

YOUTH PILGRIMAGE OF JUSTICE AND PEACE
ON THE MOVE
MOVING AWAY, DREAMING, MOVING ON

1948 - 2018



Heart prints

Whatever our hands touch
We leave fingerprints
On Walls, on furniture,
On doorknobs, dishes, books.
There's no escape;
As we touch we leave our identity.

Oh God, wherever I go today,
Help me leave HEARTPRINTS!
Heartprints of compassion,
of understanding and love.
Heartprints of kindness;
a genuine concern.
May my heart touch a lonely neighbour
or a runaway daughter,
or an anxious mother,
Or perhaps an aged grandfather

Lord, send me out today
to leave heartprints.
And if someone should say:
'I felt your touch'
May that one sense your love
Touching through me



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Dear friends,

In recent months, several people have been busy organizing this event. We like to introduce ourselves.



Hanneke van den Biggelaar

After almost a year of preparation we are finally reaching the start of our event. We are very happy that you are participating. My name is Hanneke van den Biggelaar and will be one of your hosts during the pilgrimage I work for the protestant church of the Netherlands, responsible for the international and intercultural exchanges. Please meet my brothers and sisters here below.



Corine Kuilboer

My name is Corine Kuilboer and I am 52 years old. I have been working as a secretary for the Protestant Theological University for 10 years now. I am looking forward to meeting you in De Glind.

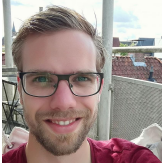
Justice and Peace? Isn't it just a matter of mutual respect and hospitality?



Lieske Duim

I started working in a chemical laboratory, lived for eight years in Indonesia (Papua) for the mission and ended as a civil servant in the field of sustainability. A few years back I started as a student of Theology at the VU/PThU. Holidays with bicycle, tent and husband are perfect for me!

Fokke Wouda



Hi, looking forward to meeting you! I am Fokke Wouda (29) and I can be regarded as a 'roman-catholic observer' to this WCC-meeting. My own switch from a reformed to the roman-catholic church may appear as anti-ecumenical at first: indeed, it reflects the scandal and pain of division. Yet, it also inspires me deeply to contribute to restoration of the unity of the church, which I try to do by writing a dissertation in the field of ecumenical theology. *"To be bearers of communion, will each of us walk forward in our lives on the road of trust and of a constantly renewed kind-heartedness?" Brother Roger of Taizé*



Joy Eva A. Bohol is a missionary with the General Board of Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church assigned as Program Executive for Youth Engagement of the World Council of Churches in Geneva, Switzerland. She is a former mission intern, and was commissioned to her present work in October 2015.



Douwe de Roest

Hey, great to see you all soon. My name is Douwe de Roest (27). In daily life I am a student training to be a minister in the Protestant Church in the Netherlands (PKN). I love to meet people from different faith traditions and from around the world to learn from and engage with each other and reflect the ecumenical spirit of unity, justice and peace. I'm always looking for ways to make this world a bit more fair, peaceful and just. As a minister-to-be I love preaching and creative forms of worship.



Pim Brouwer

Pim joins us as the master of ceremony and pastor. This month he started in his second parish: Maassluis, near Rotterdam.

The rest of the team:

Eveline Bersma, Anmar Hayali, Jacoline Batenburg and Marten van der Meulen are part of our team as well. The communication and social media will be provided by Albin Hillert

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GLOBAL PROGRAM

ON THE MOVE

MONDAY 20.8	
	Arrival of the international youngsters at Schiphol and transport to de Glind
	Check in at the YMCA in de Glind
17.30h	Dinner
19.00h	Short introduction on the Netherlands
TUESDAY 21.8	
08.30h	Breakfast
09.00h - 10.00h	Arrival youngsters living in the Netherlands
10.00h - 10.30h	Welcome to all, introduction of the staff and program Moving away, Dreaming, Moving on
10.30h - 11.30h	Speed dating and secret angel
11.45h	celebration with the pearls of life
12.30h	lunch

theme Moving away	
13.30h - 16.30h	Workshops Bibliodrama facilitated by de 7evende Hemel *
17.30h	Dinner
theme Dreaming	
19.00h - 21.30h	Pilgrimage Walk facilitated by de 7evende Hemel*
21.30h - 22.00h	time of reflection
WEDNESDAY 22.8	
08.30h	Breakfast
theme Dreaming	
09.30h - 12.30h	Special guest: Mathilde Sabbagh ** (interactive lecture)
12.30h	Lunch
13.30h - 17.30h	Preparation participation in the church service on Thursday Activities in two groups 1. Preparing imagination dreaming 2. Practising of the liturgy (bibletext and intercession)

