

What challenged you?

Heard nothing here that refers to what is happening at grass roots ^{churches} together / local level. How does the energy here get down to the action & implementation in the pews.

How do we change churches together groups
How do we get groups locally to pray together.

To worship with others with no preceptors

Really listening to young people

Being authentic

Is Jesus in your church,

Discipleship - how do we make real discipleship?

Can we produce a simple understanding of each denomination

Not to be as defensive about our own 'denomination'

Do we need 'visible' unity

Do we need to have some of the ecumenical conversations about Baptism / Eucharist / Authority etc but with a wider

consultation and engagement of pentecostal / new churches etc.

What challenged you?

THE INSIGHTS AND THOUGHTS OF THE YOUTH DELEGATION

DIFFERENT STYLES OF WORSHIP

NOISE LEVELS OF MUSIC

LACK OF BALANCE IN WORSHIP STYLES

SIMILARITIES OF WHAT IS IMPORTANT IN OUR FAITH

THE NEED FOR A 'DEEPER' CONVERSATION

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- The noise & music ^{too loud!} & endless repetition of verses
(but I sit there & let it happen). Lack of theology in hymns.
Too much & too intrusive. More variety needed.
- The dullness of the president's parade. Brute groups
- (tho' some enjoyed this ^{more})
Questions seemed "dumbed". Video ^{didn't} clear. Too long? jarred
- Are we going to get out of our comfort zones & welcome the "strange"?
- The statements from the young people 'to Jesus on the outside, knocking at the door'? + "Who is inside?"
- Desire to know more about Orthodox & Pentecostal in my own locality.
- Realisation that I am not young - challenges are different for & from them.
- Are we forgetting "worship" people?
The encouragement the young people gave each other ^{- we can all learn from this.}
- Lack of inclusive language in hymns.
- No recognition that personal leadership & authority is so often male - this is still a huge challenge for the Church (all of us)
- Pentecostal views + lack of awareness of Trinity.
- No mention of great challenge of climate change - yet
* we say we believe in a Creator ...?

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Feedback sheet from Wednesday small groups, CTE Forum 2015.

The P.A. system! - not always helping us.

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What challenged you?

Group 2.4

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Breaking bread together - can't break bread unless united
- should break bread to be united

young peoples attitude towards unity

Unity in action - just get on with it

breaking barriers. meeting others for first time can be difficult.

how do we hear young people all the time?

We need to intergrate young people in everything not just when we give them a space at the front

listening - we had to listen a lot, but didn't get listened to.

What now?

Experiencing other denominations. can't fully understand unless you properly experience the way they do things.

young people "flown in" for their session, not from within the forum. Young people with a very specific experience, not those you find everyday in the pews. Would be valuable to hear from. young people within

false unity - haven't explored our differences

Unity is about more than smiling and getting on but discussing what we disagree

What challenged you?

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- Ability to go beyond superficial
- How to ^{continue} relate away from Ipswich
- Local contexts - National context
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What challenged you?

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- Challenged by the commitment and faith of the young people. How do we take this passion back to our 'home' situation where the church leaders need to catch this vision.
- Four different Lutheran churches, previously not in good relationship, met together at this conference and agreed to have a meeting to prepare for co-operation between us in celebrating 500 years since the Reformation.
- Excited by Young People BUT will we include them more fully in our church life day to day.
- Music can be a barrier when it should be redeemed and used for mission.
- Don't fall to the lowest common denominator until you hardly believe in anything.

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1. The Faith and Honesty of the Young People.
2. The Passion for the faith and the challenge to the churches to listen to the young people.
3. Whether Pentecostal churches are willing to engage fully with other mainstream denominations.
4. The diversity of churches now with CTE and the challenge to engage with them.
5. To be open and willing to listen.
6. CTE to move beyond being a 'Talking Shop' to an active group committed to unity and action.
7. To avoid fragmentation and danger of "like-minded people".
8. Meeting the expectations of Christian education in church through chaplaincy and assemblies etc.
9. The challenge to trust young people.
10. Continue to walk in faith together.

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To remember our common roots.

^{to Churches together}
Commitment here, but what of C. Together @ grass roots?

Not the experience of C. together on ground → How do the two merge?

Youth - will they be here next forum? Must be! This will be challenging,
* Humility needed at all levels to share together + not prejudice.

Why aren't the Church leaders here? Is this not important.

Been challenging to experience Orthodoxy. And their firmness in

doctrine. We can get wishy washy in doctrine, will take this away.

Learned + been challenged by
Community of living + dead - need to look at this.

Unity + awkwardness, (division) eg Catholic + communion,
offer hurt to God.

But in our ~~the~~ brokenness we can become something.

Urgency in what we need to do together. Laying road to continue

Journeing together. We want to make

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further
on.

(PTO)



How to unite/communicate with those who don't want to be churches together?
Churches

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What challenged you?

