

ReDi Newsletter March 2024

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Dear member of ReDi,

we trust that you are in good health.

ReDi Annual General Meeting-SAVE THE DATE

The Annual General Meeting of ReDi will take place on the 18th of June 2024. This will be an online meeting held from 7pm Central Europe Time. During the meeting we will present the activity report, the annual accounts of 2023, change of the statute to extend the current period of service of the Board to 3 years, and finally, the next Bi-Annual Conference of 2025 which will be held in South Africa. The link for the meeting is the following:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/8123602798?pwd=YlpXSXIYRnIPZIBFbFpCUE5URIRaUT09>. The agenda will be sent out closer to the time of the AGM.

CODE Webinar online, 19th April 2024

The CODE-Diaconal Community Development is holding a webinar on Future Directions for Political Diaconia. The webinar will take place on April 19th, 2024, 09.00 – 12.00 CET (10.00 – 13.00, EET; 08.00 – 11.00, BST). The theme of the webinar is: The present crises of growing inequality and marginalisation as well as global heating, the pandemic and war and civil conflict are big challenges which affect those with whom diaconia works. They also present a challenge for diaconal identity and practice. As one response to the challenges, nationalism and populism are taking root and it is

important to develop responses which also address this issue. You can find all the information [here](#).

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The CODE Forum brings researchers and practitioners together around approaches which relate community development and diakonia. It is a space for the exchange and development of research and practice. The CODE Forum has wide international and interregional participation and it is linked to the CODE research group at VID, Norway. The seminar will be held in Prague, Czechia, from the 17th to the 20th of September 2024. Main Themes of the CODE Forum 2024: 1. Community Development and Diaconal Identity in Changing Neighbourhoods. 2. Community Development and Human Agency Facing Rising Migration, Camps and Settlements. More information will come soon.

University of Eastern Finland Summer School

UEF Summer School will be back 5-16 August 2024 with new courses at Joensuu campus, Eastern Finland. The course theme is: The Futures of Daily Bread? Food, Inequality, and Utopia. Course dates: 5-9 August 2024 (1 week). Course extent: 5 ECTS. Course coordinator: Anna Salonen (anna.salonen@uef.fi), contact person Annika Juurikka (annika.juurikka@uef.fi). The course familiarises the students with social factors behind contemporary food inequality, including food (in)security, abundance, food waste, and paradoxes of charitable food assistance. These social factors are discussed within the ethical and theological frameworks of food and eating, as well as planetary, cosmopolitan, and critical theologies, and utopian thought. The theoretical explorations are applied in a practical workshop on alternative food futures. Through critical, analytical, and creative exercises, the students acquire skills to apply utopia as a method and pedagogy. The course includes research literature and expert lectures that engage the students with participatory, ethnographic, and collaborative methodologies on studying food, inequality, and utopia. The course includes an excursion to a local sustainability project. You can find more information [here](#).

2024 Mondays in May: A DOTAC Seminar Series on DIAKONIA

Diakonia of the Americas and the Caribbean is organising a series of seminars in May. These are the dates: May 6: Rev. Helen Mallalieu-Maurose, Wesley Diaconal Community of the Methodist Church of the Caribbean and Americas. May 13: Deac. Carla Vilma Jandrey, Igreja Evangélica de Confissão Luterana no Brasil. May 20: Rev. Krista Dowdeswell, Deacon, Anglican Deacons Canada. May 27: Deaconess Anne Hillman, United Methodist Church— Order of Deaconesses and Home Missioners. For more information, you can check it [here](#). To register, send an email to dotacmondaysinmay@outlook.com You will be sent a Zoom link closer to the time of the event. All sessions will last about one hour and 15 minutes and begin at 1 pm Central Daylight Time.

Diakonia, The Diaconate, and Climate Change

The Justice Committee of DIAKONIA World Federation is organizing a series of webinars. This event will encourage the diaconate in every continent to engage more fully in climate change in their ministry. The impact of climate change and what we, as the diaconate around the world, can do to address it, are very different depending upon where you live and many socio-economic factors. The webinars will be organized as following: 1st Webinar - March 19 - 12:00 Eastern Daylight Savings Time (North America). 2nd Webinar - April 22 -12:00 Eastern Daylight Savings Time (North America). 3rd Webinar - July 9 - 12:00 Eastern Daylight Savings Time (North America). Links to webinars will be sent to registrants closer to the dates of the webinars. Register for the webinars through Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/diakonia-the-diaconate-and-climate-change-tickets-824371325827>

On behalf of the ReDi Executive Board,

Johannes Eurich, Chairperson