17.30h 19.30h	BBQ with special guests: Agnes Abuom and Olav Tveit ***
theme Moving on	
19.30h	“Use your talents” your commitment and put it in practice - bible reading and practical exercises in communication
21.30h - 22.00h	time of reflection
THURSDAY 22.6	
07.45h - 08.30h	Breakfast
09.00h	travelling by bus to Amsterdam
11.00h - 13.00h	Symposium
13.00h - 13.45h	receiving lunch packages and travel by public transportation to The Nieuwe Kerk in the center of Amsterdam
13.45h - 15.00h	rehearsal in church
16.00h - 17.30h	start church service

18.00h

Youth gathering in Chapel before going home or host families.

*The 7th Heaven

During our pilgrimage a number of workshops are provided by members of *The 7th Heaven*. Let's tell you some more about this group of creative people.

The members of The 7th Heaven help us to express our faith in a creative way and show us what biblical stories can do to us.

Faith is, after all, more than we can express in words. And what does that mean for our pilgrimage of Justice and Peace? How do we travel? What do we dream about? What does our future look like?

Cocky Fortuin en Bas van de Berg will be guiding us through the Bible Drama workshops. Aat van der Harst will give us the possibility to dream during the pilgrimage walk and Kees van der Zwaard will prepare the service in the New Church in Amsterdam with a number of people. Let's introduce them to you:

Bas van den Berg



Why do I like my work so much?

To see people growing into a role. Enjoying the moment when a person is surprised by her own statement as a reaction to somebody else's action. Being touched by the power of interaction through which a participant discovers something personal that takes his breath away. Those experiences challenge me and give me energy as a coach of Bible Drama workshops.

Cocky Fortuin-van der Spek



My love for movement was developed in an early stage. I was surprised when I learned about working with Bible stories or life themes for which drama and movement were chosen as a means. These means give people the opportunity to get closer to their own story as the given Bible stories and themes arise from the

tradition. When Bible drama and dance are concerned it is all about empathy, incorporation and meeting each other. My experience has taught me that this method leaves a more lasting impression in a special way.

Aat van der Harst



Aat van der Harst has been fascinated by all kind of stories since a long time, for example lifestories, films, novels, theatre. It is the metaphor of the hero's journey that fascinates him. Over the centuries people have crossed the old pedlars and pilgrimage paths through Europe. Besides culture, nature and personal

meetings with fellow-travellers are very inspiring. And every time you are aware of the fact that 'the road is the goal'. Aat likes to travel with people.

Kees van der Zwaard



Writer, theologian and theatre maker

Wandering between ever and eternity

Looking for the way of longing

fighting with cynicism for love

exploring the borders of emotion

** Mathilde Sabbagh



Mathilde works for the National Evangelical Church of Al-Hassakeh, Syria. (Al-Hassakeh is in the northwest corner of Syria, east of Mosul and Erbil Iraq.) Mathilde is 29 years old and graduated at Near East School of Theology (Beirut-Lebanon) with a degree in Master of Divinity. She also finished her B.A. in English Literature from the University of Aleppo before she decided to dedicate her life for the church as a pastor and not only as a Sunday school and women's meeting leader during the lifetime of war.

Just three months after she graduated, the Synod that she belongs to, i.e. the National Evangelical Synod of Syria and Lebanon, made the decision to send her back to her mother-church in Al-Hassekeh, Syria to serve there as the pastor of the church. She does the Sunday Service, the women's meeting, and the youth meeting. In November 2016 she started a Sunday school. The church is not huge in number, it is a small church; however, its witness is huge because of the school that this church operates, and even though that the number of the members is small and is getting less because of emigration; nevertheless, it is considered as a very hard working community in society.

