

Practical Information

- **Participation Costs:**

Assembly tariff per person: €100
Lunches: €65
Bed and Breakfast €105 to €602

- **Registration:**

Germans apply to: Sekretariat der IEF:
Brigitta und Dieter Trein Borngasse 78, 51
469 Bergisch Gladbach
Tel.: 02202/ 95 13-10
E-Mail: sekretariat@ief-deutschland.com

- **Bank Details:**

The application is binding on transfer of a payment of €100 to the following account:
IEF Deutsche Region, Projekt WÖV
IBAN: DE71 3862 1500 0000 3590 56
BIC: GENODED 1STB
Bank: Steyler Bank St. Augustin

Members of *other* IEF Regions apply to their own Secretary.

For BRIEF members and other British, full details and registration forms from Kate Grand, 78 Grange Road, MANCHESTER M21 9WX
Tel: 0161 881 0958
Email: kategrand@tiscali.co.uk

Deposits will be payable to the BRIEF account.

For planning and to avoid cancellation costs we would like applications *as soon as possible:* by **Wednesday, 28th December 2016** at the very latest for the Lutherhotel and Youth Hostel (Jugendherberge)

by **Friday, 28th April 2017** for other options

Currently in partnership with:

- ACK – Sachsen-Anhalt
 - Akademie Solidarische Ökonomie
 - Aktionskreis Halle/Saale (AKH)
 - Altenberger Ökumenischer Gesprächskreis
 - Anglikanisch-Lutherische Gesellschaft (ALS)
 - Arbeitsgemeinschaft Ökumenischer Kreise in Deutschland (AÖK)
 - Evangelische Akademie Sachsen-Anhalt
 - Evangelische Michaelsbruderschaft (EMB)
 - KirchenVolksBewegung (KVB)
„Wir sind Kirche“
 - Lutherischer Weltbund (LWB) -
Zentrum Wittenberg
 - Mission und Ökumene in Westfalen (MÖWe)
 - Ökumene 2017
 - „Philoxenia“- Freundeskreis orthodoxer,
katholischer und evangelischer Christen
 - Propstei Lutherstadt Wittenberg
 - Stiftung Ökumene Stuttgart
 - These 62 – Wittenberger Ort der Begegnung
 - Una Sancta-Bewegung
- Further partners are welcome.*

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Further Information:

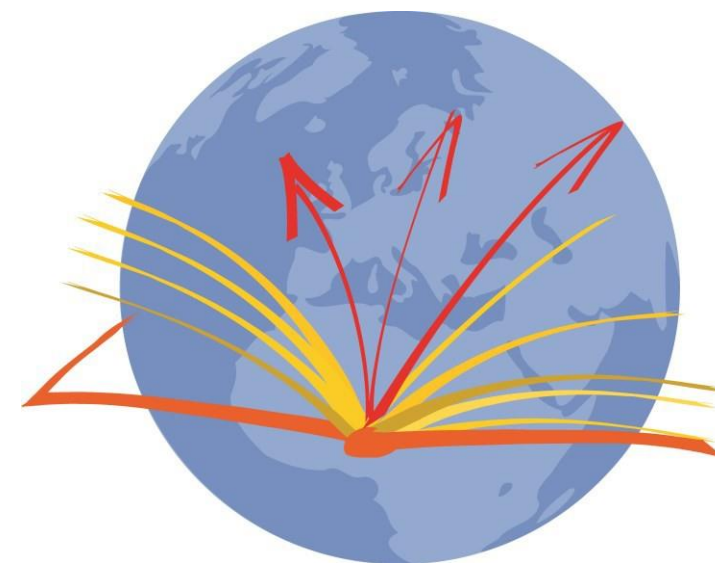
Newsletter No.83 of the German Region in October 2016.
Papers will be sent after registration but may be requested for information beforehand.

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Wittenberg Ecumenical Assembly

“From the True Treasure of the Church(es): Rediscovering the Gospel Together

1517/2017



44th Conference of the International Ecumenical Fellowship



21st to 28th August 2017

The Theme

Martin Luther's Thesis 62, which can also be seen in the choir of the Wittenberg Stadtkirche (Town Church), reads:

“The true treasure of the Church is the most holy Gospel of the glory and grace of God.”

