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Courageous – Strong – Resolute

Kirchentag is coming home! Here we are back in Hanover. This is where the German Protestant Kirchentag was founded in 1949 during the German Protestant Week. At that time - when perpetrators and victims of National Socialism could meet again on the street in broad daylight – Reinold von Thadden-Trieglaff and his friends asked: How can this country go forwards? We must talk about guilt. We

must do things better, we are responsible before God and our fellow human beings. The same year saw the adoption of the German constitution. The Basic Law and the Gospel come together at the Kirchentag and have a common insight: enemy images have been abolished. There is no us against them. We can only go forward together. By arguing well and recognising our differences. Kirchentag celebrates this diversity and the commitment to disagree well with one another, based on the fundamental assumption that I am never the only one to be right, those on the other side may also be right.

Courageous – Strong – Resolute. The apostle Paul writes it in our hearts: keep alert, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, trust firmly in God and in God's humanity. Do not allow hatred to overcome you. Carve no graven image of your enemy but rather sculpt the future together. A future in which each and everyone has a place. Seek out that which is good and dare to do good together, again and again despite everything. This is and remains Christian freedom.

Each and every one of us is free. Free to look for answers, for community, for cohesion.

The German general election was set for 23 February, inviting citizens to vote. Voting is one thing. But it is quite another thing to form one's own mind about how to go forward together and to ask what we ourselves are willing to do to make it happen. Kirchentag is a space that contributes to the formation of our political thinking. It is also a space of hope for God's more just world in this world. Kirchentag celebrates that God lives amongst us and doesn't leave us out in the cold but shakes us up and calls us. And that personal call is: for goodness' sake, who do you want to be before God and towards your fellow human beings? How do you all want to live together?

You've got the programme for all of this in your hands. It's a really appetising menu with more than 1000 possibilities to seek out new things, to worship, listen, pray, debate and sing. Some items in the programme will be different because of the elections. Nevertheless Kirchentag is happening, courageously, strongly and resolutely!

Dr Kristin Jahn, general secretary

8 SCHEDULE

	Wednesday 30 April	Thursday 1 May	
08.00 – 08.30		Morning Prayer	
08.30 – 09.00			
09.00 – 09.30			
09.30 – 10.00		Bible Studies XW94	
10.00 – 10.30			
10.30 – 11.00			
11.00 – 11.30		Socio-Political, Spiritual and Cultural Programme	Workshops Market of Opportunities, Exhibition Area PM44
11.30 – 12.00			
12.00 – 12.30			
12.30 – 13.00			
13.00 – 13.30		Midday Prayer	
13.30 – 14.00		Community Singing with the Kirchentag Songbook YQ87	
14.00 – 14.30	Opening Act of Remembrance PA79		
14.30 – 15.00			
15.00 – 15.30		Socio-Political, Spiritual and Cultural Programme	
15.30 – 16.00			
16.00 – 16.30	Warming up		
16.30 – 17.00			
17.00 – 17.30	Opening Services JM84		
17.30 – 18.00			
18.00 – 18.30		Evening Prayer	
18.30 – 19.00	Evening of Encounters QQ87		
19.00 – 19.30		International Welcome Session	
19.30 – 20.00			
20.00 – 20.30			
20.30 – 21.00			
21.00 – 21.30			
21.30 – 22.00	Evening Blessing	Evening Blessing	
22.00 – 22.30		Night Prayer	
22.30 – 23.00			
00.00 – 24.00	Sing around the clock EX87		

Friday 2 May		Saturday 3 May		Sunday 4 May
Morning Prayer		Morning Prayer		
Bible Studies SG12		Bible Studies NB12		Warming up
Socio-Political, Spiritual and Cultural Programme		Socio-Political, Spiritual and Cultural Programme		Closing Service FA24
				Winding down
Midday Prayer		Midday Prayer		
Community Singing with the Kirchentag Songbook YQ87		Community Singing with the Kirchentag Songbook YQ87		
Socio-Political, Spiritual and Cultural Programme		Socio-Political, Spiritual and Cultural Programme		
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Evening Blessing		Evening Blessing		
Night Prayer		Night Prayer		
Sing around the clock EX87				

Workshops
Market of Opportunities, Exhibition Area PM44

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Celebratory Communion Services XN93

This booklet includes practical information and gives details of events of particular interest to international visitors. It would be impossible to translate the whole programme, but we draw attention here to:

- International speakers
- Interpretation into English
- Sessions all in English
- Other major events of particular significance or interest.

Events with interpretation

The Kirchentag provides simultaneous interpretation at some events. These are listed in this booklet and indicated in the digital programme with special symbols as shown on page ► 14. Please allow enough time before the session begins to collect your headphones. If you want to attend an event without interpretation you can ask at the International Centre for a volunteer language steward to go with you. They do not give a full simultaneous translation but will give you a summary of what is said.

International Centre (IZ)

The International Centre (IZ) is open from **Tuesday 29 April** to **Saturday 3 May** and is the meeting point for international participants and their hosts. It is located in the Five Continents restaurant (Hall 19/20), to the right of the North entrance to the Exhibition Grounds. It provides services for participants from abroad and their hosts. The IZ team is available to offer help, in a variety of languages, with any questions or problems concerning the Kirchentag, the programme or accommodation. There is a café offering the opportunity for a short break and meeting up with other international participants and the members of the International Committee.

The IZ is located at:

M Restaurant Five Continents, Exhibition Grounds (Hall 19/20)

Opening hours:

Tue 12.00–20.00

Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat 09.00–20.00

Tel: ► +49 661 96 64 8-105

E-Mail: ► international@kirchentag.de

International welcome and information session

This is a special welcome session for international participants directly after the opening service. It takes place on **Wednesday 30 April** at **18.30** in the Volkshochschule, which is 10 minutes' walk from the Opening Service at Opera Square. Find out more about Kirchentag and meet other people who speak your language, including members of the International Committee.

