

## Western Europe District

*Mainland Europe Easter Special Meetings- 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> April 2026*

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***“Earnestly Contending for the Faith”***

*Jude 1:3*

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*Venue — Camping Pian d'Amora, Coreglia Antelminelli, Lucca, Italy*

### OVERVIEW

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The Mainland Europe Region of the Western Europe District, gathered for its maiden **Easter Special Meetings 2026** at **Camping Pian d'Amora**, nestled in the hills of Coreglia Antelminelli in the Province of Lucca, in the Tuscany region of Central Italy. The meetings drew participants from across the Mainland Europe, comprising the Republic of Ireland, Germany, France, Spain, Austria, Malta, Netherlands, Romania and Italy, joined by brethren from the United Kingdom. Set in the heart of Passion Week, the gathering was anchored in the theme: **“Earnestly Contending for the Faith”** (Jude 1:3), a timely and Spirit-inspired call to stand firm in the full Apostolic Faith foundational doctrines of salvation, sanctification, and the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

Coreglia Antelminelli is a municipality situated in the Province of Lucca, approximately 70 kilometres northwest of Florence and 25 kilometres north of Lucca. The venue, perched amid the beautiful Tuscan hills, offered a lovely terrace with panoramic views, providing a tranquil and inspiring setting for worship, fellowship, and the study of God’s Word over Easter days.



*Panoramic view from the venue terrace*



*Meeting Hall — Camping Pian d’Amora*

## ARRIVAL

The spirit of anticipation that preceded the meeting was evident in the early arrivals. A small group of five brethren made their way to Coreglia Antelminelli ahead of the official programme, with arrivals recorded on the 31st of March and the 1st of April 2026. The majority of attendees arrived on Thursday, 2nd April, with additional brethren arriving on Friday, 3rd April as the programme was already under way. With Delegates from Ireland, Germany, France, Spain, Romania, the Netherlands, Malta, Austria, Italy, and the United Kingdom, the family of God converged on this quiet corner of Tuscany with hearts full of expectation.



**Brethren arriving at Ghivizzano-Coreglia Train Station**



**Welcome to Coreglia Antelminelli**



*Brethren arriving at Airport*



Welcome party at Camping Pian d'Amora

## Thursday, 2nd April 2026 — Opening Prayer Meeting

### *Virtual Prayer Meeting | 20:00 – 21:00*

Although the majority of attendees were still in transit or settling into the venue, the retreat was to open in the spirit of prayer on Thursday evening. A virtual prayer meeting on personal ground was set in place, for both on-site and in-transit brethren for intercession and consecration. This set a reverent and expectant tone for all that was to follow throughout the days ahead.

## Friday, 3rd April 2026 — Good Friday

Good Friday was a full and richly blessed day of spiritual engagement. The day began with communal **breakfast at the hotel** from 07:00 to 09:00 being the first of many mealtimes that would become

cherished occasions of fellowship and community throughout the retreat. Following breakfast, the officiating workers assembled in the prayer room from 11:00 to 12:00 to prepare their hearts before God, ahead of the morning Easter Bible Study.



Prayer Room Session — Friday morning, Good Friday

### **Morning Session — Easter Bible Study | 12:00 – 14:00 | Meeting Hall**

The morning session opened with an **organ prelude**, as the congregation gathered in the Meeting Hall. The **brass ensemble** then rendered “*Rise, Ye Children of Salvation*,” followed by the **choir** with “*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*” (Lowell Mason and Isaac Watts), and the **female choir** with “*Mansion Over the Hilltop*” (Ira F. Stanphill). **Sister Morganne Hounye** of France led the congregation in singing. The **opening prayer** was taken by **Brother Mark Mfadarahwa**, after which **Brother Francis Odudu**, delivered the introductory address.

The **Easter Bible Study** was taught by **Brother Jonathan Nwosu** of Germany, with French interpretation by **Brother Olivier Vimadje**. Brother Nwosu expounded on the theme with clarity and spiritual depth, under the title:

#### **“From Cross to Fire: A Journey into Transformation”**

*Passion Bible Study — Good Friday 2026*

The study guided participants through the Passion Week — from Palm Sunday’s celebration, through the cleansing of the temple, the confrontation of religious hypocrisy, the devoted and the betraying, the Last Supper, the silence of Holy Saturday, and into the triumph of resurrection morning. Each day of the passion narrative was presented as an invitation to deeper personal surrender, drawing compelling connections to the 1906 Azusa Street Revival. The study challenged every believer to move beyond religious routine into the transforming power of the living Christ, presenting the Cross not merely as history but as a personal encounter with mercy and redemption.

