



International Council on Pastoral Care and Counselling

8th World-Congress of ICPCC 2007



“TREASURE IN EARTHEN VESSELS”
Care of Souls facing Fragility and Destruction –
Individual and Systemic Perspectives

“SCHATZ IN IRDENEN GEFÄSSEN”
Seelsorge angesichts von Zerbrechlichkeit und Zerstörung –
Individuelle und systemische Perspektiven

„SKARB W GLINIANYCH NACZYNIACH“
Duszpasterstwo wobec kruchości życia i zniszczenia –
indywidualne i systemowe perspektywy

August 7 - 14, 2007 - Krzyzowa, Poland

The International Council on Pastoral Care and Counselling - ICPCC

is an organization of women and men desiring to respond to current needs and situations faced by people and communities in the world through pastoral care and counselling. ICPCC exists for education and empowerment of persons and groups in the practice of pastoral care and counselling.

ICPCC's mission is

- To promote the reflective practice of pastoral care and counselling throughout the world.
- To inform, educate and inspire practitioners of pastoral care and counselling in various contexts in the world.
- To enable practitioners of pastoral care and counselling to be resources for one another and to learn from each other's cultures, traditions and practices.
- To support and advocate for the unique and essential dimension of spirituality in the teaching and practice of pastoral care and counselling.
- To develop relevant theories in the field of pastoral care and counselling and to this end to engage in interdisciplinary discourse.
- To organize and assist in the organizing of conferences, consultations and meetings in various areas of the world.
- To support the development of counselling centres and organizations for pastoral care and counselling in various parts of the world.
- To increase interaction with other care and counseling organizations.

The ICPCC draws its membership from a diverse movement of persons and communities involved in spiritual, pastoral and religious care and counseling. The ICPCC organization consists of a Council, a Coordinating Committee and an Executive.

The Council serves as a 'web-like' network of people elected at each International Congress every four years to help to:

- Promote the reflective practice of Pastoral Care and Counselling throughout the world
- Inform, educate and inspire practitioners of Pastoral Care and Counselling in every place
- Enable practitioners to be in touch with each other and to learn from good practice wherever it occurs.

The Council has overseen the running of International Congresses every four years. There have been seven so far:

<i>Edinburgh, Scotland</i>	<i>August 1979</i>	<i>The Risks of Freedom</i>
<i>San Francisco, USA</i>	<i>August 1983</i>	<i>Symbols and Stories in Pastoral Care and Counselling</i>
<i>Melbourne, Australia</i>	<i>August 1987</i>	<i>Pastoral Ministry in a Fractured World</i>
<i>Noordwijkerhout, Netherlands</i>	<i>August 1991</i>	<i>Pastoral Care and Context</i>
<i>Toronto, Canada</i>	<i>August 1995</i>	<i>Babylon & Jerusalem: Stories for transition in a strange land</i>
<i>Accra, Ghana</i>	<i>August 1999</i>	<i>Spirituality and Culture in Pastoral Care and Counselling</i>
<i>Bangalore, India</i>	<i>August 2004</i>	<i>Global Economy, a challenge for Pastoral Care, Counselling and Religious Traditions</i>

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In a fragile and destructive world with disasters in nature and violence among humans we have pastoral care and spiritual counselling as a treasure. But that treasure is fragile in itself and limited in its possibilities. Therefore it is important to reflect again and again, what people need and what is helpful for them in their context, in their culture and their faith. As practitioners and teachers of care and counselling we have to ask about possibilities and limitations in care and counselling facing fragility and destruction. Included in our reflections must be to find out about the power and charisma of religion and spirituality and to reveal the misuse of religious and spiritual power. The task of care and counselling has to be to empower people and systems to cope with real life.

Many gifted people in the field of care and counselling have found that it is not enough to help individuals and therefore they employ systemic perspectives. Care and counselling can only be done by becoming aware of the context and the narratives of individuals and of systems as groups and cultures. Pastoral and spiritual care-givers gain a lot from therapeutic, socio-political, economical and cultural approaches. Therefore it is necessary and interesting to work together with women and men of other disciplines. Pastoral and spiritual care and counselling develops its own special power and identity through co-operating with related sciences and experts. Therefore all who are interested are invited to attend this Congress.

The Congress will move into a process, which will start with stories about how women and men from different cultures experience and interpret their situation, in contexts and in life. This will enable all participants to speak about themselves in small groups.

Then the next step will be to reflect our fragile being and destructive power from a theological and socio-political perspective. How can we interpret the disasters created by nature and by humans? We can see that poor and superstitious people are most affected by destruction – and yet many of them develop an enormous resilience.

From reflecting we will move to the practice of care and counselling. Examples of work in various fields will be presented and discussed.

And lastly we will come back to the “treasure in earthen vessels” and will meditate on biblical and poetic images and symbols to empower ourselves for our future work.

The Congress will combine five movements

- How can pastoral and spiritual care empower people in a fragile, destructive and violent world?
- What manifold resources of counselling can be found in various cultures, religions and faith-groups?
- How can care become effective and powerful not only for individuals, but for systems, communities and societies?
- How can the participants build up and support networks of caring and counselling throughout the globe?
- And additionally there will be the opportunity to learn more about Poland.