I Volkshochschule, 1. OG, Saal, Burgstr. 14 (16)

Changes to the programme

The Kirchentag is such a big event that it is impossible to avoid some last-minute changes to the programme. Updates are available during the Kirchentag itself:

- at the International Centre
- on the Kirchentag website (German only)
- on the Kirchentag-app (German only)
- You can find updated information on all events included in this booklet if you enter the webcode **FJ52** in the programme search at ► kirchentag.de/en/programme-overview or in the app.

Hall full (Halle überfüllt)

There will be times when the venues are full to capacity and people have to be turned away for health and safety reasons. Even if there appears to be some space left, please respect the Halle überfüllt signs and understand why you are turned away by the stewards. This is the only way to ensure the smooth and safe running of all the events at the Kirchentag. Thank you.

Stewards

Around 5,000 volunteer helpers take responsibility for various tasks and the Kirchentag would not be possible without them. These stewards are easily recognisable by their white **“ich helfe”** scarves. They help to prepare venues, give information, keep order, distribute headsets and much more, doing work which would otherwise have to be done by paid staff.

They are also given particular roles of responsibility such as closing the doors of venues that have been filled to capacity and staffing the left luggage locations. This means that they can sometimes find themselves under pressure in stressful situations. If problems arise, they need your support and your understanding, as for example when they have to keep emergency exits clear for Health & Safety reasons. Many of the helpers are from scout groups or youth organisations. Their uniforms, shirts and neckscarves are the expression of a longstanding and independent youth tradition in Germany.

Environment and climate protection

Kirchentag seeks to be the most environmentally-friendly large event of its kind and has held the European EMAS certificate for over fifteen years. The aim is to do everything possible to reduce energy consumption and to be careful with precious resources like water and food. As Kirchentag participants you are asked to play your part, for instance using public transport or bicycles. Please avoid unnecessary waste and sort your rubbish into the right bins. See also the headings *Bicycle hire*, *Food and refreshments* and *Waste disposal* in the A to Z section.

Bible studies

Every day has its own Bible text, related to the theme. People from all walks of life interpret the Bible, often relating the texts to their own life and work. Bible studies are a key part of the Kirchentag and no other events go on at the same time.

Celebratory communion services (Feierabendmahl)

The celebratory communion service has taken place on the Friday evening at the Kirchentag for over forty years. Hosts and guests come together and celebrate a special communion service, get to know each other and exchange experiences.

Community singing with the Kirchentag songbook

Take an active break at lunchtime: breathe deeply and sing. It will do wonders for your voice, mind and heart. Singing is led by musicians, choirs and bands. Explore the hidden depths of the songbook.

Prayers

On **Thursday**, **Friday** and **Saturday** there are morning, midday, evening and night prayers which take place at various venues and also in local parishes around the city. This provides the liturgical heartbeat of the Kirchentag and is an opportunity to take a regular break for contemplation.

Market of Opportunities

The Market of Opportunities is at the heart of the Kirchentag and over the years has developed into a vital meeting place for groups working in church and society. Over 500 groups present their projects, both large and small. Here you will find information as well as opportunities for discussion, networking and building new contacts. A map and the topic areas are shown on page ► 62.

Contributors (Mitwirkende)

About half of Kirchentag participants are actively involved in making the programme happen: planning groups, brass band players, singers and speakers, in concerts, worship services, theatre and cabaret performances and running stalls in the market of opportunities. Not only Christians are invited to do this work, but also those from other religions and none. All who care about society and dialogue are welcome. If you would like to be involved next time, you will find more information in our newsletter and on our website.

Have your say – Kirchentag as a platform for discussion

Kirchentag participants are invited to have their say and express their opinions. This can be done in the formal sessions via the spokespersons for the audience, or directly using the hall microphones, by taking part in live votes or through digital participation. You will find formats such as simulation games, workshops, escape rooms or Bible drama. The Kirchentag also offers opportunities to participate on Instagram, Facebook and LinkedIn. More information is given in the A to Z section under the headings *Public participation* and *Social Media*.

Accessibility and inclusion – everyone should be able to come

Accessibility is the key to wider participation. Everyone should be able to attend. This includes people in wheelchairs, those with sensory impairment or with learning difficulties, and anyone who faces obstacles to their desire to participate. The Kirchentag seeks to be open for everyone, diversity is an enrichment and a gift. This is one of the challenges of inclusivity. Everyone should be accepted as an individual as part of the whole community. The Kirchentag makes every effort to enable independent participation and active contribution in as many places as possible.

You will find helpful information on accessibility at the Kirchentag in the A to Z section under the heading *Inclusive and Accessible Kirchentag*.


Safeguarding

Sexualised violence and discrimination have no place at the Kirchentag. With its safeguarding policy, the Kirchentag opposes sexualised violence by preventive measures and on site, in order to provide a safe, inviting space for all participants. That involves everyone being attentive to the individually felt boundaries of others and not crossing them. Each of us has the right to say “no” if something happens against our will, and to seek assistance and support. There are professionally trained contact persons available to everyone for that purpose. Come and see us if you do not feel at ease or if someone has not respected your boundaries.

More information is given in the A to Z section under the heading *Safeguarding*.


Accessibility of venues

The Kirchentag tries to make venues as accessible as possible. That means that there are no steps. Ramps are at most a 6% slope. Doors are at least 90 cm wide. Lifts are at least 140 cm long and there is an accessible toilet at the location. If venues are not completely accessible these pictograms are used:

 Limited accessibility


At most one step, ramp with over 6% slope. Door widths between 70 and 89 cm, lift between 90 and 139 cm long.

Open air: adjacent to paved paths, partly on unpaved ground.

 Not accessible


Many steps, doors less than 70 cm wide, lift less than 90 cm long.

Open air: completely unpaved ground.

 No accessible toilet

We have marked a few accessible toilets on the city maps to be found on the web, in the app and in the envelope of the German printed programme.


Communications and Language


 Induction loop


 German sign language (DGS)

 German subtitles (speech-to-text)

 In simple German

 In English

 Interpretation into English

 Interpretation into German

Interpretation through headphones for a limited number of people. Headphones and receivers can be borrowed on site. Please plan enough time for this.

