



MTSE Student Conference for Growth and Development of Churches with ATS Church Planting Institute at Baltic Methodist Theological Seminary

Tallinn, Estonia
March 5-8, 2020

This conference offers opportunities to build relationships between Methodist theological students in Europe. This year we celebrate the fast development of theological education in free Estonia and exchange ideas about how to **grow stronger churches in Europe**.

Lecturers from Asbury Theological Seminary and from Baltic Methodist Theological Seminary introduce participants to a **biblically grounded, practical equipping discipleship**. The Conference offers participants some biblical and practical foundations and tools for **developing and multiplying disciples** by mobilizing and empowering the laity.

Two major paradigm shifts are discussed: 1) from members to disciples; and 2) from solo to team leadership. Practical tools are then discussed to make these shifts.

Students will

- Interact regarding biblical foundations for an equipping ministry.
- Reflect on how principles and practices from the 18th century evangelical revivals can be applied and contextualized into 21st century ministries.
- Envision a shift and gain tools for developing team ministry where pastors and laity are partnered to lead together.
- Clarify mission and context for ministry in order to develop disciple-making systems.

STUDENT PAPERS

Students need to submit papers on one of the topics below:

- “My Church and My Context” What church growth can mean in your context? Describe the best practices of church growth that you have witnessed.
- „Defining Discipleship in 21st cent.” What does it mean to be a disciple? How have you grown as a disciple? What have you experienced to be helpful?

Submit abstracts (1 page) by January 1st 2020. Submit papers (8-10 pages double spaced) by March 4th 2020 to Meeli.tankler@emkts.ee. Students have opportunity to present 10-15 at the student forum. **Submission of paper is required if student applies for financial assistance or wishes to receive academic credit for this conference.** For others submission of paper is not compulsory.

REGISTRATION

For best price pre-register on our website www.emkts.ee by Nov 30th 2019!

Registration	Full price	Discounted price*
Early bird registration fee Register by Nov 30th 2019	110EUR	55EUR*
December 1 st – March 4 th 2020	130EUR	65EUR*
On site registration (cash only)	70EUR/day	30EUR/day*

*Discounted price is for participants from Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Russia, and Ukraine.

Registration fee includes:

- All lunches, coffee breaks and dinners, and MTSE reception for students
- A guided excursion in Tallinn Old Town and churches.
- A special lecture to honor of 100th anniversary of Republic of Estonia.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

We encourage all MTSE member schools to send at least two representatives to the student conference. We also encourage the sending institutions pay 50% of their students' registration fees. It is most practical to register all students together and make one wire transaction. Registration fees are non-refundable, but in case a student cannot come the fee can apply to a different participant.

Those students who are travelling internationally from MTSE member institutions are eligible for financial assistance of up to 250EUR towards transportation from their home institution to BMTS and accommodations during the event. Retain all documentation and receipts. Use this link to apply <https://bit.ly/2Ko9sdZ>



COST FOR STUDENT (EXAMPLE ONLY):

110 EUR Early bird registration fee – if sending institution covers 50%*

Students pays 50% - 55EUR

Travel costs:

150EUR economy round trip flight from London to Tallinn

14EUR 2xtaxi from airport to BMTS

3 nights housing at a hostel 66 EUR
 15EUR 3 breakfasts (find places in the neighborhood)
 Total travel costs: 245EUR
-245 EUR refunded by MTSE financial assistance (LEaD Hub Europe provides financial assistance up to 250 EUR toward student travel costs)
Total cost for student 55EUR+ miscellaneous (if sending institution supports)

ACCOMMODATION

Participants are responsible for arranging their own accommodations. Tallinn has lots of tourist interest. For best deals reserve hotel rooms early. Information given here is just to inform. BMTS does not manage hotel reservations, payments or changes in reservations.