Mathilde considers serving in this area of the world as a challenge and a blessing at the same time. It is a challenge because of the hard situation on all levels. And it is a blessing because she can see the needs, and she can see the Lord's grace overflowing in these needs, and prays for the day that our Savior will wipe away all of

the tears of those widows, orphans, heart-broken fathers and mothers who say goodbye every single day to their emigrating children, and to all who stood still and will continue standing still for the sake of the Christian presence in Syria.

*** Agnes Abuom



Dr Agnes Abuom, from the Anglican Church of Kenya, was elected unanimously by the WCC 10th Assembly on 8 November 2013 to serve as moderator of the WCC Central Committee. She is the first woman and the first African in the position in the history of the World Council of Churches.

Abuom has served on the WCC Executive Committee, representing the Anglican Church of Kenya. She is also a development consultant serving both Kenyan and international organizations coordinating social action programmes for religious and civil society across Africa.

Abuom was the Africa president for the WCC from 1999 to 2006. She has been associated with the All Africa Conference of Churches, National Council of Churches of Kenya and WCC member churches in Africa, as well as Religions for Peace. Abuom's areas of work include economic justice, peace and reconciliation.

*** Olav Tveit Olav Fykse Tveit



Olav Fykse Tveit is general secretary of the World Council of Churches as from 1 January 2010, replacing the Rev. Samuel Kobia. He is

an ordained pastor in the Church of Norway and has also served as a parish priest in Haram, Møre Diocese, 1988–91 and as an army chaplain during his compulsory year of national service in 1987-88. He was secretary for the Church of Norway Doctrinal Commission, 1999–2000, and Church-State Relations, 2001-02. From 2002 to 2009, Tveit was the general secretary of the Church of Norway Council on Ecumenical and International Relations.

As general secretary of the World Council of Churches, Tveit has led the fellowship of churches through such gatherings as the International Ecumenical Peace Convocation (Kingston, Jamaica, 2011) and the 10th Assembly of the WCC (Busan, Republic of Korea, 2013). He has also been instrumental in leadership of international consultations on such topics as climate change, peacemaking and refugee resettlement.

In 2012, Tveit received the Friends of the Armenians Award for his advocacy worldwide. In 2013, King Abdullah II of Jordan presented him with the Al-Hussein Decoration for Distinguished Service in the field of inter-religious dialogue and cooperation in pursuit of peace among peoples.

In 2015, Hanshin University in Seoul, Republic of Korea, awarded him an honorary doctorate in recognition of his vision of unity, justice and peace.

Rev. Dr Olav Fykse Tveit has accepted an invitation from the Global Partnership to End Violence Against Children to serve on the organization's board of directors. Tveit also serves as a co-president of Religions for Peace.

Tveit holds a Master in Theology (Candidate Theologiae) from the Norwegian School of Theology/Menighetsfakultetet (NST/MF), Oslo, and a doctorate in theology from the NST/MF, 2002. His doctorate is titled: Mutual Accountability as Ecumenical Attitude.



General information about Netherlands

Source: www.holland.com

Holland, with its long North Sea coast, has a typically moderate marine climate. The sea's influence ensures that we are not too cold during winter, not too hot during summer, and there is always sufficient moisture in the air for a shower. So if you plan to visit Holland, it would be wise to keep this in mind. Put the right clothing in your suitcase so you are covered if there's an afternoon rainfall and make sure you always have a critical opinion about the weather... Just like the Dutch do!

What is the difference between Holland and the Netherlands? The Netherlands consists of 12 provinces but many people use "Holland" when talking about the Netherlands.

- The two provinces of Noord- and Zuid-Holland together are Holland.
- The 12 provinces together are the Netherlands.
- Holland is often used when all of the Netherlands is meant.



The official name of the country is **the Kingdom of the Netherlands**. **King Willem-Alexander** is the king of the nation. Holland actually only means the two provinces of **Noord-Holland** and **Zuid-Holland**. However, the name Holland is often used when all of the Netherlands is meant.

