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Keynote: We Shall Be Changed: Questions for the Post-Pandemic Church
Presentación principal: Seremos cambiados: preguntas para la Iglesia postpandémica



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The Convocation of **Episcopal** Churches in Europe

How it all started

March 16, 2020

Macron Declares France 'at War' With Virus, as E.U. Proposes 30-Day Travel Ban

President Emmanuel Macron commanded the French to stay at home for at least 15 days, joining other European leaders who are taking measures never before seen in the postwar West.



President Emmanuel Macron of France announced a 15-day countrywide lockdown. Rafael Yaghobzadeh/Associated Press

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A Profile of the
Convocation of
Episcopal Churches in Europe

The search for a new
Bishop in Charge

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Step 2: Ask Smart People



Step 2: Gather the questions

**What's the most pressing question
you think we'll have to answer?**

1. Distancing and Deepening

How might we turn this time of **distancing** into a time of **deeper spirituality**—and how might we keep that deeper conversation with God in the regathered church?

How might the **virtual** inform—or be—the future of the church?

“I’ve had to remind myself that we discern in community, and that being alone in my own head was bad for me emotionally and spiritually.” —Greg Garrett

2. Liturgy and Longing

What have we learned from having to create **new** ways of worship about **the worship we have been offering?**

Are there ideas or themes we should be careful not to lose?

"...just as there are things only an incarnate savior can do, so too there are things that only the Eucharist will bring us."

—Andrew McGowan

3. Hard Choices and Helping Hands

What questions about **financial structures and sustainability** will emerge from this time of isolation to confront parishes and judicatories?

Is **self-help** the only option?

"...the Covid-19 crisis has acted...as a 'force accelerant,' turbo-charging existing [financial and demographic] trajectories by a decade or more." —Elise Erikson Barrett

4. Inequality, Marginalization, And Renewal

How can we address constructively the **inequality in access to resources** in the church laid bare by the variety of responses to the Covid pandemic?

What responsibility do well-resourced communities and institutions have in **helping poor and marginalized churches** keep their communities tended and gathered?

"This is not about returning to a normal that allowed for increasing injustice." —Kelly Brown Douglas

5. Leadership: Challenge— and Change

What has this moment of pandemics taught us about the leaders and structures we **have**—and the leaders and structures we **need**?

"God has a mission, and God's mission has a church. But there is no guarantee we are that church, unless we are ready to listen—and change."

—Bishop Andy Doyle

6. Bonus Question: Post-Global America



What is our mission as a church in Europe in a period of **declining American globalism**?

What must we do now to assure the vitality of all our congregations in view of **fewer American and British expats**—and fewer churched among them?

Questions?

