

INVITATION



Cultural and religious diversity in Germany and in Europe is on the increase and presents new challenges, especially in the fields of education and integration. In preparation for the **Pilgrimage of the Holy Robe 2012** in Trier, the International Ecumenical Forum wants to take these challenges and thus contribute to a peaceful, fair and environmentally friendly social life of mankind.

The Christian churches themselves look back on a long history of both conflicts and cooperation. One example is the **Pilgrimage of the Holy Robe**. 500 years ago, the Robe of Christ kept at the cathedral of Trier was shown publicly for the first time. In the course of the Reformation, such forms of piety were sharply criticized. Today, the churches commit themselves in unity to the task of overcoming divisions in order to jointly encompass the questions of the modern world. The variety of different traditions offers a rich treasure trove in which to find answers to these questions.

Under the motto **“and join together what is separated”**, the International Ecumenical Forum is oriented towards the symbolism of the robe, making the challenges of modern society a subject of discussion – challenges which will have to be jointly answered by the Christian churches in union of all religions.

“Interwoven worldwide!” – Christian life in modern society and the dialogue between religions

“Torn seams?” – Ecumenical challenges and perspectives

“Fitted out?” – Inheritance, tradition, and change

“Overwhelming?” – Living from hope, learning to handle uncertainty

I cordially invite you to participate and look forward your coming.

Dr. Stephan Ackermann
Bishop of Trier

<< AND JOIN TOGETHER WHAT IS SEPARATED >>

INTERNATIONAL ECUMENICAL FORUM

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TRIER_JANUARY 30TH
TO FEBRUARY 3RD 2012

www.oekumenisches-forum-trier.de

REMARKS

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The International Ecumenical Forum is an event organized by the Diocese of Trier in cooperation with the Johann-Adam-Möhler-Institute for Ecumenism, Paderborn, the Protestant Church of Rhineland, the member and guest churches of the Council of Christian Churches in Rhineland-Palatinate and Saareland, the Orthodox Bishops' Conference in Germany and in association with Council of Christian Churches in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg.

You will find more detailed information on the latest programme under www.oekumenisches-forum-trier.de. You can also register online at this website or please forward the attached section by mail or Fax.

**>> FINAL DATE FOR REGISTRATION IS THE
NOVEMBER 30TH 2011**

Cancellation: Should you not be able to participate at short notice, please inform us **by January 9th 2012 at the latest**; cancellations after this date will be charged 50 % of the conference expenses.

The International Ecumenical Forum can be booked as a whole or for single days.

Sponsored by the Protestant Church of Rhineland and the Bishop Stein Foundation of the Diocese of Trier.

COSTS

Conference fee:
A: Entire conference (5 days) 125,- €
B: One day 25,- €

Accommodation expenses:

1: Full board single room (entire conference) 185,- €
2: Full board double room (entire conference) 145,- €
3: Meals, excluding accommodation (lunch, coffee and cake, dinner) (entire conference) 98,- €
4: Full board single room (one day) 45,- €
5: Full board double room (one day) 35,- €
6: Meals, excluding accommodation (lunch, coffee and cake, dinner) (one day) 20,- €

The accommodation expenses are all-inclusive prices. Individual unclaimed services cannot be reimbursed.

Reduction:

A reduction of 50 % may be granted for pupils and students (up to 27 years old).

I require (Conference fee and accommodation expenses:
Please tick off where applicable)

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 B+4 B+5 B+6
 Monday Tuesday Wednesday
 Thursday Friday
 Pupil, Student
 Vegetarian food
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Signature

PROGRAMME OF THE INTERNATIONAL ECUMENICAL FORUM

>> MONDAY, JANUARY 30TH 2012

- 4.00 pm **Ecumenical Service** in the Cathedral of Trier Bishop Dr Stephan Ackermann together with representatives of the various churches
- 6.00 pm **Welcome and opening session** in the Robert-Schuman-House
- 8.00 pm **"Weaving ecumenism"**

>> TUESDAY, 31ST JANUARY 2012

"Interwoven worldwide!" – Christian life in modern society and the dialogue between religions

- 8.00 am **Morning Prayer** (arranged by a Protestant Church)
- 9.30 am **"What is your attitude towards religion?"**
Lecture and panel discussion:
Prof. Dr. Winfried Gebhardt
Prof. Dr. Ulrike Link-Wieczorek; Günter B. Ginzel; Prof. Dr. Herbert Schnädelbach; Prof. Dr. Magnus Striet
- 12.15 am **Midday Prayer**
- 3.00 pm **Workshop**
"Interwoven worldwide!"
Scenic presentation: 'A' Level Theatre students from the Friedrich-Wilhelm Grammar School, Trier
- 3.30 pm **Work groups:**
- 1 **Interreligious pastoral care** (Anna Werle, Emergency Pastoral Care, Simmern; Helmut Weiß, Society for Inter-cultural Pastoral Care and Counselling, Düsseldorf)
 - 2 **Interreligious schooling** (Dr. Winfried Verburg)
 - 3 **The Jewish Community in Trier**
 - 4 **Religious traces in modern short films** (Prof. Dr. Reinhold Zwick)
 - 5 **"MuChri": Christian-Islamic dialogue in concrete terms** (Hülya Dogan and Winfried Semmler-Koddenbrock, MuChri, Bonn)
 - 6 **Council of Religions Frankfurt** (Archimandrite Athenagoras Ziliaskopoulos)
 - 7 **"When we laugh in spite of ...": satire and religion** (Prof. Dr Okko Herlyn)
- 7.00 pm **Evening Prayer** (ecumenical)
- 8.00 pm **"Angels of Cultures"** (art event)

>> WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST 2012

"Torn seams?" – Ecumenical challenges and perspectives

- 8.00 am **Morning Prayer** (arranged by a Free church)
- 9.30 am **"Ecumenism in motion"**
Lectures and panel discussion: Kurt Cardinal Koch, President of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity, Rome and Dr Olav Fykse Tveit, General Secretary to the World Council of Churches, Geneva
Präses Nikolaus Schneider, Head of the Protestant church in Germany; Metropolitan Augoustinos, Orthodox Bishops' Conference in Germany; Bishop Rosemarie Wenner, Protestant-Methodist Church
- 12.15 am **Midday Prayer**
- 3.00 pm **Workshop**
"Sent out! Delegated?": an attractive church
Lecture: Matthias Drobinski, Süddeutsche Zeitung
- 3.30 pm **Work groups:**
- 1 **"Mission (im)possible":** missionary ecumenism (Hans-Hermann Pompe, Protestant Church in Germany Centre of Excellence "Regional Mission; Dr Hubertus Schönemann, Catholic Office for Missionary Pastoral; Lars Linder, Union of Free Evangelical Churches Essen-Mitte)
 - 2 **Biography and Ecumenism** (Prof. Dr. Dorothea Sattler; Peter Schönhöffer, MEET Ingelheim)
 - 3 **"Sense and Sensibility":** the Eucharist and the Last Supper (Dr Alexander Saberschinsky; Archpriest Peter Sonntag; Dr Martin Evang)
 - 4 **"Who calls the shots?":** Ministry – demands and reality (Prof. Dr Ottmar Fuchs; Prof. Dr Andreas Mühlung)
 - 5 **Ecumenism based on the division of labour:** practical examples (Church Official Susanne Labsch)
 - 6 **Workshop Ecumenical service** (Dr. Reinhard Thöle; Prof. Dr. Assaad Elias Kattan)
 - 7 **"Living very simply in a Community"** (Community of Taizé)
- 7.00 pm **Evening Prayer** (Community of Taizé)
- 8.00 pm **Get together**

>> THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND 2012

"Fitted out?" – Inheritance, Tradition, and Change

- 8.00 am **Morning Prayer** (arranged by an Orthodox church)
- 9.30 am **"Clothed by Christ – Drawn to Christ"**
Lectures and Panel Discussion: Alois Glück, President of the Central Committee of German Catholics and Prof. Dr Gerhard Robbers, President of the 34th German Protestant Church Convention; Prof Dr Walter Euler, Theological Faculty of Trier; Dr Thies Gundlach, Protestant Church in Germany; Pastor Regina Claas, Union of Evangelical Free Churches in Germany; Archpriest Constantin Miron, Orthodox Bishops' Conference in Germany
- 12.15 am **Midday Prayer**
"Overwhelming?" – Living from hope, learning to handle uncertainty
- 3.00 pm **Workshop**
"Tentative Advances" – Introduction
- 3.30 pm **Work groups:**
- 1 **Church Rooms – Church Art** (Prof. Dr. Adrian Marinescu)
 - 2 **Music – sound and resonance in church spaces** (Christoph Schömig, Regional Cantor)
 - 3 **Poetry – mysticism** (Petra Fietzek, Writer)
 - 4 **Creative writing – Prayers for Pilgrims** (N.N.)
 - 5 **Modern Art – Living with Uncertainty** (Prof. Dr. Heinz-Günther Schöttler)
 - 6 **Arts Event:** The world of colours as an example. Contrasts complement one another (Renate Reifert, Artist)
 - 7 **"and join together what is separated"** (fashion design students, Trier Technical College)
- 7.00 pm **Evening Prayer** (ecumenical)
- 8.00 pm **"Sketch – outline"** (Reception with Renate Reifert)
- >> **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD 2012**
- 9.30 am **"ReVisions":** Marion Unger, journalist, Protestant Church in the Rhineland, and Dr Johannes Oeldemann, Johann-Adam-Möhler-Institute for Ecumenism, in dialogue with Dr Ulrich Ruh, Herder Korrespondenz
- 11.00 am **Closure: "The Trier Bond of Ecumenism"**
Further weaving, blessing and final message

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