A brief history of the Netherlands and Holland

Between 1588 and 1795, the area currently representing the Netherlands was the Republic of Seven United Netherlands. The republic was conquered by French troops in 1795 and became the Batavian Republic. Napoleon appointed his brother Louis as king in 1806, turning the country into a kingdom. The Netherlands remained a kingdom after Napoleon's defeat. At that time, the area called "Holland" made the biggest

contribution to the entire nation's economy and wealth. As such it became the commonly used name to indicate the entire country.

Nature in Holland

Holland is known as a flat country. As such the landscape is perfect for cycling and walking tours. The countless **nature parks**, each with its own character, offer up wonderful landscapes. You could visit **Oostvaarders Plassen** or the **Hoge Veluwe**, for instance, and explore the unique flora and fauna. Holland also boasts a long coastline with beautiful beaches. Because there is so much **water**, the Netherlands is at risk of flooding. The authorities have implemented measures like the Afsluitdijk and **Delta Works**, unique structures that are definitely worth visiting.



Typically Dutch

When you think about Holland, you probably think of **tulips**, **windmills** and **cheese**. These and other icons can be found throughout Holland. **Friesland** and **Zeeland** are wonderful provinces for cycling tours, **Noord-Brabant** and **Gelderland** are the place to discover art by **Vincent van Gogh**, Bosch and other **Dutch masters**, and traditional cheese can be enjoyed in **Limburg**.

Unique in Holland: **Drenthe** boasts prehistoric remains, such as the megalithic tombs called **hunebeds**. If the weather turns cold enough, ice-skating enthusiasts can register for the **Elfstedentocht**. This route on natural ice takes you to eleven Friesian cities.

If there is no ice, the cities are well worth a visit even when the weather is good. **Try eating our typically Dutch pancakes (pannenkoeken), stroopwafels or drop (liquorice)!**

Practical information

Emergency Treatment

If you should be in need of immediate medical attention, call the emergency services (police, fire services and ambulance) at 112. Emergency calls from pay phones are free of charge. Emergency medical services (including transportation by ambulance) are not free and you will be billed for any services rendered to you.

Emergency Numbers

Emergency services (police, fire services and ambulance): 112
Police (non-emergencies): 0900 - 8844

General tips

To further increase your safety, we recommend the following:

- People are in general safe day and night and can walk safe on the streets, also in the evenings. In rare cases groups of drunk young people may harass single pedestrians in the center of town or bus station at night. It's best to keep a low profile and go out in (small) groups rather than as a single person.
- In a deserted street, it is best to walk in the pools of light.
- Do not carry large amounts of cash money.
- Be careful when withdrawing money from ATMs in lonely places, by preference during daylight.
- Keep your personal belongings close to your body and in front of you.
- Avoid isolated underground stations and poorly lit tram and bus stops, especially at night.
- Avoid isolated train carriages.
- Be aware of cyclists, in particular in the center of town. They come from every corner, and often don't respect traffic rules
- Use licensed taxis only. You recognize these by the blue registration plate.
- Avoid confrontational situations.
- Do not leave any valuables in your car.
- It is compulsory to use your safety belt while driving.
- Do not pick up hitchhikers.
- Always cross the road at a zebra crossing, if possible. Make sure you look both ways, as traffic in Holland drives and rides on the right!
- All tap water in the Netherlands is drinkable, so you don't need to buy bottled water.

One should pay attention for pickpockets as a traveler and a foreigner, as one attracts more attention as a target than local people. Be aware of pickpockets on airports, the railway stations and the public transport from the airport to Amsterdam and Utrecht, international trains to Belgium and Germany, as well as on market places and other heavily crowded areas. They often operate in groups of 2 to 3 people. One to take away your attention by addressing you, bumping into you, or offering assistance, another one removing laptop case or other luggage, or pilfering your pockets. Similar tactics are applied at ATMs or ticket machines.

