

The 15th European Member Care Consultation

SWIMMING UPSTREAM

Providing member care to navigate the complex currents, obstacles and storms throughout life's journey



EMCC 2026 | Cervia, Italy | 20-23 April

You are warmly invited to EMCC 2026. We will be looking at the life of Simon Peter. Our backdrop of the Adriatic Sea in Cervia will give us an illustration of the environment that Peter was familiar with. As a fisherman, he knew about how and where to fish. He knew about the sudden storms which can come out of nowhere. There's so much more in his story and we look forward to unpacking this further with our different devotional speakers.

Plenary speakers:

Married couple Rev Dr Rob Hay and Sarah Hay will explore what it looks like to live, minister, lead and provide member care in a complex world. Complexity theory has not been applied to member care... until now. What postures and practices can we utilise, such as sensemaking and tentative certainty, to strengthen our own resilience and skills? How does it impact our member care strategy and provision?

Workshops:

We will be offering a wide range of workshops, some of which will be a 2-day track. We have some gifted, experienced speakers looking at issues such as: supporting people during seasons of emotional and physical exhaustion; how we as practitioners navigate through conflict, isolation, trauma and grief; what a theology of risk looks like, how we think about making decisions during risk, and how we help others manage fear and display courage.

We will also have a workshop track **specifically for professional counsellors, psychologists and mental health workers**, considering how to provide psychological assistance to broken relationships between adult TCKs and their mission parents.

Who is it for?

- Member Care workers in and from Europe, and further afield
- Mission Leaders
- Church leaders responsible for intercultural workers
- Those in training or starting out in pastoral care or member care
- Human Resources leaders and practitioners responsible for intercultural workers

Conference fees – Early Bird discount rates until 16th Jan 2026:

Single room: classic €490,00, superior €535,00

Twin room: classic €410,00, superior €455,00

Day rate for the whole conference: €325

Prices are per person. From 17th Jan, the prices go up – for more details visit our website!

For people who are on a limited budget, particularly if they have never been to an EMCC before and live in Italy or Eastern Europe, there are a limited number of scholarships available. Apply before 31st December 2025. See our website for the application form and details.

Bookings:

Bookings are open until 1st April 2026. Scan the QR code with your mobile phone or use the website link to get to the booking system.



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More information:

www.membercare.eu/emcc-2026