The review session was handled by Brother Mark Mfadarahwa, who emphasised the importance of living a life not conformed to worldly standards, drawing from Romans 12, and encouraging believers to present their bodies as living sacrifices unto God. This was preceded by a soul-stirring vocal **duet** from **Sisters Kyria and Morganne** — who rendered “*The Old Rugged Cross*” (Eduard Oemkens and George Bennard). The morning session was ended by a time of prayer.



*Brother Jonathan Nwosu teaching the Easter Bible Study*



*Choir Rendition*



*Congregation in the Meeting Hall during the Easter Bible Study*

Lunch was served at the adjoining area behind the Meeting Hall from **14:30 to 15:30**, providing a welcome time of rest, conversation, and shared fellowship around the table.



*Lunch fellowship — brethren sharing a meal together, Friday afternoon*

### **Evening Session — Revival and Evangelistic Service | 18:00 – 19:30 | Meeting Hall**

The evening **prayer room session** followed from 17:00 to 18:00, preparing worshippers' hearts for the evening service.

Brethren gathered again in the evening for a revival and evangelistic service that was a great spiritual inspiration to all. The service opened with an **organ prelude**, followed by a **violin solo** by **Sister Naomi Mfadarahwa**. The **choir** then rendered the **Calvary Medley** — encompassing “*Calvary Covers It All*,” “*All Your Anxiety*,” and “*Burdens Are Lifted at Calvary*”, after which the **male choir** sang “*The King’s Business*.” as the spirit of worship filled the room.

The **congregational song** was led by **Brother Dare Abioye** from Germany. Welcome speech and Announcements were given by **Brother Francis**. A rich **testimony session** followed, during which several brethren testified to God’s goodness and faithfulness. Among those who testified were, Brother Dare Abioye, **Sister Christiana Odudu**, **Sister Nike Adeyemi** from Ireland, **Sister Elizabeth Bassey** from the Netherlands, and other brethren from France. All testimonies were interpreted in both English and French to ensure the full inclusion of everyone present.

A **solo** — “*There’s Room at the Cross*” — was rendered by **Brother Olusanya Olayinka** from Austria, preparing hearts for the evening message.

The evangelistic message was delivered by **Brother Yaya Bobo**, leader of the Apostolic Faith work in Spain:

### **“Mercy at the Cross”**

Taking his opening text from Isaiah 53:3-5, Brother Yaya preached with great conviction on the transforming power of God, highlighting how salvation can completely change a life and convert individuals from varied backgrounds. The message was followed by an altar call, during which many responded in prayer and consecration — a joyful and encouraging close to a full and blessed Good Friday.

Attendance at the evening service was recorded at **96**. Dinner was served behind the Meeting Hall from **20:00 to 21:00**, closing a spiritually enriching Good Friday.



*Brother Yaya Bobo preaching the Evangelistic Service*



*Evening service — congregation*



*Dinner fellowship — Good Friday evening*



## Saturday, 4th April 2026

Saturday was a very busy day of meetings, encompassing a morning Bible teaching, an afternoon youth service, and a full evening concert — with communal meals and times of prayer that kept the spiritual atmosphere warm and expectant.



Prayer Room Session — Saturday morning

### **Morning Session — Bible Teaching | 10:00 – 12:00 | Meeting Hall**

The morning session opened with an **organ prelude**, before the **orchestration** titled “*Conquerors and Overcomers Now Are We*,” and the **choir** sang “*Because He Lives*.” A **welcome address** was delivered by **Brother Francis**. **Sister Morganne** led the congregation to a solemn rendition, while the **congregational prayer** was said by **Sister Patricia Sossa**, pastor of our church in Paris, France.

The testimony service was preceded by a choir rendition, “*He Hideth my soul*.” There were series of **testimonies** that bore witness to the power of salvation and divine intervention in daily life. **Brother Yaya** testified of his personal conversion from Islam to Christianity. **Brother Fatai Ajenifuja**, from Italy shared the remarkable account of how God brought salvation to his entire family and was later converted from Islam to Christianity. **Sister Marble Mfandarahwa** testified of God’s goodness and faithfulness. And **Brother Mathieu Bobo**, a retired pastor in France, gave a testimony of his salvation and healing experience. The testimonies were a fitting prelude to the morning teaching.

A quartet — comprising **Sister Naomi**, **Sister Morganne**, **Brother Ethan**, and **Brother Jean-Baptiste** — sang the reassuring anthem “*Keep Me Safe Till the Storm Passes By*,” preparing hearts for the teaching of the day.

