

**Trivia items for CEC 13th Assembly
Lyon, France, 15-20 July 2009**



(not sorted by date)

...Bonaventure, Aquinas and Lyon

The CEC assembly at Lyon opens with worship on 15 July 2009 in the parish church of St Bonaventure. The saint was a leading theologian at the Second Council of Lyon who strove to heal divisions between eastern and western Christianity. He died during the council in Lyon on 15 July 1274. His contemporary and friend, St Thomas Aquinas, had died in March 1274 whilst en route to the gathering.

... The fireworks planned for 14 July were cancelled due to the bad weather but have been postponed to 8 December for the Fête des Lumières?

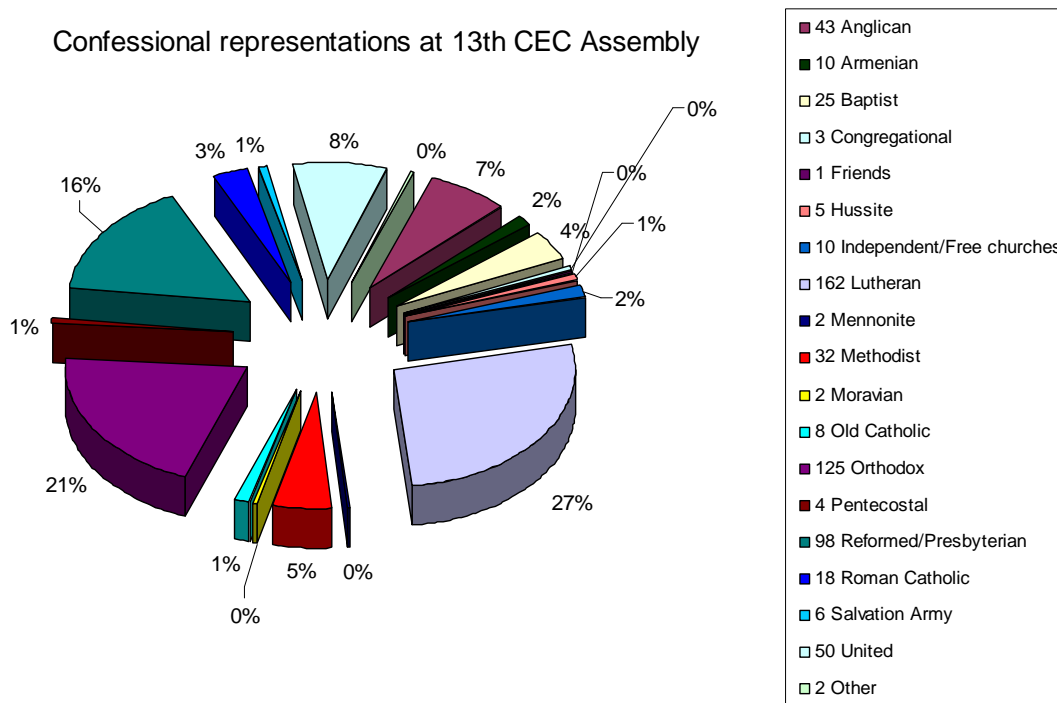
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...that we have already taken over 2000 pictures? View the best ones [here](#).

... Well over 6500 meals will be served during the Assembly

... There will be 9 coffee breaks over the duration of this Assembly and we are shying away from no expense by serving over 400 liters of coffee to keep our participants' vocal cords oiled.

...did you wonder about the confessional representation during the 13th Assembly? Find out more on this pie chart.



... That Alison Elliot, moderator of CEC's 13th Assembly, in 2004 became the first woman in history to serve as Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland. An elder in her communion, she was also the first mom-minister elected as Moderator since 1567.

...The Museum of Contemporary Art in Lyon, located just 100 meters from CEC's assembly hall, is open Wednesday to Sunday from 12 noon to 7 pm. The museum's café has a terrace overlooking the Parc Tête d'Or. Special exhibits currently feature works by artists Alan Vega and Jean-Luc Mylayne.

...Our Assembly veteran? Prof Dr Alexandros Papaderos from Crete, one of our speakers, has participated in every single CEC Assembly to this day.

...Catherine Inoubli and Damien Vercauteren, our CIS team, have laid 1,800km of network cable, installed 36 desktop computers complete with monitors and made 1,5GB of storage space available to the staff working on this Assembly.

...Dental care expenses will soar throughout Europe after this Assembly as the Church of Sweden kindly supplied 18kg of sweets for their stand in the agora space...

... The participants to this Assembly are working hard with over 9 hours of their time allocated to worship...

...In 1685 the Huguenots were expelled from Lyon following revocation of the Edict of Nantes, and their church of St Romain de Couzon was demolished. In 1793 the French revolutionary Committee of Public Safety laid siege to Lyon and proceeded to destroy monasteries, churches and the habitations of the Place Bellecour while ordering the population to leave the city forever. Participants in the CEC assembly will depart from the city on 21 July 2009; there is no word on plans for the conference centre.

...the assembly theme, "Called to the One Hope", is based on a letter that Saint Paul wrote from a prison cell? This great text on Christian unity is found in Ephesians 4:1-6.

...that the Cardinal Archbishop of Lyon also bears the title "Primate of the Gauls"? Julius Caesar famously reported that "All Gaul is divided into three parts", yet classical scholars doubt this was a reference to Orthodox, Catholics and Protestants.