Outstanding **speakers and presenters** will inform us about their work in lectures, workshops and groups. There will be many opportunities for exchange and dialogue in formal and informal settings. Through excursions the participants will see beautiful landscapes and historical places in the western part of Poland.

The languages will be English and German.

Working Methods of the Congress

Devotions and Services / Lectures (with discussion)

Presentations, discussions and case studies

Meditation / Workshops / Small Groups

Market Space / Book Store / Excursions

ICPCC Council Meetings / Guided tours on the history of Krzyzowa

Psychiatric Consultations

List of presenters

Lecturers

Aleksandra Blahut-Kowalczyk, Poland
Rev. Steven Voytovich, D.Min., USA
Dr. Ma. Teresa Gustilo Villasor, Philippines
Prof. Dr. Ottmar Fuchs, Germany
Prof. Dr. Valburga Schmiedt Streck, Brazil
Prof. Dr. Dan Bar-On, Israel

Practices and Methods of Care and Counselling

Prof. Dr. Dan Bar-On, Israel
Prof. Dr. Ursula Pfäfflin, Germany
Ruthhard Stachowske, PhD, Germany,
Prof. Dr. James Newton Poling, USA
Prof. Brenda Consuelo Ruiz, Nicaragua
Prof. Dr. Daniel Louw, South-Africa;
Dr. Daniel Su santo, Indonesia
Prof. Dr. Peter Kambar Manickam, India

Meditations

Ivoni Richter Reimer, Brazil
Rabbi Daniel Smith, and Chani Smith, UK

Workshops

Elisabeth Groezinger, Switzerland
Prof. Dr. Christoph Schneider Harpprecht, Germany
Marina Riemslagh, Belgium,
Dr. Anne Simmonds, Canada
Prof. Dr. James Farris, Brazil
Dr. Heidi Hofmann, Germany
Dr. Uri Bloch / Eitan Tamir, Israel
Clare Marie Therese, India
Rita van Damme, Philippines
Dr. Jan-Albert van den Berg and Dr. Jeannine van den Berg, South Africa

Krzyżowa – the venue of the ICPCC World-Congress 2007

A historical place of resistance and reconciliation

The **Krzyżowa Foundation for Mutual Understanding** initiates and promotes activities that develop peaceful relationships between peoples, social groups, and individuals. The Foundation applies social concepts developed by the World War II German resistance group, the Kreisau Circle, by advancing European and international mutual understanding.

The Kreisau Circle

The Kreisau Circle was a German resistance group against the Nazi-regime during World-War II. This group met several times at the estate of Helmuth von Moltke, the leading figure of the group. In secret meetings they drew up plans for a new German state that would be established after Germany's defeat and would be part of a federated Europe. The Gestapo (the Secret Police of the Nazi-Regime) found out about them, recognized the scope and immediate threat of their activities, and executed the members. However, the Kreisau Circle's attention to overcoming the legacy of dictatorship was to strike a sympathetic chord 40 years later, even among people in other countries.

Opposition to Communist Governments

In the winter of 1988 several members of the Polish and East German opposition movements met to plan a conference they wanted to hold in Poland in the coming year. The purpose of the conference was to acquaint their friends in the opposition movements with the activities, achievements, and results of the Kreisau Circle's resistance. The conference became a reality, and was held in June 1989 in Wrocław, Poland, formerly Breslau, Germany.

In the conference June 1989 a group in the Polish Solidarity movement proposed to the participants that it might be possible to acquire the former von Moltke estate in Krzyżowa to turn it into a centre where people from many walks of life and from different countries could reconcile their cultural and political differences.

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Krzyżowa is a small village of approximately 400 people, near the Sowa Mountains. The closest town is Świdnica, 10 km from Krzyżowa, with approximately 65,000 inhabitants. The closest big city is Wrocław, 60 km from Krzyżowa, with 650,000 inhabitants. Wrocław has an airport and very good train connections (from Warsaw and Berlin).

ACCOMMODATION and FOOD

The **costs** for accommodation, food and excursions **per person** will be:

4-bed rooms:	450,00 €	3-bed rooms:	550,00 €
double rooms:	620,00 €	single rooms:	700,00 €

Further Information

www.icpcc.net

REGISTRATION

Hereby I register for the ICPCCC Congress 2007 in Krzyzowa, Poland

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<input type="checkbox"/> double room:	620,00 €	<input type="checkbox"/> single room:	700,00 €

(costs per person)

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I arrive by train

I need transportation from Wroclaw to Kzryzowa (one way 10.00 € / two ways 20,00 €)

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Name

First Name

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Street

Zip-Code and City

Country

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Telephone

Fax

e-mail

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Date

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Signature

I want to share my room with.....

REGISTRATION IS COMPLETED ONLY AFTER THE TRANSFER OF THE FEE.

I have transferred to the bank account of ICPCCC

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the amount of: Euros (please only in Euros!)
(accommodation – transportation)

on (exact date of transfer)

for (name of the participants of the Congress).

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