

8th International Diaconia Webinar

v4 update

21st November 2025

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

Innovative Practice for Sharing Food - Research, Practice and Reflection

Programme

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

- ✓ **Katri Valve:** *'Shared Table' as a Contribution to a Convivial Economy (Finland)*
- ✓ **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.

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/>

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<https://international-diaconia-webinars.in.howspace.com/welcome>

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Speakers

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

Erica Meijers is Associate Professor for Diaconal Studies at the Protestant Theological University in the Netherlands.

Katri Valve is the Head of Diaconia for Vantaa Parish Association, Finland

James Henderson is the national coordinator for Your Local Pantry in the UK

Project Presentations

Shared Table is organised by Vantaa Parish Association and Vantaa Municipality in Finland. (<https://yhteinenpoyta.vantaa.fi/en/topical/news/finlands-first-municipal-food-waste-terminal-opened-ten-years-ago-havukoski-vantaa> - also on Facebook)

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)