## ICCE

**International Conference on Congregational Education**

**29.9.-1.10.2025**

**Joensuu, Finland**

 https://sites.uef.fi/icce21/

Dear Conference participants,

Welcome to Joensuu and our conference!

Located on River Pielisjoki, Joensuu was founded in 1848 and today serves as the capital of Finland’s North Karelia region. It is a lively student city with a population of around 75,000 people.

The conference is hosted by School of Theology & School of Applied Sciences of Education and Teacher Education of the University of Eastern Finland (UEF). UEF is a multidisciplinary university, which offers instruction in more than 100 major subjects at two campuses (located in Joensuu and Kuopio). UEF is one of the largest universities in Finland, and home to approximately 17,000 students and 3,200 members of staff.

Here is some useful information for **ICCE** conference.

**Conference dinner registration**

We will organize a conference dinner on Tuesday evening (30.9.2025). Now is the time to registrate! The place of our dinner is Restaurant Filipoff.

<https://registration.contio.fi/uef/Registration/Login?id=8891-T_8891-11089&lang=en>

Please note that you can registrate at the dinner until 10th of September. The fee for the dinner is 58 euros (meat/fish/vegetarian options, please state additional dietary needs) without alcoholic beverages.

Other

* **Conference programme** will be published Friday 29.8. on conference webpage. The program is subject to possible changes.
* **Registration** is open on Monday between 10-15 at the school of Theology, Agora building. See below for address.
* Upon your arrival, you will receive a packet of information including conference badge, schedule, and lunch coupons.
*Please remember to keep the coupons with you each day of the conference!*
* The Conference venue is Agora, School of Theology UEF Joensuu campus (Street address: Yliopistokatu 2). To navigate:

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/FE7ZmZuBvJdD5Trm9>

* The main auditorium for meeting is AT 100.
* The Conference sessions and the receptions begin on time – *please, be punctual!*
* ComplimentaryCoffee/Teais served during the conference.
* **Lunch** is served daily at the University cafeteria “Aura,” in the proximity of the conference venue, and includes different kinds of salad, a choice of one of several main dishes (meat / vegetarian), drinks, bread and dessert. Your meal coupons will be collected at the cashier.
* If you want to take copies, you can buy copying coupons at the University library.
* We will have a business meeting on future directions and publications on Tuesday late afternoon. Please check the program for more details.
* Joensuu has a variety of shops, pharmacies, fast-food and other restaurants, and cafes.
	+ The **supermarkets** (S-market, K-supermarket Metropol, City Market, Sokos) are open quite late and the biggest shopping centre, Iso Myy, is in the very heart of the city (Torikatu 25).
	+ There are several **cashpoints** / **ATM**s in the centre, marked with orange colour and text “OTTO.” It is possible to pay with a credit card in every shop and restaurant.
	+ If you want to **exchange money**, it can only be done in the banks:
	 Osuuspankki (Koskikatu 9, open Mon-Fri 08.00-16.30)
	 and Nordea (Siltakatu 10, open Mon-Fri 10.00-16.30)
	+ Pre-paid **mobile cards** can be bought at "R-Kioski” (marked with blue-and-white-striped windows), the closest one to the campus is located at the corner of Torikatu and Koskikatu.
	+ **Stamps** can be bought at the post office, located inside a shopping centre (Kauppakatu 29, open Mon-Fri 08.00-19.00) and also in local bookstores and most shops.
* Emergency telephone number in Finland is 112.
* Information on health services is provided by the website of Joensuu city: <http://www.joensuu.fi/en/web/english/health-services>

**Instruction for presentations at the ICCE**

The conference program can be found at <https://sites.uef.fi/icce21/program/>

All rooms have PC, projector and sound system. Each abstract will be available at conference webpage. You can use your own computer, usb-stick or internet to get access to your presentation.

**Keynote sessions**

Each keynote will have up to 45 minutes for presentation. This will be followed by 5-10 min response and a general discussion.

<https://sites.uef.fi/icce21/keynote-speakers/>

**Paper sessions**

Each paper presentation has 15 min presentation and 5 min discussion focusing on it. After each presentation of the session there is also general discussion time allocated to continue the discussion on the themes the presentations have brought up. The chair keeps time for the presentations and leads the session.

If you have any other questions, please do not hesitate to contact: icce2021@uef.fi, +358-294452694

Welcome to Joensuu!

The organising committee