Colour codes for the days of the week

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday

Opening Service

1 Cor 16:13–14

13 Keep alert, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong. **14** Let all that you do be done in love.

Closing Service

Romans 8:31–39

31 What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? **32** He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? **33** Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. **34** Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. **35** Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? **36** As it is written, 'For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.' **37** No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. **38** For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, **39** nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Ecumenical Service on 1 May

Romans 12:1–9

12 I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. **2** Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

3 For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. **4** For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, **5** so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. **6** We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; **7** ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; **8** the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness. **9** Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good;

Bible Study on Thursday

Mark 7:24–30

24 From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, **25** but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. **26** Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. **27** He said to her, 'Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' **28** But she answered him, 'Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.' **29** Then he said to her, 'For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.' **30** So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Bible Study on Friday

Jeremiah 29:1–14

29 These are the words of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the exiles, and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people, whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon. **2** This was after King Jeconiah, and the queen mother, the court officials, the leaders of Judah and Jerusalem, the artisans, and the smiths had departed from Jerusalem. **3** The letter was sent by the hand of Elasah son of Shaphan and Gemariah son of Hilkiah, whom King Zedekiah of Judah sent to Babylon to King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon. It said: **4** Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: **5** Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. **6** Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. **7** But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare. **8** For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Do not let the prophets and the diviners who are among you deceive you, and do not listen to the dreams that they dream, **9** for it is a lie that they are prophesying to you in my name; I did not send them, says the Lord.

10 For thus says the Lord: Only when Babylon's seventy years are completed will I visit you, and I will fulfil to you my promise and bring you back to this place. **11** For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. **12** Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. **13** When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart, **14** I will let you find me, says the Lord, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, says the Lord, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile.

 Bible Study on Saturday

Matthew 28:1-10

1 After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. 2 And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. 3 His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. 4 For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. 5 But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. 6 He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. 7 Then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him." This is my message for you.' 8 So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. 9 Suddenly Jesus met them and said, 'Greetings!' And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. 10 Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.'

 Celebratory Communion

Proverbs 15:13-17

13 A glad heart makes a cheerful countenance,
but by sorrow of heart the spirit is broken.

14 The mind of one who has understanding seeks knowledge,
but the mouths of fools feed on folly.

15 All the days of the poor are hard,
but a cheerful heart has a continual feast.

16 Better is a little with the fear of the Lord
than great treasure and trouble with it.

17 Better is a dinner of vegetables where love is
than a fatted ox and hatred with it.

 Kirchentag psalm

Psalm 27

1 The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?

2 When evildoers assail me
to devour my flesh—
my adversaries and foes—
they shall stumble and fall.

3 Though an army encamp against me,
my heart shall not fear;
though war rise up against me,
yet I will be confident.

4 One thing I asked of the Lord,
that will I seek after:
to live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life,
to behold the beauty of the Lord,
and to inquire in his temple.

5 For he will hide me in his shelter
in the day of trouble;
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;
he will set me high on a rock.

6 Now my head is lifted up
above my enemies all around me,
and I will offer in his tent
sacrifices with shouts of joy;
I will sing and make melody to the Lord.

7 Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud,
be gracious to me and answer me!

8 'Come,' my heart says, 'seek his face!'
Your face, Lord, do I seek.

9 Do not hide your face from me.
Do not turn your servant away in anger,
you who have been my help.
Do not cast me off, do not forsake me,
O God of my salvation!

10 If my father and mother forsake me,
the Lord will take me up.

11 Teach me your way, O Lord,
and lead me on a level path
because of my enemies.

12 Do not give me up to the will of my adversaries,
for false witnesses have risen against me,
and they are breathing out violence.

13 I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord
in the land of the living.

14 Wait for the Lord;
be strong, and let your heart take courage;
wait for the Lord!

Offerings

Opening services: Helping people who are fleeing

Across the world more than 110 million people are fleeing war, hunger and violence. Your offering contributes to the work of two aid projects: rapid humanitarian relief in Lebanon and long-term assistance in South Africa. Both project partners have been working for many years with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Hanover and know the local situations really well.

Humanitarian relief in Lebanon

About 900,000 people in Lebanon have been displaced because of the war between Hisbollah and Israel, and this in a country where 44 per cent of the population lives in poverty. The Middle East Council of Churches organises emergency supplies for internally displaced people, and in particular for vulnerable groups such as families with children. It provides food, safe accommodation, medical care, nappies, baby food and hygiene products.

Account name: Ev.-luth. Landeskirche Hannovers

IBAN: DE76 5206 0410 0000 0060 09

Purpose: Nothilfe im Libanon
Evangelische Bank e. G.



Give online at: ► twn.gl/libanonhilfe

New beginnings for refugees in South Africa

In the face of hunger and political violence, one million people have fled from Zimbabwe to South Africa. Their situation remains very difficult. Refugees receive little support and their access to schools and health care is made difficult. The Lutheran Community Outreach Foundation offers aid to encourage self-help so that those who have fled can build new lives through counselling and psychological support, language courses, training, help with administrative matters and to get access to schools and medical care. Your donation secures this work.

Account name: Ev.-luth. Missionswerk in Niedersachsen

IBAN: DE90 2695 1311 0000 9191 91

Purpose: Geflüchtete in Südafrika
Sparkasse Celle-Giffhorn-Wolfsburg



Give online at: ► www.elm-mission.net/kirchentag2025/kollekte

Closing service

We welcome your donations for two projects which offer people moments of dignity and joy.

Education and summer fun for refugee children in Istanbul

The **Don Bosco Learning Center Istanbul** is often the only opportunity to get protection and education for 160 refugee children and young people from 30 countries. As the children have no access to regular schooling, the centre offers a structured school day and community, as well as social and therapeutic support services which empower the children and young people and offer new prospects for their future.

