



## Network of Ministries to Muslims in Europe

NMME aims to help the Church in Europe relate to Muslim and believers of a Muslim background with a compassionate heart, an informed mind, and involved hand and a witnessing tongue. HOPE dominates the work of the NMME today. This is a new, exciting and transforming situation. Twenty years ago, the situation was very different. Across Europe, Muslims were seen as a threat, Christians were filled with fear, interaction between Christians and Muslims was often confrontational and few Muslims were responding to the gospel.

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### A new significant chapter

Today, many things have changed and we are seeing the beginnings of a significant new chapter. More churches are beginning to reach out with Christ's love, church leaders are building friendship with Imams, amicable meetings to build understanding and share faith have developed and there has been a significant increase in the number of Muslims following Jesus, particularly from among the refugee community. For an increasing number of Christians in Europe, Muslims who were often seen as the enemy in the past are now firm friends.

NMME is a network serving the constituencies of the European Evangelical Alliance and the European Evangelical Missionary Association.

If NMME did not exist, it would have to be started. The Pew Research Centre calculated that in 2016 there were 26 million Muslims in Europe (the EU plus Norway and Switzerland), that is nearly 5% of the population and it is growing.

But it is not just numbers, Muslims are contributing to every strata of European society and holding positions of influence in most of the European nations. Many Muslims of sincere faith share





similar values and concerns to those of evangelical Christians. Others are seeking personal success or are politically orientated or just financially driven.

There are a huge number of issues that could each take all our time. Such as diverse approaches to evangelism, discipleship methods, resources of all kinds, academic issues, politics, history, research projects, empowering Christians, training in Islamics, persecution, islamophobia, training churches to be Muslim friendly etc.

At the present time, NMME has decided to prioritize the care, welfare and training of believers from a Muslim Background (BMBs). There are now more BMBs than ever before. Sadly, in the past, many BMBs went back into Islam because they were not followed up appropriately, welcomed and incorporated in Christian churches.

We want to work, particularly, with the BMBs who are themselves leading and discipling groups and young churches of BMBs. We believe that we have a lot to learn from individual BMBs and these young churches of BMBs have a lot to teach the established national churches in all our European countries.

The small core group tries to keep abreast of what God is doing across Europe in Muslim Ministry. We are always interested to hear about what is happening and what is being produced. We piggy-back on the events and conferences of the EEA and EEMA to bring BMB leaders together face-to-face. In between these events, we organize Zoom conferences for BMB leaders. We try to tackle a relevant subject and make every effort to get a BMB to speak to it and share his/her experiences and concerns.

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