

Proclamation Conference 2026 Report

This past April, the 17th Proclamation Conference (Máme čo zvestovať) provided a vital space for learning, fellowship, and spiritual renewal. Centered on the crucial theme, “Peace in Panic; Mental Health in the Local Church”, the conference offered true, Christ-centered hope for navigating the anxieties of today's world. Our keynote speaker, Helen Thorne-Allenson from Biblical Counseling UK, shared practical and scriptural insights, which were perfectly anchored by two plenary expositions from Romans 5 delivered by our President, Ján Henžel.

On Friday, a panel discussion further enriched this theme, as several brothers and sisters openly and vulnerably shared their own experiences with mental health and biblical counseling within their local churches.

The conference program was supplemented by optional seminars on topics such as:

- *What is the Mission of the Church*
- *Guiding our Children Through the Digital World*
- *Our Union with Christ*
- *Faith of the Nones*
- *Gospel Communities*
- *Opening Scripture in Times of Despair*

As always, we want these messages to serve the broader church, so all audio recordings from the plenary sessions and seminars are now available on the [Spoločenstvo evanjelia podcast channel](#).

God answered our prayers for growth in a beautiful way this year. We broke our previous records and welcomed over 220 participants. What made us happiest was seeing a significant number of young people and first-time guests, making the fellowship truly multi-generational and full of life.

What attendees appreciated most:

"It is evident that the speaker has deep experience and knows how to pass it on with truth and love. I appreciated the practical guidelines and the fact that despite the heavy topic, everything pointed us directly to Christ as our main Shepherd."

"The message was clear and easily understood. While there is often talk about missional communities, this conference provided a meaningful shift toward building gospel-centered communities where people in the local church can support and care for one another much more naturally."

"The content was fantastic. The teachings and seminars were biblically richer and more substantial than what I am typically used to at Christian conferences."

"The seminars were incredibly practical, and the biblical exposition was personally encouraging and deeply inspiring for my future ministry to people struggling with mental health issues."

"The level of both content and organization was exceptional. The theme was so relevant and beautifully delivered that I am already looking forward to the next conference and hoping for a continuation of this topic."

"Beyond the excellent teaching and great organization, the deep fellowship and unity gave me a profound sense of hope that the church in Slovakia is truly alive and moving forward."

Praises

- *For practical biblical teaching:* We are grateful for the expositions of Romans 5 and for the compassionate, biblical principles applied to mental health and counseling.
- *For a growing community:* We celebrate the beautiful atmosphere of unity and the encouraging influx of young people and first-time attendees.
- *For record-breaking attendance:* We rejoice that over 220 participants gathered to encourage one another and seek God together.
- *For authentic fellowship:* We thank God for the honesty of the speakers and panel guests who reminded us of Christ's sufficiency in weakness.
- *For God's continued provision:* We praise Him that our evangelistic film, *Heaven: How I Got Here*, which premiered at last year's conference, has now passed 6,000 views on YouTube, continuing to spread the Gospel online.

Petitions

- *For lasting fruit from the conference:* That every participant would apply these biblical principles and bring Christ's comfort to those struggling in their home churches.
- *For strength and encouragement:* For those enduring personal and ministry struggles, that they would find true rest in Christ.
- *For continued growth:* That future conferences would continue to draw more attendees and deepen their knowledge of our Saviour and grow their love for Him.

- *For wisdom for organizers:* That God would guide the leadership team in planning future events and choosing themes that build up the body of Christ.
- *For financial provision:* That God would provide the necessary financial partnerships to help us secure larger facilities to comfortably host our growing family.
- *For an expanded ministry team:* That God would provide a sustainable and broader circle of dedicated workers to support the increasing demands of the conference with excellence.



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