Your donations will support the building of a much needed refectory to provide a daily warm meal and also help to fund the special Summer Oratorium: for six weeks 100 children participate in a joyful community experience through games, sport and creativity. The Don Bosco Salesians work with 15 young volunteers from Turkey and central Europe to put together a really colourful programme. Your donation will make these important summer weeks possible.

Account name: Deutsche Provinz der Salesianer Don Boscos

IBAN: DE59 7509 0300 0002 1366 51
LIGA Bank e.G.



Donate online: ► www.donboscomission.de/helfen/istanbul

Fulfilling final requests

The **Johanniter Request-Ambulance** tries to make the impossible possible by taking chronically ill people one last time to places they love. Since 2022 volunteers have been helping to fulfil these special final requests: to see the sea one last time, to be able to attend a grandchild's wedding or go one last time to a football match. In order to help more people experience this, they need a special medically equipped vehicle with panorama windows to look out of and comfortable places to lie down in. Your donations will help us to acquire this special vehicle for extremely ill people.

Account name: Johanniter GmbH (gemeinnützig)

IBAN: DE92 3702 0500 0020 2001 81
SozialBank



Donate online: ► kirchentag.de/wunsch-ambulanz (externer Link)

Ecumenical service

Assistance for single parents and pregnant women in need

For more than 20 years **Notruf Mirjam – Helpline Miriam** has kept its lines open throughout the day. The helpline is staffed by 15 volunteers who are there to listen to and help pregnant women and families. The weekly breakfast meeting for single parents in the centre of Hanover is becoming more and more important. Mothers and fathers get free breakfast and can talk with other parents. Counselling and information on educational issues, job seeking and legal issues is provided. Your donations make these meetings possible and pay for professional costs.

Account name: Notruf Mirjam der LIM gGmbH

IBAN: DE03 5206 0410 0100 6003 00
Evangelische Bank e.G.



Online spenden: ► kirchentag.de/mirjam (externer Link)

Celebratory communion

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Hanover seeks donations for two projects.

An open house for families

The Family Café of St John's parish in Empelde is a meeting place for all generations. Once a week the smell of freshly-made waffles fills the air while children have fun in the play area. Parents and grandparents find time to chat over tea or coffee. Your donation helps to buy the ingredients to make the waffles and provide tea and coffee so that the family café can remain free of charge and open to all.

Account name: Johannesgemeinde Empelde

IBAN: DE66 2519 3331 0400 0099 00
Purpose: Familienzentrum Empelde
Volksbank Pattensen



Donate online: ► twm.gl/familiencafe

Support for people in poverty and without housing

Through your donations people who are living in poverty and without housing will receive support. **Diakonie Hannover** organises free clothing and warm food through the winter months. The Mecki drop-in centre is particularly important; it provides medical first aid, a place to talk and be listened to, and specialist guidance. Workers there provide long-term accompaniment for people and help with access to social entitlements and contacting relevant specialist departments.

Account name: Diakonisches Werk Hannover gGmbH

IBAN: DE76 5206 0410 0200 6012 33
Purpose: Mecki
Evangelische Bank e.G.



Donate online: ► twm.gl/wohnungsloshilfe

Wednesday

14.00

Opening Act of Remembrance

AC48

Act of remembrance

Wed 14.00 **Identifying guilt – Standing up for responsibility**

▶ PA79

to 15.00 *Words – Chimes – Performance*



This year the opening act of remembrance focuses on the experiential. Those speaking come from a variety of backgrounds. For remembrance to also become tangible, participants are invited to take a small object away with them.

Dr Kristin Jahn, general secretary, Kirchentag, Fulda
Anja Siegesmund, president of the 39th Kirchentag, Jena
People from across society of the city of Hanover.







Torch-bearer monument at Maschsee, Rudolf-von-Bennigsen-Ufer 2

Bus stop: Maschsee/Sprengel Museum [Bus]

16.00

Opening Services

JM84

- Wed 16.00 to 17.00** **Opening service at Platz der Menschenrechte** ▶ MS31
Warming up
Music and interviews
 Moderation:
 Dr Stefanie Schardien, theological director, Protestant association for communication, Frankfurt/Main
 Dr Julian Sengelmann, pastor and actor, Hamburg
- Wed 17.00 to 18.00** **Colourful togetherness** ▶ SB37
Opening service
 *Live streaming. For more information, see the A to Z*
 Sermon:
 Jens Krieger-Juhnke, gap year volunteer, Uetze
 Charlotte Sophie Schlieker, school student, Hanover
 Sermon and liturgy:
 Ralf Meister, bishop, Hanover
 Liturgy:
 Henriette Greulich, politics student, Dresden
 Official opening of the Kirchentag:
 Anja Siegesmund, president of the Kirchentag, Jena
 Music:
 Popcantor Allstars Band, Hanover
 Kirchentag brass band
 Musical direction:
 Til von Dombois, pop cantor, Hanover
 Reinhard Gramm, brass band officer, Stade, Cadenberge
 Lennart Rübke, brass band officer, Lüneburg, Visselhövede
 Liturgy and general direction:
 Dr Anne Helene Kratzert, Kirchentag chaplain, Fulda
- Wed 18.00 to 18.30** **Words and greetings** ▶ PD85
 Newly-elected chair of the Council of Christian Churches in Germany (ACK)
 Belit Onay, federal president, Hanover
 Dr Frank-Walter Steinmeier, federal president, Berlin
 Stephan Weil, state premier of Lower Saxony, Hanover
 Dr Heiner Wilmer, bishop, Hildesheim
 Moderation:
 Dr Stefanie Schardien, theological director, Protestant association for communication, Frankfurt/Main
 Dr Julian Sengelmann, pastor and actor, Hamburg
-  **I Stage at Platz der Menschenrechte (36)**
 Stops: Aegidientorplatz; Kröpcke; Markthalle/Landtag

Opening service at Opernplatz

Wed 16.00 **Warming up**

▶ UD65

to 17.00 *Music and interviews*

Moderation:

