



Innovative Practice for Sharing Food
- **Research, Practice and Reflection**

21st November 2025

(9.00 – 12.00 CET; 8.00 – 11.00; GMT, 10.00 – 13.00 EET)

Introduction

In a time of food poverty, the question of the diaconal role in food sharing with affected people is increasingly questioned. On the one hand diaconal food sharing is an area for innovative practice, including political practice. From a diaconal perspective, sharing food takes on a deeper meaning against the horizon of sharing a meal together, as the embodiment of community or solidarity. This intrinsic connection is visible in the Eucharist. The webinar will therefore pay attention to theological reflection on food sharing. The webinar will also explore local practices of food sharing as community building and as support for action for change.

Joining Instructions

Zoom Link

There is no need to register, you may join by using the link:

<https://diak-fi.zoom.us/j/68978790188>

Webinar Web Page

<https://www.diak.fi/en/calendar/code-forum-international-webinars-academic-year-2025-2026/>

Speakers

Rosa Huotari is a postdoctoral researcher in Urban Theology at Helsinki University, Finland.

Erica Meijers is a teacher and researcher at the Protestant Theological University in the Netherlands.

Christine Wenona is the professor for Practical Theology at the Goethe-University, Frankfurt, Germany and is a volunteer at a Vesper Church.

James Henderson is the 'Your Local Pantry' Network Coordinator

Project Presentations

Vesper Church is in many places in Germany and here is an article in English:

<https://lutheranworld.org/news/vesper-church-food-body-and-soul>

Your Local Pantry is a UK wide network of local initiatives linked to Church Action on Poverty (<https://www.yourlocalpantry.co.uk> – also on Facebook and YouTube)

Programme (CET Times)

9.00 – 9.10

Introduction to the event.

Introduction to the first session and the speakers.

09.10 – 9.55 – Theological Reflection on Diaconal Food Sharing:

- ✓ **Rosa Huotari** *Faith-based food assistance and the aim for social inclusion*
- ✓ **Erica Meijers** *Diaconia and the eucharist in urban contexts
a practice of grace, desire and resistance*

Short plenary.

9.55 – 10.20 – Break out rooms.

10.20 – 10.35 – Coffee break ☕

Introduction to the second session and the speakers.

10.35 – 11.15 – Practical Initiatives in Food Sharing

- ✓ **Christine Wenona** *‘Vesper Church’ as an example of church action in food sharing – practice and reflection (Germany)*
- ✓ **James Henderson:** *‘Your Local Pantry’ – Dignity, Choice and Hope (United Kingdom)*

Short plenary

11.15 - 11.35 – Break out rooms.

11.35 – 11.55 – Feedback from the groups and panel discussion.

11.55 – 12.00

Webinar Closing.

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