



The Adult Gathering is a six-day event for Christian educators including principals, leaders, mission coordinators and board governors of schools. The focus is to develop a deepening knowledge and practice, of Christian education with an emphasis on redemptive engagement, mission and service.

You can find the GCSN web page here: <https://global-christian-schools.net>

## GCSN – Gathering 2023, France

<b>Event:</b>	Global Christian Schools Network Adult Gathering 2023
<b>Location:</b>	Colmar, France
<b>Dates:</b>	Saturday October 21 <sup>st</sup> – Saturday October 28 <sup>th</sup> , 2023
<b>Theme:</b>	Serving with Kindness
<b>Costs:</b>	Prices are in Euro

Single Room (1 person, 1 bed) 1500€ per person

Double Room (2 person, 1 bed) 1100€ per person

Twin Room (2 person, 2 bed) 1100€ per person

**Cost includes:**

- Accommodation from Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October to Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October (check-in Saturday 21<sup>st</sup>, check-out Saturday 28<sup>th</sup>)
- Breakfasts from Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> to Saturday 28<sup>th</sup>
- Lunches for Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>, Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>, Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> and Friday 27<sup>th</sup>
- Dinners for Saturday 21<sup>st</sup>, Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> and Friday 27<sup>th</sup>
- Morning and afternoon teas for Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>, Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 26<sup>th</sup>, and Friday 27<sup>th</sup>
- War Memorial visit, bus and entry fee

**Cost excludes:**

- Flights
- Airport transfers
- Dinners for Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>, Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>, Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> and Friday 27<sup>th</sup>
- Extra nights must be booked directly with the hotel

Spouse or friend wishing to share room and NOT attend the Gathering are welcome to join, the cost is 750€ per person.

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- Breakfasts from Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> to Saturday 28<sup>th</sup>
- Dinners for Saturday 21<sup>st</sup>, Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> and Friday 27<sup>th</sup>
- War Memorial visit, bus and entry fee

**Cost excludes:**

- Flights
- Airport transfers
- Most lunches, all morning teas, all afternoon teas and most dinners
- Extra nights must be booked directly with the hotel

Local Guest – no accommodation needed 450€

Cost **excludes:**

- Travel and accommodation
- Travel and Health insurance

Cost **includes:**

- Lunches for Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>, Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>, Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> and Friday 27<sup>th</sup>
- Dinners for Saturday 21<sup>st</sup>, Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> and Friday 27<sup>th</sup>
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Local Guest – half week from Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> to Friday 27<sup>th</sup>

– no accommodation needed 200€

Cost **excludes:**

- Travel and accommodation
- Travel and Health insurance

Cost **includes:**

- Lunches for Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> and Friday 27<sup>th</sup>
- Dinner for Friday 27<sup>th</sup>
- Morning and afternoon teas for Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 26<sup>th</sup>, and Friday 27<sup>th</sup>

Participation-should-not be hindered by financial constraints. Please let us know if you need support or can support others.

<b>Travel to Event:</b>	Costs of travel to accommodation in Colmar, travel and health insurance, are the responsibility of the participant. The closest international airport is Zurich, Switzerland. There are good train connections to Colmar. Another option is to fly to a major European airport like Paris, Amsterdam or Frankfurt and connect to Strasbourg or EuroAirport Basel-Mulhouse-Freiburg, the nearest local airports. Pick-up by minibus from these local airports can be organised on request.
<b>Arrival:</b>	Participants should plan to arrive at the hotel on the day of Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> October and check-in after 3:00pm.
<b>Departure:</b>	Participants should plan to depart from hotel on the day of Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> October and check-out by 10:00am.
<b>Accommodation:</b>	A number of hotels have been reserved to accommodate all participants. The hotels are close to the city centre and an easy walk to the meeting hall, 'The Catherinettes'.
<b>Keynote Speakers:</b>	There will be three keynote speakers who will address the theme "Serving with Kindness". Prior to the Gathering, a brief synopsis from the speakers will be made available. Speakers are yet to be confirmed.
<b>Table Talks:</b>	Table Talks are five around the table small group discussions led by table talk leaders representing the Americas, Africa, Europe, Asia and Australia. Each participant will engage with three different Table Talks. The leader will articulate how Mission and

Service operates in their particular school/region and how that is sequenced throughout the school(s).

- Colmar:** Located in Eastern France and perfectly situated at the crossroads of Europe's major highways between Strasbourg France, Freiburg Germany and Basel Switzerland. This is a picture-perfect town, with its famous half-timbered houses, canals, overflowing flowerpots, amazing cuisines, bustling street cafes and is nestled amongst renowned vineyards, Colmar is an outstanding microcosm of the Alsace region.
- Cultural Experience:** As part of the cultural experience, participants will visit the Mémorial Alsace Moselle and the Concentration camp Natzweiler. These two important sites are close to each other and help visitors to understand the bloody history of Alsace. By God's grace, after three wars between 1870 and 1945, the arch-enemies Germany and France were able to find peace and become friends. <https://www.memorial-alsace-moselle.com/en> and <https://www.struthof.fr/en/le-site/le-kl-natzweiler>
- The Catherinettes:** 'The Catherinettes' is to be the meeting hall for the Gathering. This beautiful building was formally a convent founded by the Dominican Sisters of St. Catherine. It is located in the city centre and an easy walk from the hotel.
- Mentoring:** Each participant is to be paired with a student from the Student Gathering to mentor.
- Weather Forecast:** Colmar in October may be the first month of snowfall. The average maximum temperature is around 15°C (59°F), dropping to an average minimum temperature of around 6.1°C (43°F) at night.