Dutch Health Care Insurance System

The medical care sector in The Netherlands is based on a referral system which requires patients to see a local general practitioner first. Medical specialists will generally only see those patients who have been referred to them by a general practitioner.

The Dutch National Health Service does not cover visitors to the Netherlands. It is therefore recommended to obtain an estimate of the cost involved before receiving any services. It is also important to telephone the doctor's office for an appointment.

Dutch Medical Care

Dutch medical care is of high quality and is comparable to the medical care one finds throughout Western Europe. Diagnostic laboratories and specialists in all fields of medicine are available. Hospitals are well-equipped, and maternity hospitals and many clinics are available. Most doctors and dentists speak English.

Most medicines are available locally. They may not, however, be of the same brand as those used in other countries and prices are generally higher. Tourists should bring a supply of the medicine they know they will need whilst abroad and provide proper documentation.

Mobile Calling

When in Holland, you may use the Dutch network with your own mobile telephone. The costs for mobile telephone calls depend on your own service provider. You can also buy a prepaid phone card. These cards are available at various prices at supermarkets, post

offices, gas stations, tobacconists and phone shops.

International Dialing Codes

If you want to call a telephone number in Holland from abroad, dial +31 first, followed by the area code (without the first 0), and the local number. If you want to call a number in another country from Holland, dial the **country code**.

Internet

Holland has numerous places where you can use a computer with internet access, including internet cafés, libraries and almost any hotel. Nowadays many restaurants, lunch rooms, coffee shops and cafes also offer free WiFi services.

Post Offices

Most post offices are open from Monday to Friday between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Only the major post offices are open on Saturdays. Services offered by the post office include sending letters and packages, buying stamps, postcards, stationery, telephone cards and public transport cards, and withdrawing cash from an ATM. International mail may be deposited in any mailbox, provided the item weighs less than two kilograms. If the parcel weighs more, you will have to send it from a post office.

Opening hours

Shops

Most shops are opened every day from around 9 a.m. until 5.30pm. On Monday mornings, shops often don't open until around noon. Most towns and cities have a shopping night when shops are opened until 9pm. This is usually on a Thursday.

Every Dutch city has its own rules for shopping on Sundays. Dates are available at the local tourist information (VVV). In most big cities, supermarkets are open every day until 10pm, except on Sunday's when they close around 5.30pm. In other parts of the country, supermarkets are usually opened until 8pm on weekdays and Saturdays, with varying opening times on Sundays.

Banks & Post Offices

Most banks and post offices are open from Monday to Friday between 9am and 5pm. Only major banks and post offices are open on Saturday. GWK Travelex is open every day of the week. Most GWK Travelex offices are located nearby train and bus stations.

Euro

Holland is one of the seventeen euro countries. Even though all of these countries issue their own euro coins, all coins and notes are legal tender in all euro countries. There are eight coins (€ 0.01, € 0.02, € 0.05, € 0.10, € 0.20, € 0.50, € 1 and € 2) and seven notes (€ 5, € 10, € 20, € 50, € 100, € 200 and € 500). Very few shops, restaurants, etc., accept the € 500 note. Small shops and supermarkets do not accept the € 200 and € 100 notes either. When you pay in cash, the amount is rounded off to the nearest € 0.05.

ATMs

If you have a foreign bank card with a Cirrus logo you can get money from an Automatic Teller Machine (ATM). Some ABN AMRO bank ATMs also accept cards with the PLUS logo. Also check your card and the ATM for EDC, EC and Maestro logos. Of course, you can also use most credit cards to obtain money from an ATM. Even the smallest villages offer many ATMs, which usually operate 24 hours per day.

Changing Money

You can exchange money at banks, post offices and exchange offices in Holland. Many hotels also offer this facility. And, of course, you can easily get money with your debit card from one of the many ATMs located throughout Holland.

Tipping

In The Netherlands, Value Added Tax and service charges are included in your check in hotels, restaurants, shops and taxis. Tips for extra service are always appreciated but not required. It is customary to give taxi drivers and waiters a tip of about 10 percent. Many public restrooms have an attendant who is usually tipped EUR 0,50.

NOTES MOVING AWAY

