

The title of the workshop **“Christianity and Sustainability”** emphasizes that the main topic of the Workshop will be exploring the connection between Christian faith and sustainability, more specifically – care for creation. The subtitle of the workshop “If you want to cultivate peace, care for creation” refers to the message of Pope Benedict XVI for the World Day of Peace on 1st of January 2010 with a similar title. In this message it is stressed that the present different forms of crisis: economic, environmental, food-related, social and moral are interrelated and it requires us to rethink our path we are traveling together.

Particularly they call for a lifestyle marked by sobriety and solidarity with new rules and forms of engagement. We would explore the care for creation in the light of Christian faith, but also refer to more global aspects like intergenerational solidarity (our responsibility for future generations) and intra-generational solidarity (responsibility of richer, better developed countries towards those who are poor and in economic and/or environmental crisis).

We invite Christians of different denominations from whole Europe to share experience but also explore together our responsibility as Christians towards sustainable future of our country, the continent, and the world. **Language of the Workshop will be English.**

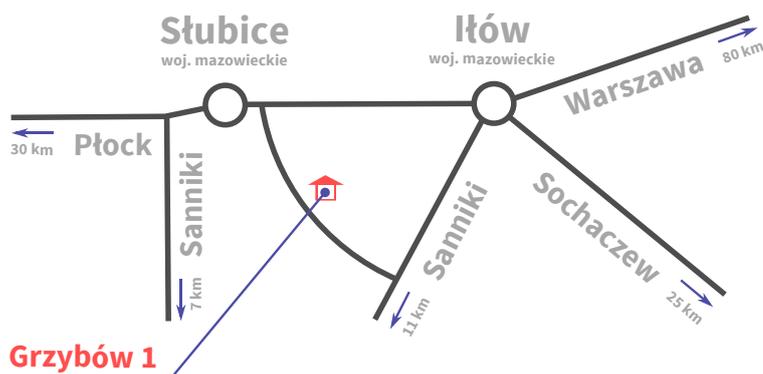
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Christianity and Sustainability

*“If you want to cultivate peace,
care for creation”*

**GRUNDTVIG WORKSHOP
GRZYBÓW 23-27.06.2013**

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Please bring a Bible with you – in your language of course.
Please also bring a song and a prayer in your language, that you can share with us.
If you have binoculars for bird watching, bring these with you as well as remember to bring comfortable clothes for outdoor activities.
You are also welcome to bring any instruments you can play on or let us know which instruments we can prepare for you.

Saturday 22.06.2013

Arrival and welcoming dinner – plans for meeting you at Warsaw will be sent nearer the time. Please see the attached letter and aim to arrive by 15.00 if possible.

Day 1 Sunday 23.06.2013

• Morning session

Introduction to the workshop – Ewa Smuk Stratenwerth.

We shall introduce each other and go through activities to learn more about our various backgrounds.

We shall also look at different paradigms in the history of relationships between God, Humans and Nature to painting a Big Picture and start a discussion to identify the key issues in Christian responsibilities for sustainable future of the Earth.

• Afternoon session

We shall prepare for the ecumenical afternoon prayer in the church built by German settlers next to the Wisła river bank before the II World War. This was later used by Polish Catholics and is now in a state of disrepair but, fortunately has the prospect of becoming a museum and a place of dialogue.

• 17.00 – Ecumenical service in the church and a small festival with local community.



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Day 2 Monday 24.06.2013

• Morning session

Christian inspirations for the care of creation – a theological overview – Stanisław Jaromi OFM Conv, REFA (Franciscan ecological movement), who was Delegate General in Assisi responsible for care of creation in the International Franciscan Centre for Dialogue.

This will be followed by "Discovering the organic farm" – an introduction and walk with Peter Stratenwerth, a Christian bio-farmer.

During the walk we shall consider what farming has to do with Christianity?

• Afternoon session

Out-door activity. Building a St Francis garden together, led by Kasper Jakubowski, REFA

• Evening session

The Beatitudes. A contemplation of Mathew 5,3-10 by Priest Roman Batorski – an introductory reflection .

Day 3 Tuesday 25.06.2013

• Morning session

We shall focus on biodiversity, firstly in nature we shall explore the diversity of birds in the environment through an outdoor bird watching session and explore diversity of plants around us.

We shall think about which of them are edible or used by humans? We shall then consider the role of food in our Christian sustainability perspective looking at the history, present situation, new hope: the slow food movement, organic production – Ewa Smuk Stratenwerth.

• Afternoon session

We shall spend the afternoon looking at several key sections from the Bible that talk about Creation Care – including chapters in Genesis, the Psalms, Luke's account of the life of Jesus and Paul's letters to the Romans and Colossians. We shall use an interactive approach to Bible study and working together we shall discover the key principles for Creation Care which can guide our lives. – James Hindson from UK.

• Evening session

Dr Anna Kalinowska – Biodiversity in the poetry of priest Jan Twardowski.



Day 4 Wednesday 26.06.2013

• Morning session

We shall start the morning by reflecting on how and why the world God created is in such a mess. We shall use several indicators that show how unsustainable our lives are – including the concept of the ecological footprint. We shall also consider issues such as environmental justice and the relationship between poverty, good governance and the environment.

We shall then move on to examine how Christians can lead the way in bringing about a sustainable and just earth using lessons we can learn from the Bible and how the ecology that God has created works – "learning from nature" is an approach that offers real faith based solutions – James Hindson.

• Afternoon session

Virtues of prudence and modesty. A mother's perspective on the impact of Christian faith on a family life-style – Ewa Smuk Stratenwerth. We shall spend time preparing to the study visit to Plock, what and how can we share our understanding with young people who are dedicated to become priests?

• Evening session – will be left largely free to enable participants to engage in self study. A collection of key books will be available.

Day 5 Thursday 27.06.2013

• Morning session

We shall take part in a study visit to Plock where we shall meet with young men preparing to become priests. We shall have the opportunity to share our experience and perspectives. We shall then visit different churches and talk to priests to discuss how they include care for creation in their work and vocation.

• Afternoon session

Putting things into practice. The participants will work in pairs with the goal of preparing activity, Bible study, presentation to a different group of people in different churches. For example one pair might work to prepare something for young people, another – for elderly people and so on.

• Evening session

Evaluation and planning the way forward.



Day 6 Friday 27.06.2013 Departure

The participants will depart after breakfast and a short session to review the workshops results and plan the next steps.