



FINAL COMMUNIQUÉ OF THE CEVAA EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Montpellier, April 7–12, 2026

The Executive Council of Cevaa met from April 7 to 12, 2026, at the Protestant Institute of Theology in Montpellier, Cevaa's headquarters, under the presidency of Pastor Tehuarii Tevaea Pifao. The meeting brought together members present in person as well as those joining by videoconference with the Secretariat team. We experienced a strong time of communion and discernment, sharing a renewed desire to “turn our gaze together as a community to discern the path” to which the Lord is calling our Churches today. At the end of the meeting, structuring decisions for the future of our community were adopted, with each person contributing to nurture this dynamic of Churches in mission, in the awareness that unity is a living testimony at the heart of the world.

The discussions highlighted, with gratitude, the visible fruits of our shared commitment: Cevaa is currently supporting 12 scholarship recipients in theology and medicine. The Council approved five new scholarships to support the future of the Churches. Regarding projects, 14 have been completed, 15 are emerging, and 8 new projects are underway. An online training session gathered 75 participants, a sign of the vitality of our community. The Health Solidarity Program has advanced support to hospitals through the monitoring of 25 projects, corrective actions on some projects, a field visit, the launch of a newsletter, as well as plans for training and a financial seminar. Furthermore, a survey showed that our identity as Churches in mission needs to be better articulated; therefore, the Executive Council decided to request support from the FLAM Foundation to redesign our website.

With emotion, the Activities and Youth Pole prepared the 2026 International Youth Camp in Kpalimé, Togo: 74 young people from 31 Churches are expected for practical workshops and fraternal sharing. The Executive Council also welcomed with gratitude the evolution of the partnership with DM, a partnership that is changing without breaking. The new director of DM reaffirmed the desire to continue collaborating with Cevaa, even though financial contributions will cease. Several Swiss Churches remain with us, and together we will develop a new form of fellowship. The visit of a Member of Parliament Ms. Fanny Dombre-Coste was perceived as a valuable encouragement, opening perspectives to better promote and support Cevaa's actions; she committed to assisting us with public institutions, particularly regarding visa processes.

Aware of the challenges, especially financial ones, the members of the Executive Council demonstrated lucidity and responsibility, acknowledging the efforts already made and reaffirming their willingness to continue together on a path of faithfulness and solidarity. They

intend to stay the course while cautiously considering future operations through the establishment of a Finance Committee.

Unanimously, the Executive Council decided to maintain its headquarters in Montpellier after the renovation work scheduled to begin in July 2026, while also exploring the possibility of purchasing its own premises.

The Executive Council also decided to organize the next General Assembly by videoconference on October 6 and 7, 2026. It already invites each Church to prepare actively for this important time of sharing and decision-making.

On Sunday, April 12, the council members present in Montpellier divided into two groups to participate in Sunday worship services at UNEPREF La Comédie and the United Protestant Church of France (EPUdF) in Nîmes. These celebrations, reflecting the face of the Universal Church, were greatly appreciated.

At the close of this meeting—also marked by moments of contemplation and gratitude for the beauty of creation at the Jardin des Plantes—the Executive Council, together with the General Secretary, departs united, encouraged, and determined, carrying with conviction this word that commits us all: it is not the size of our resources that will shape our future, but the strength of our fraternal covenant in Christ. Therefore, we call on each of our Churches to continue engaging with faith, courage, and creativity in this shared mission, to strengthen the bonds that unite us, and to bear witness together, in our respective contexts, to the living hope within us.

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