

Executive Board

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An international, ecumenical and proactive movement of women and men desiring to respond to current needs and situations faced by people and communities in the world through pastoral care and counselling

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Founded in 1979

Currently representing over 40 organizations in 35 countries

History

The International Council came into existence in 1979 at the first International Congress of reflective practitioners of pastoral care and counselling held in Edinburgh, Scotland. There had been gatherings from as early as 1972 of various European and American practitioners. In 1979 over 400 practitioners from across the globe gathered for the first international "congress". Since then, a congress has been held every four years:

1979 Edinburgh, Scotland
1983 San Francisco, California, USA
1987 Melbourne, Australia
1991 Noordwijkerhout, The Netherlands
1995 Toronto, Canada
1999 Accra, Ghana
2004 Bangalore, India
2007 (Dresden+) Krzywowa, Poland

to come

2011 Rotorua, NZ

Mission

ICPCC serves as a network of people who:

- Promote the reflective practice of pastoral care and counselling throughout the world
- Inform, educate and inspire practitioners in various contexts
- Enable practitioners to be resources for one another and to learn from each other's culture and traditions
- Support and advocate for the unique and essential dimension of spirituality in teaching and practice
- Develop relevant theories in the field and engage in interdisciplinary discourse
- Organize conferences, consultation and meetings in various parts of the world

Vision

Since the Accra Congress (1999) ICPCC has pursued a clarification and updating of its vision and mission for the 21st century.

We are convinced that together we may intensify and broaden the practice of pastoral and spiritual care and counselling by paying attention to social, cultural, political, economic and environmental aspects of our work.

It is important for us to engage constructively with our diversity, the multiple nature of our identity and our relations with people of many faiths in a shrinking world in which the struggle for territory and power is very real.

We seek to understand how pastoral traditions relate to longstanding and emerging spiritualities and religious faiths.

Membership

Organizations or individuals who have an active involvement in the practice and/or teaching of pastoral care and counselling are eligible for membership in the ICPCC. Applications for membership should be submitted to the Council office.

Member organizations appoint one representative to serve on the Council's General Assembly, which meets every four years at the Congress.

Member organizations support the work of the ICPCC through affiliation fees, which are based on the number of members in the organization or on pledges. No organization will be excluded from the ICPCC membership simply because of an inability to pay.