



VABARIIGI PRESIDENT
THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF ESTONIA

Dear Taizé youth!

I am delighted that you have gathered in Tallinn, the northernmost capital city ever to host a Tallinn Taizé New Year's meeting of young adults in Europe. This year's gathering will also go down in history as the largest gathering of young Christians ever held in Estonia.

The motto of the meeting – A Pilgrimage of Trust – refers to what is often lacking in today's world, which is trust between people, countries and nations. You, young people, can make a significant contribution to ensuring that there is more trust in the future than there is today. Trust is the foundation of everything, so it is important that we not only talk about it, but also act on it, everyone according to their possibilities. Trust also nurtures the self-confidence and courage that children, young people and adults need. By trusting each other and working together, we can also hope that the Europe of the future will have your face and be designed by you. And it will be united and strong.

In hope that in addition to the programme of the meeting, you will also find time to explore Tallinn and the attractions offered by the former Hanseatic city that has brought together people from different corners of the world over the centuries. Estonia is known in the world as a digital state and the land of unicorns, but there are still many things we are yet to see and experience.

Welcome to Tallinn, welcome to Estonia!

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to be 'Alar Karis', written over a diagonal line.

Alar Karis

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