Yared Terfa Dibaba, host and author, Hamburg

Karen Münster, girl guide, Hamburg

Wed 17.00 **Inquisitive**

▶ ES34

to 18.00 *Opening service*

The English translation of the sermon will be on the website:

▶ kirchentag.de/en/sermon

Sermon:

Evelyne Baumberger, theologian and director of RefLab, Zurich, Switzerland

Liturgy:

Marit Günther, superintendent, Göttingen

Christian Möring, pastor, Hamburg

Opening:

Torsten Zugehör, Kirchentag presidium, Lutherstadt Wittenberg

Music:

Jan-Henrik Behnken, Burgwedel

Mario Ehrenberg-Kempf, Hanover

Afterhours choir, Northeim

Robin Hlinka, Braunschweig

Youth choir of the Braunschweig cathedral choir school

Youth brass bands and players from the Hanover brass band ensembles

Musical leadership:

Benjamin Dippel, regional church musical director, Hanover

Elke Lindemann, cantor, St Blasius Cathedral, Braunschweig

**I Stage at Opernplatz (32)**

Stops: Kröpcke; Aegidientorplatz

18.00

Evening of Encounters

Q087

Street festival

Wed 18.00 **Places of the heart**

► QN35

to 22.00

Encounters in the heart of the town

A very warm welcome! For the five days of the Kirchentag Hanover seeks to be at the heart of things for everyone. Feel the warmth of the heartbeat which has been part of all the preparations. Hand in hand with the whole region at the evening of encounters, the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Hanover wants to show how big-hearted the people who live here are, how joyful faith can be, and how much space for diversity the city has to offer. 200 stands – 200 places of the heart in the heart of the city. Come and celebrate together!

[Further information in German:](http://kirchentag.de/adb) ► kirchentag.de/adb

I Inner city

Stops: Aegidientorplatz; Hauptbahnhof; Kröpcke; Steintor

18.30

International welcome session

Wed 18.30 **Welcome to Hanover!**

► HC97

to 19.30

Information for international participants

In English and German

I Volkshochschule, 1st floor, Saal, Burgstr. 14 (16)

Stops: Goetheplatz; Steintor

21.30

Night prayer

Wed 21.30 **Night blessing. Close of day. Sea of lights.**

► FU89

to 22.00

An atmospheric end to the day

Liturgy:

Dr Stephan Goldschmidt, pastor, Hanover

Ekkehard Rüger, editor, Düsseldorf

Music:

Big Band Fette Hupe, Hanover

Youth choir, Hanover



I Stage at Opernplatz (32)

Stops: Kröpcke; Aegidientorplatz

Night Prayer

Wed 21.30 **Night blessing. Close of day. Sea of lights.**

► VJ19

to 22.00 *An atmospheric end to the day*

Liturgy:

Marie Kleinhans, Hanover

Christoph Martsch-Grunau, pastor, Delmenhorst

Elisabeth Rabe-Winnen, responsible for worship and church music at
St Michael's monastery, Hildesheim

Music:

Kirchentag brass band

Musical leadership:

Reinhard Gramm, Cadenberge



I Stage at Platz der Menschenrechte (36)

Stops: Aegidientorplatz; Kröpcke; Markthalle/Landtag

Thursday

09.30

Bible Studies on Thursday

XW94

- Bible study**
- Thu 09.30** **Dialogue Bible study | Nancy Janz, Dorothee Wüst** ▶ **KT22**
to 10.30 *Courage to speak out | Mark 7: 24–30*
 Nancy Janz, spokesperson, EKD forum for representatives of victims of sexual violence Bremen
 Dorothee Wüst, church president, Kaiserslautern
- Music:
 PlayGround duo, Tübingen
- I** **Marktkirche, Hanns-Lilje-Platz 2 (12)**
 Stops: Kröpcke; Markthalle/Landtag

- Bible study**
- Thu 09.30** **Dialogue Bible study | 2Flügel** ▶ **XF74**
to 10.30 *Courage to speak out | Mark 7: 24–30*
 Ben Seipel, musician, Essen
 Christina Brudereck, theologian und author, Essen
- M** **Hall 17, Exhibition Grounds**
 Stop: Messe/Nord

10.00

Centre Jewish and Christian


KH42

- Exhibition**
- Thu 10.00** **Jewish calligraphy** ▶ **KA54**
to 18.00 *An art between faith and law*
 External location
- ▶ **Planned by: Siegmund Seligmann Gesellschaft**
- W** **Villa Seligmann, Hohenzollernstr. 39**
 Stops: Lister Platz; Sedanstraße/Lister Meile

10.30

Fine Arts


WY37

- Thu 10.30 to 18.30** **Exhibition**
Fantasy trip into the future and the past ▶ UK15
Inclusive art project
 The Flying Flower – art helps, Hanover
 **M** Hall 16, Exhibition Grounds
 Stop: Messe/Nord
- Thu 10.30 to 18.30** **Exhibition**
Home away from home ▶ PT16
Voices from the diaspora – a photo exhibition
 Ursula Mindermann, photographer, Telgte
M Hall 17, Exhibition Grounds
 Stop: Messe/Nord
- Thu 10.30 to 18.30** **Installation**
A thousand-fold ▶ DE79
Origami cranes as a symbol of peace
 Birgit Frieda Amhoff, artist, Warendorf
 Michael Grohe, cultural affairs officer, Harsewinkel
M Hall 14/15, exhibition and interactive area, Exhibition Grounds
 Stops: Messe/Nord; Messe/Ost (Expo-Plaza)

11.00

Main Panels

KU72

- Thu 11.00 to 13.00** **Main Panel**
After us the flood? Not with our blessing! ▶ UY56
 *Organising intergenerational global climate justice*
 Prof. Dr Alena Buyx, medical ethicist, Munich
 Prof. Dr Dr h.c. Nicola Fuchs-Schündeln, president, Berlin Social Science Centre
 Adenike Titilope Oladosu, climate activist and eco-feminist, Abuja, Nigeria
 Moderation:
 Dr Susanne Dröge, head of department for climate action and energy, German Environment Agency Berlin
 Spokespersons for the audience:
 Julia Dietrich, Stuttgart
 Jonathan Hunger, Zurich, Switzerland
M Hall 17, Exhibition Grounds
 Stop: Messe/Nord

Main Panel

Th 11.00 to 13.00 **An event on a current issue of interest** ▶ BC62

to 13.00 Live streaming. For more information see A to Z



This event will be on a current issue of interest and names of speakers will be given just before the start of the Kirchentag.



