

Report for LCJE Finland 2007-2011
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During the years 2007-2011, the activities of LCJE Finland, Juutalaisevankelioimisen Suomen työryhmä (JUST), have consisted of two regular annual gatherings.

In spring we have had a prayer evening and in October-November a “Jesus to Israel” seminar.

The foreign visitors at the seminars were:

2007: Jean-Paul Rempp, France

2008: Ramez Ansara and Avgil Avneri, Israel

2009: Steve Cohen, The Apple of His Eye, USA

2010: Rafi Shimon and Naijjab Attiyah, Israel.

The themes of the seminars were, for example, “The Challenges of Jewish Evangelism in France”, “The Messianic Jews, yesterday, today and tomorrow,” “The Next Generation”.

In the “Jesus to Israel” seminars we had some 70-90 people attending during the day. The program consisted of lectures, discussion, workshops, prayer, Hebrew music and an open-evening meeting.

The JUST group has had meetings approximately 4-6 times a year. We form a network of many Jewish mission organisations in Finland. Since November 2009, the LCJE Finland has also belonged to the Evangelical Alliance in Finland (Suomen Evankelinen Allianssi).

In 2008 we published in Finnish the Report: Jewish Evangelism: A Call to the Church (ed.) Tuvya Zaretsky. Lausanne Occasional Paper No 60. (2004) and the Willowbank Declaration on the Christian Gospel and the Jewish People. Juutalaisevankeliointi – kutsu seurakunnalle. Uudistunut näky ja kutsu. Toim. Johannes Haapalainen. Julk. JUST Juutalaisevankelioimisen Suomen työryhmä.

Juha- Pekka Rissanen took part in the LCJE Europe Conference November 15-17, 2010, in Krakow.

The Chair of our working group has been Rev. Juha-Pekka Rissanen for 2007-2010 and Rev. Juhani Koivisto from 2010 onwards.

Last year we had the theme “The Next Generation” in the “Jesus to Israel” seminar. We think that our main challenge in our vision and work is the next generation, both in the Jewish world and in our own country.

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