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- That some streams see me as 'outside' the church.
- That I haven't been able to discuss 'stuff' - the issues that 'divide' us.
- That some of us aren't taking the real challenges facing the church seriously.
- Practical issues 'on the chalk face' haven't been discussed.
- To work in mission, where I am, with others - its sometimes easier to do it alone, but I've been challenged, where I am, to do it together.
- Not to have dealt with some of the things that ^{were} left unsaid - our deeper relationships may have enabled this.
- The real life pressure on our young people.
- The perspective of the young person who found a church that didn't want to help the lonely person.
- Confused by the purpose of the forum... there are issues that are fringing us which we've missed an opportunity to discuss.
- As a young person I was asked if I was going to be speaking - I wasn't, and it seemed that people thought that might be the only reason I would be here - a bit patronizing - shouldn't young people be present anyway?
- That some things discussed in 2s and 3s weren't then discussed in the wider forum.
- That we've been steered away from potentially awkward conversations.
- That there seemed to be a fear of Pentecostalism.

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- How to maintain the involvement of the young people.
- " " integrate young people more fully into the Forum.
- Committed structures do not attract young people.
- Place of Facebook & Twitter
- The difficulty of finding approaches that are accepted across the denominations.
- "What price are we prepared to pay for unity?"
Could this question be put to the Presidents at the next Forum?

What challenged you?

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1. To all share the eucharist together
2. To break down our preconceptions:
3. To go and attend new & pentecostal churches.
4. Bring ecumenism into the fore and not as an add-on.

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What challenged you? GROUP # 19

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- How to think strategically about enabling young people to come together with large groups of other youngsters for formative Christian experience.
- How to think long term: ideas which one generation could not bring to fulfilment are being had by a subsequent generation which might be able to make them happen.
- How to end competitiveness.
- ++ Justin - it's better if we don't organise centrally
- Trust the Holy Spirit
- ~~There's~~ time! Change can take years.
- ++ Gregorius "Division is a scandal"
 - but even as we say that we cause division by behaviour especially structural behaviour
- We heard what was good about our denominations but ~~is~~ some critical perspective on what blocks e.g. evangelism, ecumenism would have been good
- Over use of buzz groups
- The technology! It may be that the system needs upgrading - we think the CTE operators of this did a GREAT job.
We'd also recommend, 'TURN OFF YR MOBILES' notice.

What challenged you?

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YOUNG PEOPLE'S CHALLENGE
TO US ADULTS ABOUT HOW
WE RESPOND TO THEIR
NEEDS AND SUPPORT THEM.

HUGH OSGOOD'S REMINDER
ABOUT THE REALITY OF
WHERE WE ARE REGARDING
EUCCHARISTIC SHARING.

YOUTHFUL ENTHUSIASM
ABOUT WHAT THE CHURCH
SHOULD BE OFFERING

What challenged you?

ie. individual churches
at - actions
designers
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Where do we go as a church - be home in our own tradition or change, or try + do both?

Challenged to listen, especially to young people.

Challenge is to equip people - all people - our lay people, etc, to be evangelist, who can share + live their faith

"Unity by walking" with all its contradictions + uncertainty of where we are going

~~Beliefs~~ Beliefs v Belonging

Are our churches offering a place where young people can grow + take on leadership roles.

Challenge is how we hold on to what has been experienced in this forum + what the young person experienced at the eucharistical youth gathering? Will our regular church experience squash it out of us?

Music ~~is~~ has been good - but a challenge not having a greater variety.

Challenge to go back + enthuse people after this conference

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and human

- ① How, with few material resources, do we achieve our vision?
- ② The need to understand Churches we don't yet know
- ③ The Revolution image - is Christ locked out of our Churches?
we are not focussing enough on the intermediate generations.
- ④ How do we maintain momentum?
- ⑤ The need to keep focussing on what visible unity might look like?
- ⑥ To be enriched by the beauty in the others
- ⑦ The need to listen more.
- ⑧ The need to distinguish between the 'core modules' and the 'electives'.
- ⑨ Restricted access to Holy Communion.
- ⑩ Everything!

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Loud music. Jarring. All one kind — imperialism of one particular culture.

Q & A ^{president's session:} some gems but a lot rather trite.
Too long. Couldn't understand Greek archbishop.

~~Think seriously about~~

Need to think seriously about ecclesiology — different ^{or} visions of unity, ^{or} post-denominationalism?

Are the questions posed to the small groups the right ones?

~~Think~~

~~balance~~

Did the conference ^{agenda} ~~agenda~~ ~~reflect~~ reflect a fair balance between different traditions?

What challenged you?

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- How come 'LED BY THE SPIRIT' looks different for all of us - is he saying different things - how do we accept that we might be wrong about what the spirit is saying.
Some of us must be wrong!

↳ Discussion for next time?

- PERSECUTION hitting the orthodox church in particular.