The morning **Bible Teaching** was delivered by **Brother Mark Mfandarahwa**, drawing his opening text from **Deuteronomy 32:1-4**, with the teaching titled:

**“The Foundations of Our Faith”**

Brother Mark emphasised the unchanging nature of God and the absolute necessity of building one's faith on a firm and enduring foundation — the Rock whose work is perfect, whose ways are just, and who is faithful in every generation. The teaching drew the congregation back to the bedrock truths of the Apostolic Faith, calling every believer to stand firm in what has been received, proved, and passed down through the years. Emphasis was placed on the elements of our faith foundation, including, The Triune God, Salvation, Sanctification, Holy Ghost Baptism, Restitution, Divine Healing and The End Time events.

Attendance was recorded at **100**. Lunch was served in the designated area from **12:30 to 13:30**.



*Brother Mark Mfadarahwa teaching — Saturday morning*



*Congregation during the Bible Teaching session*



*Lunch fellowship — Saturday afternoon*

**Afternoon Session — Youth Service | 15:00 – 16:30 | Meeting Hall**

The youth workers gathered in the afternoon for prayer room session from 14:00 to 15:00.

The afternoon was given to the young people of the Western Europe District. **Brother Degnon Vimadje**, Youth Leader in France, ministered to the youths and all in attendance, with French interpretation provided by **Sister Laetitia Wright**, also from Paris, France.

The service opened with an orchestration of “*Wonderful Grace*” (Haldor Lillenas), followed by the choir’s rendition of “*By Faith.*” After a time of congregational singing, prayer, and testimonies, the choir ministered “*Yet Not I, But Through Christ in Me*” and “*What Unfathomable Mercy*” (Salvation Army) as special songs, framing a message of grace and commitment for the young hearts present. The service was closed in prayer by **Sister Morganne Hounye**, from France.



Youth Service — Saturday afternoon



Young people in worship



Youth Service congregation — Brother Degnon ministering

**Evening — Easter Music Concert | 18:00 – 20:00 | Meeting Hall**

Saturday evening was given wholly to the praise of God through sacred music. The **AFM Mainland Europe and the UK Choir and Orchestra** presented the **Easter Music Concert**, themed “*Earnestly Contend for the Faith,*” in glorious alignment with the overarching theme of the entire meeting. The concert was directed by **Brother Dare**, assisted by **Sister Morganne**, with choristers and instrumentalists drawn from all the participating nations, bringing a truly continental voice to the praise of God.

The concert was presented in two parts:

**PART I — Worship, Praise & Devotion**

- 10,000 Reasons — Bless the Lord • Orchestration
- Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring — J. S. Bach • Choir
- How Excellent Is Thy Loving Kindness • Choir
- Hear My Song, Lord • Selected Group
- Worthy Is the Lamb • Selected Group
- Alleluia, from Exultate, jubilate — W. A. Mozart • Solo
- Get All Excited • Solo / Choir
- Majesty • Choir

**PART II — The Second Coming, Resurrection & Eternal Hope**

- Easter Medley • Orchestration
- Resurrection Morn • Choir
- The Love of God / John Saw • Selected Male Voices
- Morning Dove — Megumi Kanda • Solo / Trombone
- Rise Again • Solo / Choir
- The King Is Coming • Choir
- Jehovah Reigneth • Selected Group

The Easter Music Concert was attended by **109** — the highest attendance of any single session outside the Sunday services. The concert was also livestreamed for the benefit of those unable to attend in person. It was quite delighting to find that some of the natives who were physically present recorded some of the music while others confirmed they enjoyed watching it online.



*Choir and orchestra — Easter Music Concert, Saturday evening*

*Concert audience — 109 in attendance*



*Full choir on stage during the Easter Music Concert — Saturday, 4th April 2026*





*Concert Part I — Worship and Praise*



*Concert Part II — Resurrection and Eternal Hope*



*A photograph session with our Italian brethren — Saturday evening*

## **Sunday, 5th April 2026 — Resurrection Sunday**

Resurrection Sunday was the spiritual crown of the entire retreat — a day that moved from the teaching of Sunday School in the morning, through the solemn beauty of the ordinances in the afternoon and closed with a powerful Revival and Farewell Service that sent the brethren forth renewed and encouraged.

***Sunday School | 09:00 – 10:00 | Meeting Hall***

While the Senior Search class was anchored by **Sister Marble**, the French-speaking class held their session separately with **Brother Jean Sossa**, from France leading it. The lesson was titled, “Will”, lesson 85 from the current curriculum, and drawn from Matthew 26:36–42 and Philippians 2:5–11, with the key verse from Romans 12:2. The lesson centred on the call to surrender daily to the will of God, using the example of Christ’s submission in Gethsemane as the supreme model for every believer.

