicts, changes in climate, or financial necessity. In response, churches, Church leaders, and church-based NGOs had to accommodate newcomers from a broad range of different nationalities and religions. As a result, they had to deal with many issues concerning, for example, multi-faith interactions, transnational belonging, church sponsorship of migrants, rising tensions, or peaceful co-existence. The various migration is inevitable changing the relations between and within Christian groups. This could be various canonical diaspora conflicts between Orthodox groups in western Europe or new ecclesial bounds between the Protestant, Orthodox and Catholics. The transformation of the religious landscape in Europe and beyond due to migration vacillates between crises and hospitality.

This special issue invites papers from a broad area that address this ecclesial form of hospitality and conflicts and its impact on ecumenism. We welcome contributions dealing with the topic from a theoretical, theological, or empirical angle. We seek to stimulate a discussion on how the changing circumstances and new challenges influence the hosts and the guests and how those interactions change over time. In other words, we encourage papers exploring the dynamics of hospitality and crises in the ecclesial context to provide further insights into how migration transforms ecumenism.

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