

The year 1517 marked the beginning of the Reformation, which was to change the face of Europe. To mark its 500th anniversary, a 'Reformation show-truck' will travel to sixty-eight key cities and towns of the Reformation in nineteen countries from November 2016 to May 2017. Geneva, the city of Calvin and of the office of the World Council of Churches, has been chosen for the launch of this European tour, which is planned to end at Wittenberg, the domain of Luther. Eight Swiss cities and towns lie on its route.

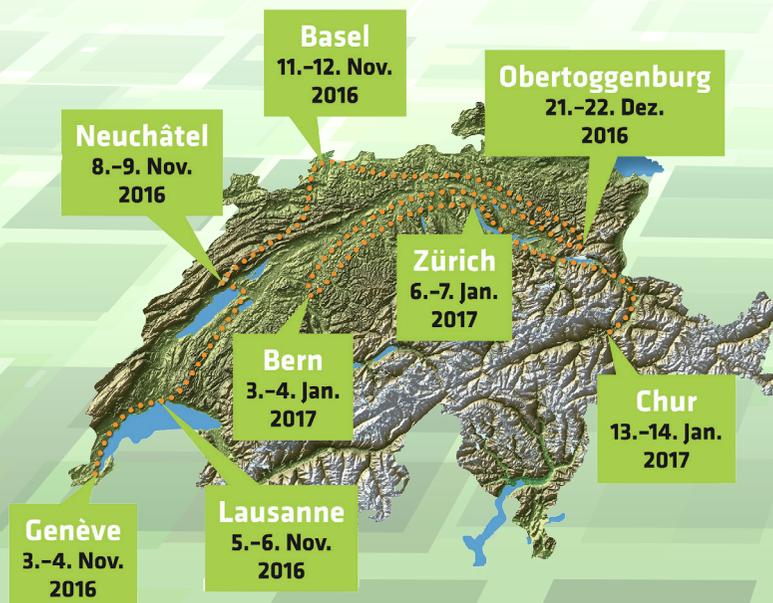
We look forward to welcoming you at the Reformation show-truck on 3 and 4 November.

Revd Emmanuel Fuchs  
Chair of the organizing committee  
President of the Protestant Church of Geneva



Geneva,  
Reformation City,  
the international  
and ecumenical capital,  
City of Peace

## Launch of the European Tour of the cities of the Reformation Geneva, 3-4 November 2016



## PROGRAMME

An event organized by the Federation of Swiss Protestant Churches, the Protestant Church of Geneva, and the World Council of Churches, in collaboration with the International Museum of the Reformation.

# THURSDAY 3 NOVEMBER

## 10.15 - 11.00 am Opening Ceremony

### Plaine de Plainpalais - opposite Plainpalais Church

Address by: Alain Berset, Federal Councillor and Head of the Federal Department for Internal Affairs.

Speeches also by: Gottfried Locher, President of the Community of Protestant Churches in Europe and of the Federation of Swiss Protestant Churches; Emmanuel Fuchs, President of the Protestant Church of Geneva; François Longchamp, President of the Genevan State Council

## 11.00 am Opening of the 'Reformation show-truck' 'History on the move'

### Plaine de Plainpalais

Visits to the show-truck, films, local history, music and an aperitif

Open every day, Tuesday to Sunday 10.00 am- 5.00 pm  
International Museum of the Reformation  
'Five centuries of history in one museum' [www.mir.ch](http://www.mir.ch)

## 1.30 - 5.45 pm 'Geneva - City of the Reformation': Searching and probing questions on the Reformation

### Plaine de Plainpalais

A series of short public lectures by teachers of theology:

Who still believes in purgatory? The Reformation and Women in Geneva; What contribution did Geneva bring to the Reformation? What sort of God do Reformed Christians believe in? Did the Reformation invent capitalism? Is anything to be expected from the ecumenical movement? Who are the Reformed Christians of today?

5.00 pm Panel discussion: 'The Reformation - a chapter to be closed?' with Heinrich Bedford-Strohm, Michel Grandjean, Gottfried Locher, Sarah Stewart-Kroeker

## 6.00 pm 'Geneva - an International Ecumenical Capital': A multi-cultural celebration

### Plainpalais Church

## 8.00-10.00pm 'The Spirit of Geneva - where are you?'

### Plaine de Plainpalais

A festive, inter-faith, multicultural youth event, in collaboration with the Inter-faith Platform of Geneva.

Closure of the video competition for young people, in partnership with HEAD, announcement of the result voted by the judges and the public, presentation of prizes.

Inter-faith discussions, dramatic and musical contributions, buffet and bar

## ALTERNATIVELY

## 8.00-9.00pm 'Geneva - a City of Peace'

### at the Ecumenical Centre, route de Ferney 150

Panel discussion with general secretaries

with participation by representatives of the United Nations, UNICEF, the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, the Red Cross, the World Council of Churches, and the Canton of Geneva

Please notify your intention to attend to [media@wcc-coe.org](mailto:media@wcc-coe.org)

# FRIDAY 4 NOVEMBER

## 9.00 am onwards Reformation show-truck open to the public

### Plaine de Plainpalais

Information stalls by the organizers. Open every day, Tuesday to Sunday 10.00 am - 5.00 pm. International Museum of the Reformation - 'Five centuries of history in one museum' [www.mir.ch](http://www.mir.ch)

## 1.00 pm Public workshops

### Plaine de Plainpalais

Introduced and interspersed with songs from around the world

- Children's rights (WCC and UNICEF)
- The plight of refugees (WCC, UNHCR, and IOM)
- Health and food security (WHO, WCC, ACT)
- The ecumenical heritage (WCC)

## 5.00 pm Children's puppet show

### Plainpalais Church

The Theopopettes. 'Who are you, Lulu, Mr Luther'

Theo and Popette have been given a strange playmobile, called Luther. He seems to be about to blow out five hundred candles!