“Will”

Attendance was recorded at **101**.



*Sunday School in session — Resurrection Sunday morning*

**Morning Devotional Service | 10:15 – 12:00 | Meeting Hall**

The morning devotional service opened with an **organ prelude**, after which some of our Elementary children made a short but delightful presentation — a touching moment that reminded the gathered brethren that the faith being contended for is one that spans every generation. Their participation drew warm appreciation from the entire congregation.

The **orchestration** of “Crown Him with Many Crowns” set the tone for the entire service. The **choir** then ministered “We Shall Rise,” and a **duet**, “Day by Day” was rendered by **Sister Morganne** and **Brother Femi Adenuga**, from Germany.

After a brief greeting by **Brother Francis**, **Brother Dare** led the congregation in a solemn rendition of praise, after which the congregational prayer was offered by **Brother Mathieu**.

The first special was a solo rendered by **Sister Goodness Chimezie** from Germany, bearing the searching title “Will There Be Any Star?” — a moment of quiet reflection and personal consecration

that prepared hearts for the day's message. The Bible reading from **Matthew 13:14–30**, was taken by **Brother Olaitan Abimbola** from the United Kingdom.

The second special was a quartet, “*Don't Turn Around*,” by **Sisters Kyria and Naomi**, and **Brothers Charles Oni** from Romania, & **Jean-Baptiste** from France.

The sermon was preached by **Brother Francis Odudu**, with French interpretation by **Brother Olivier Vimadje**, under the theme:

**“Contending for Eternity”**

*Matthew 11:12 • 2 Timothy 3:1–5*

Taking his opening text from **Matthew 11:12** — “*And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force*” Brother Francis set before the congregation an urgent call to press earnestly into the things of God in a time when perilous days and spiritual compromise threaten on every side as indicated in **2 Timothy 3:1–5**. The message was a powerful continuation of the retreat's overarching theme, calling every believer to contend — not merely for a comfortable faith, but for eternity itself. He emphasised the need for every one to ensure that they make the right choice at all times, stating that every person would be responsible for the consequences of their choices. He encouraged the unsaved to seek God, and the saved whose hands are already on the plough to keep their focus on God as we get closer to the return of Christ.

This service recorded the **highest attendance of the entire meeting** — **124** — a fitting testament to the spiritual hunger and momentum that had built progressively through the days of the retreat. Lunch was served in the Meeting Hall from **12:30 to 13:00**.



*Brother Francis Odudu preaching — Devotional Service*



*Congregation - Sunday morning*



*Sunday School children performing — Resurrection Sunday morning*



*Prayers, Bible reading and solo rendition*



*Lunch fellowship — Resurrection Sunday*

***Water Baptismal Service | 13:30 – 15:00 | Designated Pool***

One of the most memorable and sacred moments of the entire retreat took place at the designated baptistry of the Camping Pian d’Amora, as believers came forward to be administered **water baptism** in obedience to the command of the Lord. The service was conducted by **Sister Nike Adeyemi**, the leader of our Republic of Ireland group.

The sight of new believers publicly declaring their faith in Christ through the ordinance of water baptism — in the open air of the Tuscan hills — was a deeply moving and joyful highlight of the meeting.

**Four brethren were baptised: two sisters and two brothers.**



*Water baptism — Sunday afternoon*



*Candidates being baptised*



*Water baptism — the full baptismal service at Camping Pian d'Amora*

**Ordinance Service | 16:00 – 17:30 | Meeting Hall**

Following the baptismal service, the congregation gathered solemnly in the Meeting Hall for the observance of the holy ordinances of the Lord's Supper, and the Washing of the Disciples Feet.

The ordinance of the Lord's Supper had **Sister Abena Abioye**, Leader of the Germany Group preaching, while **Brother Ademola Adeyemi** of the Republic of Ireland ministered at the ordinance of **Foot Washing**.

Attendance at the Ordinance Service was **90**.



*Ordinance of the Lord's Supper (Sister Abena Abioye preaching)*



*Ordinance of Foot Washing (Brother Ademola Adeyemi preaching)*



*Congregation gathered for the Ordinance Services — Resurrection Sunday afternoon*



*Altar time at the Farewell service*

### ***Revival and Farewell Service | 19:30 – 21:30 | Meeting Hall***

The Easter Special Meeting drew to a glorious and Spirit-filled close with a Revival and Farewell Service, where **Sister Patricia Sossa**, the Pastor of our France church preached while **Brother Sunday Fadina** from France interpreted into English.

The service started with an organ prelude, followed by a Brass Ensemble, “Glory Bound”, by Stan Pethel, that was presented by Brothers Eliot, Ethan, Emmanuel & Timi.