M Hall 2, Exhibition Grounds

Stops: Messe/Ost (Expo-Plaza); Messe/Nord

Panel series Ecumenism

RV51

Panel

Thu 11.00 to 12.30 **A heart for peace – daring non-violence** ▶ VR71

An ecumenical model of hope



Short introduction:

Dr Andrés Pacheco Lozano, co-director, Centre for Religion, Freedom and Justice, Amsterdam, Netherlands

Other panelists:

Marta Bernardini, Mediterranean Hope, Rome, Italy

Dr Ana-Marija Raffai, theologian, peace activist, Sestete, Croatia

Natallia Vasilevich, Movement of Christians against War, Bonn

Moderation:

Karin Kortmann, Central Committee of German Catholics (ZdK), Berlin

Antonia Meinert, Aumühle

Spokespersons for the audience:

Dr Dagmar Heller, Bensheim

Ailed Esperanza Villalba Aquino, Dortmund



I Marktkirche, Hanns-Lilje-Platz 2 (12)

Stops: Kröpcke; Markthalle/Landtag

Worship

YJ83

International service

Thu 11.00 to 12.30 **The Protestant Church in Germany (EKD) and the Church of England worship together** ▶ AE72

Interconfessional eucharist (bilingual)

A service booklet will be available in German and English

Liturgy:

Ralf Meister, bishop, Hanover

Sermon:

Dr Jonathan Gibbs, bishop, Rochester, United Kingdom

Organisation:

Meissen Commission, Hanover

Music:

Moritz Backhaus, Hanover

Ole Magers, Barsinghausen

The Messiah chamber choir, Hanover



W Auferstehungskirche, Helmstedter Str. 59, Döhren-Wülfel

Stop: Peiner Straße

Centre Jewish and Christian

KH42

Lehrhaus – House of learning

Thu 11.00 to 12.30 **1 Sam 28: Lose all courage – and regain it?** ▶ FQ28



A further experiment in dialogical bible reading
 Prof. Dr Alexander Deeg, practical theologian, Leipzig
 Prof. em. Dr Gerhard Marcel Martin, pastor, Marburg
 Prof. Shabtai Rappaport, rabbi, Jerusalem

M Convention Center, Saal 18, Exhibition Grounds

Stop: Messe/Nord

Forum Survival Questions from Young People

UE28

Performance

Thu 11.00 to 13.00 **Women of faith, beyond theological borders** ▶ WF26



A human library
 Women Theology Live-rary, University of Göttingen

M Unter dem Expo-Dach, Workshopzelt 1, Exhibition Grounds

Stops: Messe/Nord; Messe/Ost (Expo-Plaza)

Meeting place

Thu 11.00 to 21.30 **Vibrant, creative, in the middle of Hanover** ▶ XR26



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More information online: ▶ kirchentag.de/forum-überlebensfragen

I Stage at Platz der Weltausstellung

Stop: Kröpcke

Culture Church

CC54

Exhibition

Thu 11.00 to 18.00 **Dark light** ▶ PG73



Light installations
 External location
 Götz Lemberg, artist, Berlin

▶ Planned by Significant Culture church team, St Mark's, Hanover

W Markuskirche, Oskar-Winter-Str. 7, Vahrenwald-List

Stop: Lister Platz

11.30

Instrumental and Chamber Music

PP51

Concert

Thu 11.30
to 12.15

A handbells trio

► GM59

Virtuoso playing techniques with 36 bronze bells



W St Joseph, Isernhagener Str. 64, Vahrenwald-List

Stop: Dragonerstraße

14.00

Worship

YJ83

Peace

Thu 14.00
to 15.30

Praying beneath the Coventry cross of nails

► UZ86

Service of reconciliation with agape meal

Liturgy:

The Community of the Cross of Nails in Germany, Berlin



I St Clemens, Platz an der Basilika 1 (38)

Stop: Goetheplatz

15.00

Panel series International Policy-Making

MA43

Panel

Thu 15.00
to 17.00

Europe's migration policy in search of balance

► XS69

Central challenges for the EU's capacity to act



Live streaming. For more information see A to Z

Names of panellists will be given following the German general election.



M Hall 2, Exhibition Grounds

Stops: Messe/Ost (Expo-Plaza); Messe/Nord

Panel

Thu 15.00 to 17.00 **The power of words** ▶ GH67



Guilt and forgiveness when facing sexualised violence

The theme of this panel is sexualised violence. The content may be traumatic or burdensome for victims. Please do take care of yourself and consider possibly bringing someone to attend with you.

- Finding words
- We take into account how the unspeakable is expressed and discussed in words. What role does the often reflex question in the church about guilt and forgiveness play in processing trauma?

- Calling things by their name

Svenja Bluhm, educationalist, child protection expert, Potsdam

Friedegunde Bölt, psychotherapist, founding member of the Centre for Psychotraumatology, Kassel

Rainer Kluck, former head of staff unit for prevention, Evangelical Lutheran Church of Northern Germany, Hamburg

Dr Ulrike Peisker, systematic theologian, Mainz

Matthias Schwarz, spokesperson, EKD forum for representatives of victims of sexualised violence, Pohlheim

Moderation:

Prof. Dr Gerhard Schreiber, theologian, social and technological ethicist, Hamburg

Spokespersons for the audience:

Dr Damaris Grimmsmann, Hemmingen

Astrid Stephan, Wiesbaden

Music:

Hanke Brothers, Sindelfingen



M Convention Center, Saal 3, Exhibition Grounds

Stop: Messe/Nord

Centre Environment and Economy


BZ98

- Thu 15.00 to 17.00** **Panel**
Doing right for the climate – doing right for resources? ▶ LR92
What raw materials does the global energy transition require?
 