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## GCSN Principles:

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**Fellowship:**

To express and experience our fellowship in Christ

**Commitment:**

To enhance our commitment to servanthood as image bearers of the Triune God; to live our lives humbly serving and being served.

**Sharing:**

To share our servanthood thinking and practice in different cultures and locations; the unity of the Body of Christ with diverse expressions

**Encouragement:**

To encourage leaders and young people to live a life of servanthood and responsive discipleship

**Equipping:**

To equip our school communities to engage with people all over the world in mutually redemptive and God-honouring ways.

**Servanthood:**

To learn to serve one another as an attitude of the heart, a decisive responsibility of the mind and an engagement in relational action.

**Prayer and Action:**

Our common prayerful desire is that this humble engagement in serving will involve each family in our school communities, reaching to our regional communities, our nations and the world.

To learn more about the GCSN principles, click here: <https://global-christian-schools.net>



Please note: The Quartier Libre / I love Mulhouse are locations of the Student Gathering mission projects.

GCSN Adult Gathering Program as of 6 2023

Sat 21 Oct		Sun 22 Oct	Mon 23 Oct	Tue 24 Oct	Wed 25 Oct	Thu 26 Oct	Fri 27 Oct	Sat 28 Oct
	7:00am	Breakfast and Prayer						
	8:00am	Service of Worship in Word and Song at the Catherinettes  Attend Churches in Colmar in smaller groups. Church services starts at 10:00am	Devotion & Singing	Devotion & Singing	Devotion & Singing	Devotion & Singing	Devotion & Singing	Devotion & Singing
	8:30am  Keynote Speaker 45 mins each  Table Talks 30mins each		(Keynote) Name Country Presentation  (Table Talks) 15 minute input; 30 minute discussion 5 options Americas; Africa; Europe; Asia; Australia	Students' Creative items; songs, videos from sending school, Nominated schools	(Keynote) Name Country Presentation  (Table Talks) 15 minute input; 30 minute discussion 5 options Americas; Africa; Europe; Asia; Australia	(Keynote) Name Country Presentation  (Table Talks) 15 minute input; 30 minute discussion 5 options Americas; Africa; Europe; Asia; Australia	Students' Creative items; songs, videos from sending school, nominate schools	Self-initiated Conversations and Farewells (Catherinettes)  Check-out 10am
	10:30am		Morning Tea		Morning Tea	Morning Tea	Morning Tea	
12:00pm to 6:00pm  Check-in and Registration at Hotel			Regional Reports x3 10 mins each  Sharing Service & Mission Ideas and Actions Table discussions	Memorial Tour  concentration camp Natzweiler / Mémorial Alsace Moselle)	Regional Reports x3 10 mins each  Sharing Service & Mission Ideas and Actions Table discussions	Group discussion and reflection on Keynote inputs, responses and actions  Nominated person reports group response and action to total gathering	What are we taking Away?  What are we leaving in Colmar – a message of encouragement, Hope and Gratitude	
	12:30pm	Lunch (Meistermann)	Lunch (Meistermann)	Lunch (Packed Lunch)	Lunch (Meistermann)	Lunch (Meistermann)	Lunch (Meistermann)	
		Getting to know Colmar Walking Tour and Colmar History & Culture Presentation  (Groups will rotate between Walking Tour and History & Culture Presentation)	Regional Reports	Memorial Tour  concentration camp Natzweiler / Mémorial Alsace Moselle)	Group Brainstorming of Mission and Service purposes, plans and needs  Feedback to All	Discuss plans for the future of GCSN Input of purposes of GCSN  Group discussions and reporting	Student Gathering joins Adult Gathering from 3pm  Reports from Student Missions Groups – Q and A  One on One – Mentoring and fellowship with students	
	3:30pm		Afternoon Tea		Afternoon Tea	Afternoon Tea	Afternoon Tea	
	4:00pm		Free Time / fellowship with locals		Free Time / fellowship with locals	Free Time / fellowship with locals	Fellowship with students	
Welcome Dinner at Restaurant Meistermann  Purpose and History of GCSN	6:00pm	Dinner (Own Choice)	Dinner (Own Choice)	Local Culture Evening including Dinner (Meistermann)	Dinner (Own Choice)	Dinner (Own Choice)	Final Dinner Adults and Students Together (At the Catherinettes and catered)	
	7:30pm	Free Time	Free Time		Free Time	Free Time / Opportunity to meet with local pastors and church leaders to share about Christian education.		