Our suggestions

- We struggled with ~~all~~ ^{so many} the buzz groups in the main sessions.
↳ a few of them felt worthwhile.
- Not terrific format for asking questions of the panel
- We need more inclusive language in the hymns. (Noel has done a great job) But could we build in more worship styles from other churches.
- Could use more communal fun times?
- Could we have a love feast / Agape together? → first STEP towards communion?

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Feedback sheet from Wednesday small groups, CTE Forum 2015.

- Could CTE be bigger than england? → Invite everyone! ;)

What challenged you?

- Acting on our response to hearing the young people.
- Trust the journey and keep walking
- Staying patient with the loud music whilst others enjoyed it.
- Timing was very constrained - discussion groups

Challenge for the future

- * How do we get an understanding of the divisions (but without trying to solve them)
- * we'd love to know more about the underlying values of the churches involved.

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1. Issue of the involvement ~~with~~ ^{of} young people.
2. The attitude of the ~~Dictator~~ ^{sherlock} to communism. (revealed in a private conversation).
3. Being ^{more} hospitable to other forms of worship.

What challenged you?

"Pulling together" like rowing.

Good intentions but practical limitations, rules, etc.

Difficult to disengage ~~from~~ from current preoccupations.

How to make sure it's a real understanding we achieve.

Balance between life/works + faith/order.

Less denominational identity → vagueness about ecumenism.

Working out where we're called to be at a given time.

How do we respond when we disagree?

How can we see ecumenism as energy-giving, not draining?

Testimony regarding the pressures + anxieties of students.

Different understandings of certain words/phrases.

Limitations/rules imposed by denominations.

Struggled a bit to know what we're trying to do, here, at the Forum. The theme of listening is very creative + positive, but not always easy to just listen without ~~some~~ jumping to conclusions.

How do we take back what we've experienced and share it with our own denomination/community.

What challenged you?

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- * My own lack of exposure to diverse cultural + denominational expressions of faith at home
- * To use opportunities to connect with different people and to encourage others to connect
- Jesus - when I am lifted up I will draw all people to myself
- * If we can recognise we share a core of practice then do we need to continue to seek structural unity?
- * Challenge is to appreciate difference even within own denomination at home
- * What to do about age profile of churches, also recognising young people now
- * How to take the experience home - means of building bridges with different people
- * How to disciple within our own family, our young people at home
- * Looking for insight in how to handle diversity, once moved beyond being nice to each other. Go home with same problems I came with.
- * Is it OK to leave doctrine aside? when there are real differences

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- * Variety of Voices - don't have that variety in other structures
- * Justin's words about denominations and young people under 35 (Welby)
- * Conversation with young people
- * Nobody explained the change they would like to see
- * "We are the Church of the future" Young adult (team of 12)
- We are the Church of NOW!
- * Model for discussion / churches have been Urban, not rural

What challenged you?

The noise of the workshop groups. Very intrusive.

The buzz groups were really difficult to hear.

Buzz groups were challenging →

there wasn't enough time to reflect

Some questions were trivial - some were a real challenge

Will any of us act on what young people said?
- say from the university

Eucharistic unity not a priority

(quite sad). Eucharistic unity? Inclusion/exclusion

Challenge to listen to young people (e.g. Quaker model of ^{separate} meetings)

The Presidents' Question Time could

have been more integrated like a husbands

Rise in secularism, rise in busy-ness

The absent Presidents (not listening!)

- how important is this??

Call to martyrdom

Revelation - young person preaching Jesus is outside

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~~FIVE~~ MONDAY

Didn't know what to expect

significantly different from 3 yrs ago

less formal. Catholic presence

Challenged by lack of activity at home

The music; noise, words, awkward, v. challenging

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What challenged you?

- church has to become a youth movement because 90% of people come into church as children + teenagers - ~~66% leave as teenagers~~
- 60% of people who leave leave as teens + young adults.
- Building a community where everybody ~~then~~ are listened ~~for~~.
- can we invest everything we have in the ~~past~~ younger generation? (do we want to?)
- Share - LEP's?
 - ↳ Same spirit, different style + structure?
- can relationships be more important than structures?

What challenged you?

Involvement of young people in Orthodox liturgy?

Issue in Orthodoxy in Inter Church Dialogue?

Need to release the things that we have held onto for so long -
ep. Pope Francis has signalled the Orthodox Pope choose Easter

Are we looking at our differences or the BIG IMPORTANCE?

Things whereas to people outside the church we ALL ARE CHRISTIAN!!
and where do we draw the line? Because if you sweep things
under the carpet they come out later!!!

WHAT IS UNITY? - VISUAL UNITY? Definitely NOT UNIFORMITY.

Communion doesn't worry people outside the church (or most young people!)

Ecumenism will happen because of FRIENDSHIP rather than
Theologically!! - because they have journeyed together a shared

Common experience that most people don't have! - so we
need to present the opportunities for people to do this.