

The 39th Europe Kirisuto-sha TSUDOI

The Organisers

Japanische Evangelische Gemeinde Schweiz (JEGS), South London Japanese Church (SLJC),
Japanische Evangelische Gemeinde Ffm (JEGF)



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Venue

**Christliches Gästezentrum
Württemberg**

Willy-Schenk-Straße 9
73527 Schwäbisch Gmünd
<https://www.schoenblick.de/>

Capacity

200 people

Dates

Thursday 4th - Sunday 7th
August 2022

Cost

Twin room 85 €
Single room 100 €
Students* 50 €

Pupils (Junior high high school)
40 €

Pupils of Primary School 35 €
Children (age 3-6) 25 €
Upto age 2 free

(Students* includes postgraduates, vocational school students, trainees who do not have income)

Price per adult per night
with full board

Theme

Freedom in Christ

You, my brothers, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature; rather, serve one another in love.
(Galatians 5:13)

The past two years was an unprecedented time of an apparent loss of our "freedom". Let us incline our heart and mind to hear the life-giving words of God, in such a time as this.

To study and gain understanding of what the "freedom in Christ" really means.



Booking Process

10 - 31 May: Booking Open

1 - 15 June: Payment to be made

Mid July: issue of Vol.3

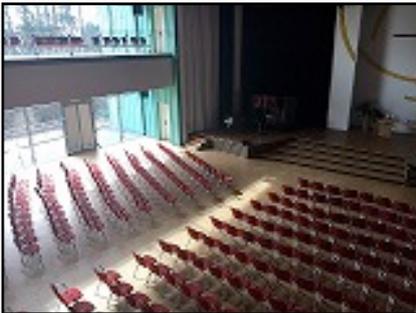
An online application form have been sent out to each church representative with instruction how to complete it.

Booking is to be made through your Europe based Japanese church or congregation. Please note that individual booking cannot be processed.



Europe Kirisuto-sha TsudoI Official Homepage
<https://www.europetsudoI.net/>

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What is the 'Freedom in Christ'? The uncertain nature of the new normal with the introduction of digital ID, and the war and rumours of war, it forces us to examine the freedom which we the believers are entrusted?

First and foremost, it is the freedom from sin through Jesu Christ, the anointed one by the Father, to live in joy with the hope of eternity that is unshakable and unshaken regardless of our circumstances. It is also the freedom to act without fear or discouragement in accordance with the God's holy will, individually as well as cooperatively, to bring the Kingdom of Heaven on earth as it is in heaven, to hasten the returning of Christ.

As Christians, we are eager to know this freedom more fully, so to enjoy and partake in it. With that focus and expectation, the topic and bible verses are selected for each lecture. The speakers are widely invited from those who involved in the evangelism and pastoral care at the Japanese churches and congregations in Europe, to encourage and empower us all.

With its long history, this year marks the 39th Tsudoi. We believe that the Lord Himself will reveal

and guide each of our step, as the freedom in Christ will be unpacked by the messengers from different angles.

Our congregation now consists *not only* the expatriate families of multinational corporations and overseas students, *but* permanent residents who are, through their marriage, more rooted in their local communities. The second and third generation are growing in age. We, therefore, have prepared a variety of programmes this year, in the hope to build them, and grow stronger in spirit as leaders of the next generation.

We look forward to welcome you, the old and young, male and female, singles, couples, and families, to gather together in person, before the Lord, to continue our walk with Him as His people, in the land away from our native Japan. On this once-a-year occasion, our desire is to worship and praise the Lord together, to enjoy his favour and abundant blessing, and to have our fellowship for spiritual nourishment and encouragement.



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To deepen our understanding of the 'Freedom in Christ' and the commendation of Galatians 5:13, 'to serve one another in love' on the basis of this freedom, CS takes up the 'love' expounded in John 13:34, as the second theme.



What does it mean to be 'loved' by God? And how can we 'love' our neighbours as ourselves, and 'love' each other? We would like the programme to be an opportunity for the children who may face many challenges as they grow up, to recognise that they have the strongest ally who will never betray them. The emphases will be on how to 'love our neighbours', in the progressively secular Europe, where its values are diametrically opposing that of God.

There often is much to learn from the eyes of pre-teenage children, we are aiming for an interactive learning experience between the teenagers and adults.

The Younger Youth

For the pupils of the junior high and high schools and University students up to age 20,

This year, we have a dedicated programme specially for you, the teens, independent from the Youth. We are preparing it to be a fun and enjoyable time with lots of games, praise and worship, while listening to the Word of God.

The message will be in line with the main theme of 'Freedom in Christ'. What kind of freedom do we have? What is freedom in the first place? Yabuki-sensei from Frankfurt and Asano-sensei from Stuttgart will be our speakers.



We cannot wait for welcoming you there!

The Youth (20s and 30s)

This year, the Youth programme is for the 20s and 30s. And we will join in the main conference. Some of you are, perhaps, a little worried about joining in the main lectures of Tsudoi, wondering whether you will be able to keep up with what is being said.

Please don't worry! Our three Youth members on the Tsudoi Committee are preparing a programme that is easy for youth to participate in.



The Youth will be accompanied by 5-6 mentors (and interpreters, of course), and they will follow it up in the same manner as (or even better than) the previous years. They will provide a good follow-on support after each lecture. There will be small groups with just the Youth members and mentors, too.

So we are sure that we will have a great time together, rejoicing, crying, praying and being prayed for in Jesus. We look forward to getting together again this year.

The Small Group

More time for the Small Group, especially for the new breakout sessions, is allocated this year. In the hope to deepen our fellowship and nurture the relationships that will last beyond Tsudoi, rather than sharing our thoughts after each lecture.

The Small Group break-out sessions are designed to hear about special topics from each other that are of interest of



participants. Each session has a facilitator to lead the interaction, so that those who are not comfortable speaking up on their own can participate.

The list of themes for SG breakout sessions is currently being drawn up, and will be made available upon registration. So stay tuned!



The Programme

The details of programme is subject to change.

Corona related issues

Like last year, we would like to ask everyone to be sensible to those who are worried about Corona. In order to make Tsudoi accessible, an extra safety measure will be put in place, i.e. periodical antigen test and mask wearing except when eating or drinking, on top of the EU wide rules and regulations.

A Corona Safety Team, like last year, will be formed in due course, to finalise our own safety measure and procedure in case of positive cases.

If an on-site event becomes impossible, it will be held as an online

event for those who are booked on. The basic Programme will be unchanged.

Please send in your questions via the dedicated e-mail address through your church representative. The answers to the questions will be uploaded in a special "Frequently Asked Questions" area on the official Tsudoi Homepage.

Interpretation & Translation

For the non-native Japanese speakers, we would love to offer interpretation and translation service in English and German. And we need your help in order to facilitate this.

If you are able to help, please let us know.