The Choir then sang “We Come to Say Thank You” by Pepper Schoplin. This was followed by testimony service that concluded with a Special number, “Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying” by Ken Medema.

**Sister Patricia** took her opening text from **John 20:1-16** and further referenced **Matthew 7:7** as she encouraged the congregation to trust God to answer our prayers whenever we call upon Him.

### ***“The God Who Always Answers Prayers”***

*John 20:1–16 • Matthew 7:7*

Sister Sossa’s message drew the hearts of the congregation back to the resurrection morning account, anchoring the theme of the entire meeting in the abiding assurance that the God who raised Christ from the dead is the same God who hears and answers the prayers of His children in every generation and across every nation. The church was exhorted to carry the fire of revival back to their respective homes and congregations, contending earnestly for the faith once delivered unto the saints.



*Sister Patricia Sossa preaching at the Farewell Service*



*Congregation during the Revival and Farewell Service*



*The full congregation gathered for the Farewell Service — Sunday, 5th April 2026*

## DEPARTURE

With hearts full of gratitude to God and renewed spiritual vigour, the brethren began their departure on Monday, 6th April 2026. Farewells were warm and unhurried, as brethren from Ireland, Germany, France, Spain, Austria, Malta, Romania, Netherlands and the United Kingdom embraced one another and made their respective journeys home. They departed carrying with them the blessings, the memories, and the spiritual charge of a truly blessed Easter weekend at Coreglia Antelminelli.



Brethren saying their farewells — Monday, 6th April



Last moments of fellowship before departure

## ATTENDANCE SUMMARY

The table below summarises the recorded attendance figures across all sessions of the Easter Special Meeting 2026.

Session	Attendance
Friday — Easter Bible Study (Morning)	—
Friday — Revival & Evangelistic Service (Evening)	<b>96</b>
Saturday — Bible Teaching (Morning)	<b>100</b>
Saturday — Youth Service (Afternoon)	<b>63</b>
Saturday — Easter Music Concert (Evening)	<b>109</b>
Sunday — Sunday School (Morning)	<b>101</b>
Sunday — Devotional Service (Morning)	<b>124</b>
Sunday — Water Baptismal Service (Afternoon)	<b>90</b>
Sunday — Ordinance Service (Afternoon)	<b>90</b>
Sunday — Revival & Farewell Service (Evening)	<b>96</b>

## **SPIRITUAL HIGHLIGHTS**

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The Easter Special Meeting 2026 will long be remembered as a season of genuine spiritual encounter. Among the notable highlights were:

- The Good Friday Easter Bible Study, “From Cross to Fire,” challenged every believer to move beyond religious routine into a personal, transforming encounter with the living Christ.
- The Evangelistic Service on Good Friday evening confronted souls with the mercy of God at Calvary, under the preaching of Brother Yaya Bobo.
- The Saturday morning Bible Teaching by the District Superintendent, Brother Mark Mfandarahwa, called the congregation to stand firm in the foundations of the Apostolic Faith as taught in the Bible.
- The Youth Service gave the young people of the district a platform for worship, testimony, and dedication.
- The Easter Music Concert on Saturday evening was a magnificent offering of praise, drawing together voices and instruments from across all five nations of the Western Europe group.
- The Sunday Devotional Service sermon by Brother Francis, was a call to choose right and be ready to contend and keep contending for eternity as the coming of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ draws closer.
- The Water Baptism on Sunday afternoon was a deeply moving and joyful occasion as four new believers publicly confessed their faith in Christ.
- The Ordinance Service on Sunday afternoon brought the congregation into one solemn and joyful act of remembrance of the Lord’s sacrifice.
- The Revival and Farewell Service on Sunday evening, preached by Sister Patricia Sossa of France, closed the meeting with a powerful assurance that God hears and answers the prayers of His people.



*Group photograph — all attendees, Easter Special Meeting 2026, Coreglia Antelminelli*

## PHOTO GALLERY

The link below captures photographs for moments across the Easter Special Meeting 2026, held at Camping Pian d'Amora, Coreglia Antelminelli, Italy, from 2nd to 6th April 2026.

 **Full Photo Album (Google Photos):** <https://photos.app.goo.gl/d8yVaMt6NUBJrf3z8>

## IN CLOSING

We give thanks to Almighty God for His faithfulness and blessing during this retreat. Heartfelt gratitude is expressed to all the ministers, teachers, preachers, choir directors, instrumentalists, interpreters, and every brother and sister who invested themselves in making the Easter Special Meeting 2026 the rich and fruitful gathering that it was.