

# 2014 Schedule of Continuing Formation Seminars

## Ecumenical Institute at Bossey



### Women's Pilgrimage Towards Justice and Peace

The ecumenical call to participate in a pilgrimage towards justice and peace will constitute an important milestone for the ecumenical fellowship after the WCC 10<sup>th</sup> assembly in Busan. All churches are invited to reflect on how their own contexts are marked by experiences and structures of injustice and destructive conflict. By engaging the churches in a global reflection process, attention will be paid to just relationships between men and women and how these can contribute in building more peaceful communities. The seminar will elaborate on the particular resources women can offer to the ecumenical quest of justice and peace for all, and is intended to serve as a starter for a

series of events and seminars in different regions.

**Dates: June 9-13, 2014**

**Costs: CHF 500 + travel to Geneva**

### Green Churches: Ecology, Theology and Justice in Practice

Creation is endangered. If there is any evidence in the past decades that has influenced public awareness, it is the common responsibility of the world community to reflect upon and act in response to the ecological crisis. The seminar will seek to map the different efforts and initiatives in making the link between ecology, theology and justice visible, and by drawing attention to the potential for churches to develop viable, applied ethical responses and alternatives to the menace of nature from within their traditions. At the same time the

seminar will provide insights into eco-theological discourses which emphasize the necessity of processes of mutual critique between ecology and theology in order to promote the common aim of a sustainable world for tomorrow.

**Dates: June 23-27, 2014**

**Costs: CHF 500 + travel to Geneva**

### Seeking Renewal of Spirit and Fullness of Life for All Creation as Witnessing Communities

The main objective of the course is to train missionaries and staff who belong to different mission boards, organisations, associations, societies or denominational churches with the purpose of



**ECUMENICAL INSTITUTE**  
at CHÂTEAU DE BOSSEY

## The Continuing Formation Programme

provides safe spaces for the analysis and discernment of cutting-edge themes at stake in the ecumenical movement and in offering expertise and experience to accompany this discernment process.

Seminars are designed to sharpen the awareness for the ecumenical implications of societal and ecclesial changes for the churches and to encourage them to engage in dialogue and cooperation, envisioning possible action, also with people of other faiths.

The Ecumenical Institute in Bossey is academically affiliated to the University of Geneva (UNIGE) through the Autonomous Faculty of Protestant Theology since 1952. Through its community life, formal study and ecumenical prayer, Bossey offers a unique experience of ecumenical learning in its continuing ecumenical formation programmes. In a contemporary world of learning where academic formation is provided by a variety of sources and potential students are demanding new forms of accredited formation, continuing education programmes are gaining more and more importance.

providing orientation, understanding and reflection on the pertinent issues of witnessing to Christ as participants in the *missio dei* in today's landscape. It will also provide an opportunity to learn about the WCC and the ecumenical movement as a whole.

**Dates: July 14-18, 2014**

**Cost: CHF 500 + travel to Geneva**

### Building an Interfaith Community

This three week residential course is designed to enable participants to encounter each other in mutual respect, to learn together, and to challenge and overcome stereotypes. While fully respecting and affirming each particular faith identity, the overall question to be explored is: What can we, as people of faith, do to respond and to overcome, the pressing challenges of our time as violence and conflict and build together mutually accountable societies based on respect and cooperation? This seminar is co-organized by the Ecumenical Institute Bossey, the WCC Programme on Inter-religious Dialogue and Cooperation, the World Student Christian Federation, the *Inter-knowing Foundation* (Muslim) and the *Racines et Sources Foundation* (Jewish).

**Dates: August 4-22, 2014**

**Cost: CHF 3,300 + travel to Geneva**

Each seminar has space for up to 30 participants from a wide spectrum of confessional, cultural and gender representation. The goal is to engage each participant in a global study and reflection process through input by expert resource persons, as well as from each other through shared experiences and exposure. Partial scholarship assistance is available.

**For more information, including how to apply, please contact**

**Kelly Brownlee**

**The Ecumenical Institute at Bossey**

**P.O. Box 1000**

**1299 Crans-près-Céligny**

**Switzerland**

**+41 22 960 7300**

**Kelly.brownlee@wcc-coe.org or bossey@wcc-coe.org**

**<http://institute.oikoumene.org/en>**

## Evaluating Ecumenical Formation for Migrant Church Leaders

In the past decades the presence of migrant churches has profoundly changed the ecumenical landscape. However, the significance of this change for the ecumenical fellowship of local churches in locations with ethnic minority churches has not yet been sufficiently explored. The seminar is intended as an evaluative analysis of the different formation initiatives churches have offered for migrant church leaders, with a view to systematize the approach, discuss methodologies and coordinate regional projects.

**Dates: September 1-5, 2014**

**Costs: CHF 500 + travel to Geneva**