 Input:
 Dr Melanie Müller, research group on Africa and the Middle East, German Institute for International and Security Affairs, Berlin
 Other panelists:
 Dr Tobias Tochof-Niemz, board member, Enertrag, Dauerthal
 Dr Franziska Brantner MP, parliamentary under-secretary in the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action, Berlin
 Jabri Ibrahim, student of energy and climate policy, Brighton, United Kingdom
 Hamira Kobusingye, founder, Climate Justice Africa, Kampala, Uganda
 Moderation:
 Maximilian Arnhold, journalist, Sehnde
 Spokespersons for the audience:
 Johannes Grün, Berlin
 Astrid Hake, Hamburg
-  **M** Hall 14/15, Exhibition Grounds
 Stops: Messe/Nord; Messe/Ost (Expo-Plaza)

16.00

Worship


YJ83

- Thu 16.00 to 17.00** **Evening and night prayer**
Choral Evensong ▶ SW68
Sung liturgical evening prayer
 External location
 Liturgy:
 Ev.-luth. Gnadenkirche zum Heiligen Kreuz, Hanover
-  **W** Gnadenkirche zum Heiligen Kreuz, Lehrter Platz 5, Döhren-Wülfel
 Stops: Am Mittelfelde; Stadtfriedhof Seelhorst

16.30

Centre Young People

TM51

- Thu 16.30 to 17.30** **Workshop**
Hello Smombie, what do you believe in? ▶ DS92
The impact of smartphones on children's lives

 Jiutsang Khiamniungan, student Intercultural Theology, Göttingen
- M** Unter dem Expo-Dach, workshop tent 4, Exhibition Grounds
 Stops: Messe/Nord; Messe/Ost (Expo-Plaza)

19.00

Concerts

EZ75

Concert

Thu 19.00 **The big concert for children in need:**
to 21.30 **Jamaram meets Jahcoustix**

▶ KQ68

Together for the protection of children

- Support programme
Sebastian Sturm, Aachen
- Main programme
Jahcoustix, Berlin
Jamaram, Türkheim

Moderation:

Sabine Heinrich, Cologne

▶ *In cooperation with: Kindernothilfe*



I **Stage at Platz der Menschenrechte (36)**

Stops: Aegidientorplatz; Kröpcke; Markthalle/Landtag

20.00

Concerts

EZ75

Concert

Thu 20.00 **Orchester im Treppenhaus – The stairway orchestra: disco**
to 21.30 *The future of classical music: new music to dance to*

▶ SV55

Orchester im Treppenhaus, Hanover

Sem Wendt (bass clarinette)

Charlotte Krämer (violin)

Moritz Ter-Nedden (violin)

Laura Hovestadt (viola)

Lukas Schwarz (cello)

Konrad Hartig (double bass)

Christine Köhler (flute)

Moritz Wappler (percussion)

Philip Pineda (trombone)

Arthur Escriva (trumpet)

Max Sutter (trumpet)

Ruben Dura de Lamo (tuba)

Thminik Schad (drums)

Musical leadership:

Prof. Thomas Posth, Hanover



M **Hall 4, Exhibition Grounds**

Stops: Messe/Nord; Messe/Ost (Expo-Plaza)

Choir concerts

NB28

- Thu 20.00** **Sing along concert**
to 22.00 **NDR radio philharmonic orchestra Hanover** ▶ QV95
Stabat Mater (Antonín Dvořák)
[External location](#)
 To sing along, you need to register in advance.
 Katharina Held (soprano), Hanover
 Mareike Morr (alto), Hanover
 Nino Gmunder (tenor), Hanover
 Israel Martins (bass), Hanover
 Bach choir, Hanover
 Johannes Brahms choir, Hanover
 Young voices ensemble, Hanover
 Hanover Chamber Choir
 Musical leadership:
 Stanislav Kochanovsky, conductor, Hanover
[Further information online:](http://kirchentag.de/radiophilharmonie) ▶ kirchentag.de/radiophilharmonie
 **W** NDR Konzerthaus, Großer Sendesaal,
 Rudolf-von-Bennigsen-Ufer 22, Südstadt-Bult
 Stop: Geibelstraße

Intercultural and world music

NM53

- Thu 20.00** **Concert**
to 21.30 **Giora Feidman Trio** ▶ US22
Revolution of Love
 Giora Feidman (clarinet)
 German Prentki (cello)
 Vytis Sakuras (piano)
M Hall 17, Exhibition Grounds
 Stop: Messe/Nord

Praise, worship, new spiritual songs

BS98

- Thu 20.00** **Sing-along concert**
to 22.00 **A Singing Communion** ▶ HQ25
International praise songs with band and choir
[External location](#)
 Global Songbook Collective, Stockholm, Sweden
 Janne Mark, singer, Copenhagen, Denmark
 Uwe Steinmetz, Berlin
W Reformed Church, Lavesallee 4
 Stop: Waterloo

21.30

Worship

YJ83

Night prayer

Thu 21.30 Night blessing. Close of day. Sea of lights. ▶ AN49

to 22.00 *The night is also holy*

Liturgy:

Dr Anne Gidion, representative of the Council of the Protestant Church in Germany (EKD) to the European Union, Berlin

Katrin Weidemann, pastor, board chair, Kindernohtilfe, Duisburg

Music:

Jamaram, Munich



I Stage at Platz der Menschenrechte (36)

Stops: Aegidientorplatz; Kröpcke; Markthalle/Landtag

Night prayer

Thu 21.30 Night blessing. Close of day. Sea of lights. ▶ CM94

to 22.00 *The night is also holy*

Liturgy:

Dr Thorsten Latzel, president of the Evangelical Church in the Rhineland, Düsseldorf

Music:

Bodo Wartke, Berlin



I Stage at Opernplatz (32)

