

PEF 2023 ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

In an atmosphere of fraternal joy and visible anticipation, some 140 delegates from 30 nations of Europe came together for three days of mutual edification and encouragement on the occasion of the Annual Conference of the Pentecostal European Fellowship (PEF), held in the capital of Poland and graciously hosted by a local Pentecostal church in the center of Warsaw, on March 8-10, 2023.

PEF Chairman Marek Kaminski was the keynote speaker of the opening session on the conference theme, **KEEP GOD'S FIRE BURNING!**, highlighting the indispensable ministry of the Holy Spirit in our lives and ministries.

Every plenary session featured dynamic times of celebration led by the Warsaw Lighthouse Worship Team and uplifting messages brought by Eliseo Fragnito (Italy), Siegfried Tomaszewski (Germany/USA) and Viktor Kulyak (Moldova), encouraging the participants to be renewed and empowered by the Holy Spirit. Special times of prayer were dedicated to the tragic situation (with fresh reports from Bishop M. Panoshko), to the Nordic region and the Balkans (with instructive presentations by Ruth Hasselgren and Daniel Grabar).

Three Pentecostal national leaders (Øystein Gjerme, Norway; Friedhelm Holthuis, Germany and Leonid Biruk, Belarus) led an enriching forum on the topic: "The Work of the Holy Spirit Today and Tomorrow". A second forum was greatly appreciated, with different perspectives on "the Future of Pentecostalism" shared by Machiel Jonker (The Netherlands), Zbyszek Zarožny (Poland), Dumitrita M. (Moldova) and Daniel Costanza (Belgium).

Also, two specialized tracks were well attended, one for PEF/PYE (youth network) leaders and another for PEM (missions network), respectively moderated by Chairman M. Kaminski and Jasmine Ovaska (PEM administrator).

On March 10th, the annual General Assembly was conducted, featuring encouraging reports and plans for 2024, including the historical induction of a new member of PEF in Israel, represented by Eliezer Muzychenko. Also the General Assembly adopted an official Statement on the situation in Ukraine.

The closing Communion service, presided by Arto Hämäläinen (former PEF Chairman), was a powerful reminder that our unity in Christ flows from His ultimate and complete sacrifice. In his closing remarks, Chairman Kaminski expressed thanks to God for His blessing upon the entire Conference, challenging all of us to **KEEP GOD'S FIRE BURNING** as we look forward to next year's Conference!

-PEF Office

