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Conference No.

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Registration

Please register no later than
27 November 2011.
You will receive a confirmation.

Conference Fees

Conference fee	70,00 €
Full board, single room with shower and WC	170,70 €
Meals without accommodation and breakfast	69,90 €
Additional night with dinner (Arrival on 8 Dec)	65,30 €

VAT is included in all prices.
Costs for meals not taken
cannot be reimbursed.

Business conditions see
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Conference Languages

The Conference languages are
English and German
(simultaneous translation).
The participants must speak
and understand one of
the two languages.

Conference Location

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Evangelical-Lutheran Church of
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Christian humanity and tolerance. In
its dealings the
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of sustainability. It is certified
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Travel Directions

By car

Motorway A8 Stuttgart-Munich,
exit Aichelberg. Follow the road
towards Göppingen for about 5
km.; turn right towards Bad Boll.
After 300 metres take the
second entrance on the right
to the Academy.

By rail

Take the train to Göppingen.
In Göppingen board a Number
20 bus to Bad Boll (Bus station
100 m. left from the Railway
Station), Bus Platform K.
After about 20 minutes get
off at the stop: Ev. Akademie /
Rehaklinik.

By plane

Plane to Stuttgart-Echterdingen
Transfer with Hardy's Taxi
(+49 7161 950023, within
Germany 07161 950023)

Target Group

Representatives of the churches in
Europe, academic experts, scholars
and participants interested in the
dialogue among churches on human
rights.

Conference Chairmen

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Speakers and Moderators

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Very Rev. Vsevolod Chaplin

Chairman, Dept. for Church and
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The Christian Understanding of Human Rights – Difficult Questions

Dialogue of the Churches in
Europe on the Occasion of the
International Day of Human Rights

9.-11. December 2011
Protestant Academy Bad Boll



In Cooperation with:
Community of Protestant
Churches in Europe (CPCE)
Conference of European Churches
(CEC)
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The Christian Understanding of Human Rights

After the appalling experiences of World War II, the countries of the United Nations came together on December 10, 1948 and agreed on the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. At the core of this declaration is the foundation of Human Rights on respect for the dignity and the value of each person. Human rights are therefore regarded as universal, inalienable and indivisible.

From a Christian understanding, human dignity and human value are based on the Covenant of God's faithfulness to his people, as well as of his love for the world. In the light of this Covenant the churches get involved when human dignity is trampled on and when fundamental rights are disregarded. In acting so, the churches are motivated by the firm conviction that the entire "oikoumene", the whole inhabited earth is destined to live in the peace of the Lord according to God's plan of Salvation.

Nevertheless the ecumenical dialogue in recent years showed some diverse positions on the understanding and application of the human rights concept. This is a dialogue that is also influenced by different theological and cultural approaches. The conference in Bad Boll will provide an opportunity for an ecumenical exchange on the Christian understanding of Human rights. It shall as well pave the way for joint activities of the churches in Europe to protect human dignity and human value in the challenges of today's world.

The Conference will provide the opportunity to participate in the farewell service for Rev. Prof. h. c. Manfred Wagner in Reutlingen on Saturday.

Cordial invitation to the Protestant Academy Bad Boll

Rev. Dr. Dieter Heidtmann
Rev Wolfgang Wagner
Rev. Matthias Riemenschneider

Friday, 9 December 2011

9:00

Welcome

Director Joachim L. Beck

9:30

Churches and Human Rights

Archbishop Feofan

President Rev. Dr. h. c. Thomas Wipf

Director Rev. Rüdiger Noll

Moderator: Rev. Wolfgang Wagner

10:30

Coffee/Tea

11:00

Human Rights from Confessional Perspectives

Very Rev. Vsevolod Chaplin

Prof. Dr. Ingeborg Gabriel

Prof. Dr. Stefan Tobler

Buzz groups and Plenary debate

13:00

Lunch

14:30

Concepts of Human Rights

Rev. Alexander Vasyutin

General Secretary Rev. Tony Peck

PD Dr. Frank Mathwig

Plenary Discussion

Moderator: Rev. Dr. Tomi Karttunen

16:00

Coffee/Tea

16:30

Human Dignity and Human Value: Theological Perspectives

Prof. Dr. Dagmar Heller

Very Rev. Philipp Ryabykh

Human rights in relation to state and nation

Very Rev. Vsevolod Chaplin

Synodal President Dr. Peter Krömer

17:15

Discussion in groups

Moderation: Rev. Dr. Dieter Heidtmann and

Rev. Dr. Johann Schneider

18:30

Dinner

19:30

Human Rights and Morality

An Evening Talk with

Rev. Dr. Arsenij Chernikin

General Bishop Milos Klatik

Prof. Dr. Elisabeth Parmentier

Moderator: Rev. Donald Watts

Evening Prayer

Social Evening at the Café Heuss

08:00

08:20

09:00

10:30

11:00

13:00

14:30

16:00

17:00

19:30

20:30

08:20

9:00

10:00

10:45

13:00

Saturday, 10 December 2011

International Day of Human Rights

Morning Prayer

Breakfast

The Joint Commitment of the Churches for Human Rights Freedom of Religion and Freedom of Conscience

Bishop Dr. h. c. Frank Otfried July

Very Rev. Prof. Dr. Vladan Perisic

Rev. Dr. Johann Schneider

Rev. Alexander Vasyutin

Moderator: Mag. Elizabeta Kitanovic and Rev. Matthias

Riemenschneider

Coffee/Tea

Economic and Social Rights

Rev. Prof. Dr. Stephanie Dietrich

Mr. Vakhtang Kipshidze

Prof. Dr. Radu Preda

Working Groups, followed by a feedback to the plenary

Moderator: Rev. Wolfgang Wagner and Rev. Frank-Dieter

Fischbach

Lunch

Transfer to Reutlingen

Opportunity to visit the Christmas Fair

Worship Service in the Marienkirche Reutlingen

Rev. Prof h. c. Manfred Wagner

Reception

Transfer to Bad Boll

Arrival in Bad Boll

Social Evening in the Café Heuss

Sunday, 11 December 2011

Breakfast

(for those who will not join for the Eucharist)

Worship (Divine Liturgy)

Coffee break with breakfast

Perspectives for Joint Action

How to Advocate for Human Rights

Mag. Elizabeta Kitanovic

Proposals for Joint Activities from the Saturday Sessions:

Next steps in the dialogue

Very Rev. Vsevolod Chaplin

Rev. Dr. Stephanie Dietrich

Rev. Rüdiger Noll

Moderator: Rev. Dr. Dieter Heidtmann

End of the Conference with Lunch