500 years later and 50 years after the Second Vatican Council, we wish to rediscover together, in ecumenical and international fellowship, this true treasure of the Gospel's power to renew and unite. Each day one aspect of the theme will be given prominence with its reforming, theological, ethical, ecumenical and practical dimensions. We will develop these perspectives through Protestant – Catholic dialogues, discussion groups, workshops, ecumenical services and cultural evenings. It is to be a festival of encounters with Christians from different churches, initiatives, cultures and lands.

The main organiser, the International Ecumenical Fellowship (IEF), currently has members in 5 countries of Western Europe (Belgium, France, Germany, the UK and Spain) and in 5 Eastern European ones (Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Romania and Slovenia). In 2017 it celebrates its 50th Anniversary and so is planning the week with its 17 partners. Daily guided tours to Reformation sites in Wittenberg and trips to Torgau and the world famous Wörlitz Park complete the programme. The high point of the conference will be the celebration of the Lima Liturgy on Sunday morning in the Wittenberg Stadtkirche with prominent ecumenical participants.

500 Years Reformation – 50 Years IEF

Programme Highlights

Monday 21st: Seeking Treasure

Opening service with *Margot Käßmann*
Reception with the Schloßkirche congregation

Tuesday 22nd: Justification and Liberation

Dialogue: Prof. *J. Rahner* (invited)/*F. Schorlemmer*
Liturgy of Reconciliation and Remembering our Baptism
Wittenberg in Powerpoint

Wednesday 23rd: Discovering God Anew

Dialogue: Prof. *E. Tiefensee*/ Prof. *M. Welker*
Ev.-luth./Angl. Communion service with Bishop *I. Junkermann*/Bishop *G. Ulrich*
Open Gospel Evening with *Johannes/Njeri Weth*

Thursday 24th: Justice and Peace

Dialogue: Frau *M. Bussmann* (invited)/Prof. *F. Enns*
Excursions: Torgau, Wörlitz Park, boat trip
Thomas Mass with footwashing and Agape meal

Friday 25th: From Division

to Churches in Communion

Dialogue: Bishop *G. Feige*/Bishop *I. Junkermann*
Bishop *K.-H. Manzke*/Prof. *Myriam Wijlens*
Orthodox Celebration of Breaking the Bread with A. *Sfiatkos*
Celebration of 50 Years of IEF with WCC
General Secretary, *Olav. Fykse Tveit*, Geneva

Saturday 26th : Sharing Our Treasures

Dialogue: Frau *I. Gonzáles*/ Altbischof *A. Noack*
Prof. *P. Zimmerling*
Roman Catholic Eucharist with Fr. *M. Lorek*
International Singing Contest at the Wittenburg

Sunday 27th: Celebrating Communion

Lima Liturgy with Bishop *H. Bedford-Strohm*
und WCC Gen Sec. *O.F. Tveit*, Geneva
Planting a “Tree of Reconciliation”
Concluding Celebration: Night of 1000 Lights

Monday 28th: ..A New Way

Blessing for the journey

Wittenberg

• *Conference Venues:*

Castle and Town Churches: daily services
Stadthalle: morning praise, talks, evenings
Brauhaus am Markt: lunch
Youth hostel, Leucorea: workshops

• *Tours:*

At 3.30 pm daily: guided tours in a variety of languages round the town and to the Reformation sites.

• *Accommodation Prices for the Week:* (Details via Google or Kate Grand)

Hostel in the Cranachhof:
Single room: €455; double: €315

Hostel in the Glöcknerstift:

Bed in dormitory: €248.50

Jugendherberge (Y. hostel):

Bed in dormitory: €280

Leucorea: Single: €301 Double: € 213.50

Lutherhotel: Single €602 Double: €381.50

Marina-Camp Elbe:

Cyclists' hut: €210

Tent pitch: €105

Private Accommodation: €250 - €450 approx.

• *Travel Links:*

Wittenberg is easily reachable:

- *by air* to Berlin or Leipzig-Halle

- *by train* from Berlin, Halle, Leipzig, Magdeburg

- *by car* via the A9/ E 51

• *Pre- and Post-Conference Programme:*

Luther-Pilgrimage from Eisleben to Wittenberg

with *Anne Geburtig* 11th - 18th August

Torgau – European City of the Reformation with

Andreas Rothe 28th - 31st August

