

Registration until the 10th of July 2026 (afterwards maybe still possible on request).
The number of participants per country is limited. Therefore, we recommend to register as soon as possible.

I would like to participate in the European Lay Seminar in Velletri, Italy, from 9th to 14th October, 2026.

Name:

First Name:

Street:

Postcode/City:

Country:

Date of birth:

Phone (mobile):

E-mail:

Occupation:

Church involvement:

I speak: German English

Music connects across all language barriers.

We therefore ask you to bring songs of the country, instruments and sheet music.

I can bring the following instrument:

I would like to share the double room with:

Brief information about the travel:

I plan to travel by car I plan to travel by bus / train via Rome to Velletri

I plan to fly to Rome and to continue by train to Velletri

Date / First Name + Name:



Peace, Justice, and Care of Creation - is there Hope?

Invitation to the 17th European Lay Seminar
9th to 14th October, 2026, in Velletri, Italy





Peace, Justice, and Care of Creation - is there Hope?

Many people are concerned about the future of our world. They are looking for sources of hope and inspiration. We will reflect on this global theme at the 17th European Lay Seminar. We will share experiences from our own church life with other lay people from the Methodist family in Europe. The Methodist Church in Italy (Chiesa Evangelica Metodista d'Italia) runs a conference center not far from Rome, the Centro Ecumene. We will have an inspiring time there in the southern Italy autumn. You can expect a change of perspective, cross-border contacts, spiritual impulses, time for sharing, relaxing evenings and an excursion to Rome.

Conference languages: German and English

Website Centro Ecumene:
<https://www.centroecumene.it>

DAILY SCHEDULE

Deviations are possible on certain days

- 08:00 Breakfast
- 09:30 Sing and pray
- 09:45 Bible study
- 10:45 Lecture
- 12:00 Discussion groups
- 13:00 Lunch
- 15:00 Voluntary activities
- 16:30 Country reports
- 20:00 Dinner
- 21:30 Evening prayer



ADDRESSES FOR REGISTRATION

Regional Conference of Central and Southern Europe of the UMC

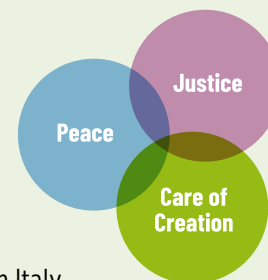
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THE TEAM

- **Luca Anziani (Italy)** | President of the Methodist Church in Italy
- **Dr. Üllas Tankler (Estonia)** | Consultant / Advisor for GBGM (General Board of Global Ministries)
- **Vigdis-Merete Rønning (Norway)** | Teacher and catechist (retired)
- **Sarah Mae Gabuyo (Italy)** | Pastor in Rome
- **Claudia Buchholz (Germany)** | Executive Secretary of the Bildungswerk EmK
- **Naomi Rieker (Germany)** | Student and Translator
- **Wilfried Röcker (Germany)** | Head of the Bildungswerk EmK

COSTS

(Included in the price: accommodation in a double room, meals, conference fee)

500 Euro Solidarity price | 400 Euro Regular price | 300 Euro Reduced price

Anyone who is able and willing to pay a higher amount than the regular price supports the participation of people who cannot afford to cover the full costs.

Costs not included in the price:

Outward and return journey, drinks, personal expenses, insurance, tips

HOW TO GET THERE

By car, bus, or train.

By plane to Rome. From Rome, there is a train to Velletri (approx. 1 hour journey time).

The seminar begins on the 9th of October in the evening around 6 p.m. and ends on the 14th of October after breakfast.