

I. Data

1. Title Wittenberg Ecumenical Assembly(WÖV)

44th Conference of the International Ecumenical Fellowship (IEF)

2. Theme

From the True Treasure of the Churches – Discovering the Gospel Together 1517/2017

Cf. *Martin Luther*, Thesis 62 , 31st October 1517: „The true treasure of the Church is the most holy Gospel of the glory and grace of God.“

3. Dates

Monday, 21st August 2017, 18:00, to Monday, 28th August 2017 , 10:00

Arrival: 21st August, 13:00 - 17:00 .

Departure: 28. August, from 10:00 am

II. Wittenberg

4. Conference venue

06886 Lutherstadt Wittenberg

Details on Wikipedia und Google

5. Venues for Events

Morning prayer and talks: *Stadthaus* Mauer Str. 18

Lunch: *Brauhaus*, Markt 6, und *Jugendherberge*, Schlosstr. 14/15

Workshops: *Leucorea*, Collegienstr. 62, und *Jugendherberge*, Schlosstr. 14/15

Services: *Schloss- und Stadtkirche*, *Katholische Kirche*, *Marien*, Mauer Str.14

Cultural Evenings: *different venues, partly in the open air.*

6. Travel links to Wittenberg

- by train to Hauptbahnhof Wittenberg by IC or ICE
- by car: via A9/E 51 and A 12/E 30
- by air: airports - Berlin/Brandenburg, Berlin-Tegel und Leipzig/Halle

III. Cost

7. Accommodation and Prices

- ***Herberge im Cranachhof*** , Schlosstr. 1 (by the market place; 3 floors **no lift**)
Single room(shower/WC along the corridor) per person: €455
Double room(shower/WC along the corridor) per person: €315
- ***Herberge im Glöcknerstift***, Fleischer Strasse 17 (am Stadtgraben)
Dormitory (shower/WC along the corridor) per person: €248.50

- **Jugendherberge**, Schloßstrasse. 14/15 (Youth Hostel by the Castle Church)
Dormitory (with shower/WC) per person: €280 (*includes lunch and evening meal*)

Booking by 27th Januar 2017 essential

- **Leucorea**, Collegienstr. 62 (near the Melanchthon- und Lutherhaus)
Single room (with shower/WC) per Person: €301
Double room (with shower/WC) pro Person: €214 (fully booked)
- **Lutherhotel**, Neustr. 7-10 (am Stadtgraben)
Single room (with shower/WC)per person: €602
Double room (with shower/WC) pro Person: €381

Booking for this hotel by 8th December 2016 is essential

- **Marina-Camp**, Brückenkopf 1 (by the Elbe)
Cyclists' huts (with toilet block) per person: 210 €
Tent pitch (with toilet block) per person: 105 €
- **Private Accommodation**
through Tourist-Information: 03491 – 49 86 14 (smeske@Lutherstadt-Wittenberg.de)

The allocation of accommodation will usually be made on a first come first served basis. If necessary the conference organisers will allocate alternative accommodation. Eastern European participants (from countries outside the Euro zone) will have priority for cheaper options

8. Meals

- **Lunch** in the Brauhaus am Markt: €65
- **Evening meal**: participants are responsible for buying their own (*Except for* the celebration on **Friday evening**).

9. Conference Costs

Cost of conference participation per person: €100

10. Total costs

for conference, accommodation, lunch and guided tours:

A 1	Luther Hotel:	Single room	€767
A 2		Double room	€546
B 1	Cranachhof:	Single room	€620
B 2		Double room	€480
C 1	Leucorea:	Single room	€466
C 2		Double room	€378.50
D	Glöcknerstift:	Bed in Dormitory	€ 413.50
E	Youth hostel:	Bed in Dormitory	€380

F 1	Marina Camp	Cyclists' huts	€ 375
F 2		Tent pitch	€ 270
G	Children under 6years old: free		

No reimbursement if accommodation is not taken up.

IV. Special features of the Wittenberg Ecumenical Assembly

11. **Musical Morning Prayer** with a music group in the Stadthaus.
12. On each theme there will be **2 short talks** followed by a discussion between a Protestant and a Catholic or a member of another confession.
13. Each morning will end with **discussion groups in different languages** on that day's theme.
14. In the afternoons there will be **guided tours in different languages** of the town and reformation sites.
15. Each evening there will be different **cultural events**, some in the open air: Gospel, Singing Contest, Night of Lights.
16. On Friday 24th August we are organising a **celebration evening** for the **50th Anniversary of our IEF**.

V. Workshops

17. On 3 afternoons about **20 Workshops** in different languages will be offered. Please see the separate sheet on Workshops.

VI. Excursions

18. On Thursday afternoon, 24th August there will be a choice of 3 excursions:
 1. European Reformation Town **Torgau**, where Luther's wife, Katharina, spent the last years of her life, and site of the famous castle, Schloss Hartenfels (approx. €30).
 2. **Wörlitz Park** near Dessau, which is world renowned for its international gardens, water features und Schlosspark (approx. €20).
 3. A Panorama-Tour **by boat on the Elbe** to the west and east of Wittenberg (approx €15).

The excursion costs are **not** included in the Total Costs.

VII. Pre- and Post- Conference Programme

19. Pre-conference programme: **Luther-Pilgrimage** 11th – 18th August from Eisleben to Wittenberg with *Anne Geburtig*: see separate sheet.
20. Post-conference programme: 28th - 31st August in the European City of the Reformation **Torgau** with *Andreas Rothe*: see separate sheet.

VIII. Please bring with you:

21. **Bible**, notebook and pen, musical instrument and medication, if appropriate

Clergy are invited to bring their vestments.

IX. Registration and Payment

22. Please complete the registration form and send it with a cheque for the sum of £90 per person payable to BRIEF and send it to

Mrs Kate Grand,
78 Grange Road,
MANCHESTER
M21 9WX

If you prefer, you may transfer the deposit direct to the BRIEF bank account. Details on the registration form.

23. **Your booking is then binding and the deposit non-returnable.**

Please pay the balance by 28th April 2017 at the latest.

You will be reminded and advised of the outstanding amount, dependent on exchange rates nearer the time.

24 **Cancellation Deadlines** (for accommodation):

28th December 2016: Lutherhotel

27th January 2017: Jugendherberge

28th April 2017: all other options

Later cancellation costs must be borne by the individuals concerned.

There will be no reimbursements

It is also possible to book for part of the conference.

If extra nights before or after the conference are needed they must be booked **separately** with the hotel/ hostel etc. directly. (Kate may be able to help.)

25. **We strongly advise you to take out travel insurance as IEF cannot be responsible for cancellations.**

X. Advice

26. It is best to apply **immediately** because of favourably priced and limited accommodation possibilities; do it in any case before the end of **2016**, so that we can have a realistic view of the number of participants.

We are looking forward to seeing you, all the more if you can register early.