Hostel Villa Kadriorg - J. Köleri 2 Tel +372 512 2380 Villakadriorg@gmail.com New hostel right across the street from BMTS. We have prebooked hostel until Dec 31 st 2019. Contact them before Dec 31st and mention this event to book at this price. Pay directly to provider. Any rooms not booked by december 31 st 2019 will be cancelled. 1-person room (single) 22EUR/night 2-person room (twin) 28EUR/night 3-person room (twin+sofa) 32EUR/night 4-person room 38EUR/night	22 EUR/ per night or less if you share!	Not including breakfast Linens and towels are included. WC and showers are in corridor
Poska Villa - J. Poska 15 A short walk from seminary. We pre-booked with them. Contact them before Dec 1st and mention this event to reserve at this price. Pay directly to provider. Guest house is ran by NGO Self-Help and Advisory Association for Senior Citizens. We have good experience with them. http://venu.ee/poskavilla/english.htm Tel: +372 601 3601 Email: poskavilla@venu.ee	50EUR/per night	Including breakfast at Poska Villa

LOCAL TRANSPORTATION

Taxi or Bolt (formerly Taxify) from Tallinn Airport to Narva mnt 51 costs around 7EUR.
 Old Town and center city are within walking distance of BMTS. Tallinn is safe to walk even in dark. In case of bad weather public transportation by tram 1 or 3 is conveniently located and many buses are also available. For ticket information <https://tallinn.pilet.ee/buy> . Google.maps app helps to decide on routes.

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Thursday, March 5- *in sanctuary*

17:00 Registration

18:00 Dinner

19:00 **O pening worship, greetings and introductions** (Greeting message from BMTS rector Külli Tõniste, faculty Hindrek Taavet Taimla and BMTS students lead worship. Speakers introduce their content. Practical matters: translation and logistics.) - *in sanctuary*

Friday, March 6 - *in auditorium 103*

9:00 Morning worship (BMTS students)

9:15 Plenary – Phil Meadows #1: Mission-Shaped Discipleship
Reflection and discussion

10:30 Coffee break

11:00 Plenary - Phil Meadows #2: Disciple-Making Fellowship
Reflection and discussion

12:30 Lunch

13:30 Plenary - Phil Meadows #3: Disciple-Movement Leadership

15:00 Coffee Break

15:30 parallel workshops – participants choose one of the following

MTSE student presentations

Student papers presentations (10-15 min. presentation + question time)

CPC workshops (90 minutes interactive):

Douglas Childress: Historical models of discipleship

Trevor Hutton: Church Planting: Mapping the Landscape (major global developments and issues in church planting)

Phil Meadows: Fellowship Bands: Spiritual Formation for Everyday Mission

Christian Alsted, Experiences, insights and learnings from 25 years of being involved in church planting in the Nordic and Baltic Countries.

17:00 EV100 Special lecture “**Hope against no Hope - the Story of Estonia**” (Trivimi Velliste, Honorary Chairman of the Estonian Heritage Society) - *Auditorium 103*

18:00 Dinner

Saturday, March 7 - *in auditorium 103*

8:30-11:30 Optional: **Tallinn Old Town tour** (Churches, freedom, Estonia 100, Methodism)

10:30 Coffee Break

11:00 Morning worship (BMTS students)

11:30 Plenary – Trevor Hutton: Church Planting: Laying Healthy Foundations
Reflection and discussion

12:30 Lunch

13:30 Plenary – Trevor Hutton: Church Planting: Cultivating Healthy Processes
Reflection and discussion

15:00 Coffee break

15:30 parallel workshops – participants choose one of the following

CPC workshops (90 minutes interactive):

Douglas Childress: Historical models of discipleship

Taavet Taimla: But What Can I Do? Learning Together with Church Planters

Trevor Hutton: Church Planting: Mapping the Landscape (major global developments and issues in church planting)

Phil Meadows: Fellowship Bands: Spiritual Formation for Everyday Mission

Christian Alsted: Experiences, insights and learnings from 25 years of being involved in church planting in the Nordic and Baltic Countries.

17:00 Concluding Plenary (interactive panel of Q & A) - *in sanctuary*

18:30 Dinner for all participants

19:00 **Reception for MTSE theology students** *in auditorium 103*

Sunday, March 8

Optional:

10:00 Visit Worship Service at Tallinn UMC.

11:00 Visit Focus church in Tallinn as a successful new international church plant.

13:00 departure.

The content of Plenary and CPC sessions is based on a curriculum by Asbury Theological Seminary adapted by Baltic Methodist Theological Seminary for the European context. CPC has a total of 6 modules. This conference is focused on Module 5: Developing and Multiplying Disciples. Information on future modules offered in Europe will be available at www.emkts.ee. The BMTS will provide registered students with certification to request transfer of 2 ECTS credit points for academic credit. Condition for receiving credit is submission of paper at student conference!

KEYNOTE SPEAKER



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