

## Candidates for the CEUC Board (in alphabetical order)

### **Janning Hoenen**

My name is Janning Hoenen, 50 years, married, three kids, one whippet. I am a pastor and University Chaplain at Augustana-Hochschule, the Theological Seminary of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Bavaria, Germany.

My journey with CEUC started in 2015 in Soesterberg, NL, and I have been part of the conferences since then. I became member of the Board, organized the 2019 conference “Truth in Transformation” at Neuendettelsau, and currently serve as CEUC Secretary.

For me, CEUC is a wonderful opportunity to look beyond the German context of student life, university chaplaincy and the present situation of the church. Things change dramatically, and they differ from country to country. I love the differences, the multi-coloured perspectives, and the many creative, engaged and loving people at CEUC. At the same time, I look for the common ground, the ideas that we share, and the Good News that might still be a great gift for us and for the students we work for.

I enjoyed organizing CEUC 2019 and working for the virtual conferences 2020 and 2021. I would love to meet again in person soon and to help getting this done together with the rest of the Board, even if this means keeping mailing lists updated, helping people pay their membership fees and discussing constitutional and other legal matters.

The best about CEUC is seeing these wonderful people, discussing the common questions and similar challenges, and celebrating that we have the privilege to be this fantastic group of very special people.

## Petra Kai Körmendy

Hello, I'm Petra Kai Körmendy, 44, pronouns she/her, booknerd, professional listener, lover of adventures and the sun, of deep and meaningful conversations and laughter, university chaplain since 6 years in Maastricht, the Netherlands. I ended up in Maastricht because of CEUC: On my first conference I bonded with the then chaplains and when there was an opening, they thought of me, which gave me the amazing opportunity to come up with and realise my vision of church – the InnBetween – a community growing from love, curiosity and inspiration, which since then bloomed into a community with 2000+ visitors monthly.

I am originally a Lutheran minister, ordained in Hungary in 2006 and since 11 years, I come to CEUC conferences that I recognised as my “tribe”, chaplains from the most diverse background, but with the same open heart.

After Janning's call to apply for board member positions I realised that it might be time for me to give back to this community I thank so much to. So lo and behold, I'm applying for board, so I can serve our community. I hope to grow our vision and hopefully be part of the process of CEUC transforming an even more ecumenical and even more multi-faith community that comes together to learn, share life and celebrate joy.

In these transformative times of corona I hope, online or in person, we can share our thoughts, hardships and possible solutions of healing-after, coping with the mental health effects and building a hopefully more sustainable life and world.

## Christine Schardt



My name is Christine Schardt, born 1962 near Frankfurt a.M. in Germany, married, two adult children. I'm University Chaplain in Mainz. I'm a Dipl. Theologian and worked as "Pastoralreferentin" in different parishes, schools and as spiritual and theological advisor. 2019 I have been elected as the first female chair of our "Konferenz für Katholische Hochschulpastoral" (KHP).

Our protestant and catholic chaplaincies are working ecumenically and developing the interreligious dialogue especially with Islamic and Jewish student organisations and different spiritual and religious leaders and communities.

In Europe our Chaplaincies are safe places for all people, especially for minorities. We are present at the campus. "Inter - esse" - interest, means, being among the people, sharing time with them, listening, advising, helping in social and mental need, supporting students in different ways, to study successfully, become happy and responsible people, who shape the future. It also means being, international, interreligious and inclusive.

As University chaplains, we have a very important task and chance: listening carefully and empowering each other, as people in Europe and all over the world networking and engaging for respect, tolerance, mindfulness appreciation, diversity, sustainability, justice and peace, against intolerance and all forms of discrimination.

My first inspiring CEUC Conference was 2015 in Soesterberg. Since then I did not miss any of our Conferences. Future of University Chaplaincies and our European and international networks might be to continue developing interreligious dialogue and cooperation. Therefore, networking and good communication with all people, systems and organisations is very important. I have an additional qualification in "Kooperationsmanagement" for bringing different groups and organisations together to work in various initiatives and projects. Also I'm a lecturer for social communication at our University of applied sciences.

As a member of the IACHE board and the CEUC book-project-team, my job in the CEUC board could be transfer of information and coordination of activities between the two boards of CEUC and IACHE perhaps putting in a roman catholic perspective, if needed and maybe there are waiting some other interesting ideas and challenges.

Many thanks for your kind attention!  
I would be happy to get your voice.

Yours Christine