Stops: Kröpcke; Aegidientorplatz

Night prayer

Thu 21.30 Night blessing. Close of day. Sea of lights. ▶ MG78

to 22.00 *The night is also holy*

Liturgy:

Dr Conrad Krannich, pastor of the Protestant student chaplaincy, Halle/Saale

Prof. Dr Christiane Tietz, church president, Darmstadt

Music:

Julian Sengelmann und Band, Hamburg



M Stage in Messepark, Exhibition Grounds

Stops: Messe/Nord; Messe/Ost (Expo-Plaza)

22.00

Evening and night prayer

Thu 22.00 Cranach by night – church and art by candlelight ▶ BU17

to 23.00 *Night prayer with Coldplay and Cranach*

Liturgy:

Team Cranach by Night, Hanover



I Kreuzkirche, Kreuzkirchhof 3 (17)



Stops: Steintor; Kröpcke

Friday

09.30

Bible Studies on Friday


SG12

- Bible study**
- Fri 09.30 Bible study | Margot Käßmann** ▶ BC98
to 10.30 *Courage for the future | Jeremiah 29:1–14*
-  Live streaming. For more information, see the A to Z
 Prof. Dr Dr h.c. Margot Käßmann, former bishop, Hanover
- Music:
 Brass band Kreuz und Blech, Burgwedel
-  **M Hall 2, Exhibition Grounds**
 Stops: Messe/Ost (Expo-Plaza); Messe/Nord

10.00

Centre Jewish and Christian


KH42

- Exhibition**
- Fri 10.00 Jewish calligraphy** ▶ XC52
to 16.00 *An art between faith and law*
- External location
 ▶ Planned by: Siegmund Seligmann Gesellschaft
-  **W Villa Seligmann, Hohenzollernstr. 39**
 Stops: Lister Platz; Sedanstraße/Lister Meile

10.30

Fine Arts

WY37

- Exhibition**
- Fri 10.30 Fantasy trip into the future and the past** ▶ KV55
to 18.30 *The inclusive art project*
- The Flying Flower – art helps, Hanover
-  **M Hall 16, Exhibition Grounds**
 Stop: Messe/Nord

Exhibition

- Fri 10.30** **Home away from home** ▶ VS23
to 18.30 *Voices from the diaspora – a photo exhibition*
 Ursula Mindermann, photographer, Telgte
M Hall 17, Exhibition Grounds
 Stop: Messe/Nord

Installation



- Fri 10.30** **A thousand-fold** ▶ AR82
to 18.30 *Origami cranes as a symbol of peace*
 Birgit Frieda Amhoff, artist, Warendorf
 Michael Grohe, cultural affairs officer, Harsewinkel
M Hall 14/15, exhibition and interactive area, Exhibition Grounds
 Stops: Messe/Nord; Messe/Ost (Expo-Plaza)

11.00

Centre Young People

TM51




Panel

- Fri 11.00** **Me: many possibilities and one (my) way?!** ▶ SD11
to 13.00 *Young people in a multi-option society*
  [Live streaming. For more information see A to Z](#)
 Abigayle Chesca Bolado, educationist, Geneva, Switzerland
 Felix Finkbeiner, environmentalist, Zurich, Switzerland
 Paul Maurer, theology student, Hamburg
 Phi Wilkening, student, Student Christian Movement, Greifswald
 Moderation:
 Tabea Stock, journalist, web radio Salon5, Berlin
 Music:
 LyRieck InTeam, Jesteburg
M Hall 16, Exhibition Grounds
 Stop: Messe/Nord




Centre Spiritual Life

EW77

- Panel
- Fri 11.00 to 13.00** **Humans, God and AI** ▶ XQ76
- Challenge from artificial intelligence*
-   Prof. Dr Armin Grunwald, physicist and tech philosopher, Karlsruhe
 Prof. Dr Beth Singler, theologian and religious studies scholar, Zurich, Switzerland
 Prof. Dr Christiane Tietz, church president, Darmstadt
- Moderation:
 Dr Stefanie Schardien, theological director, Protestant association for communication, Frankfurt/Main
- Spokespersons of the audience:
 Dr Ulrike Höppner, Berlin
 Dr Gernot Meier, Karlsruhe
- Music:
 Artwhy, Berlin
-  **M** Unter dem Expo-Dach, Pavilion 35, church, Exhibition Grounds
 Stop: Messe/Nord; Messe/Ost (Expo-Plaza)


Forum Survival Questions from Young People

UE28

- Meeting place
- Fri 11.00 to 21.30** **Vibrant, creative, in the middle of Hanover** ▶ QG58
- What really counts*
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- External information online: ▶ kirchentag.de/forum-überlebensfragen
-  **I** Stage at Platz der Weltausstellung
 Stop: Kröpcke

Centre Democracy and Cohesion

KH13

- Workshop
- Fr 11.00 to 12.30** **Take a step forward** ▶ WR32
- Everyone is equal, but some are more equal than others*
-  Endrita Cici, founder, Development Aid, Tirana, Albania
 Gerta Shehu, founder, Development Aid, Tirana, Albania
- ▶ Planned by: Development Aid and Bread for the World
- I** Volkshochschule, 2nd floor, Rm 216, Burgstr. 14 (16)
 Stop: Goetheplatz; Steintor

Interactive Forum Future of the Kirchentag

KB37

Interactive forum

Fr 11.00 Loving the Kirchentag and making it better ▶ AC99
to 13.00 Ideas for the future of the Kirchentag

This event is for Kirchentag participants to develop ideas together about what it should look like in future. Whether you are young or less young, a frequent attendee or a first-time visitor, a music fan or interested in social policy – everyone is invited to brain storm.

Moderation:

Veronique Gebhardt, Westphalian Kirchentag Committee, Schwerte
 Hans Werner Ludwig, chair, Westphalian Kirchentag Committee,
 Dortmund



M Convention Center, Saal 1, Exhibition Grounds

Stop: Messe/Nord

Culture Church

CC54

Exhibition

Fri 11.00 Dark light ▶ VF18
to 18.00 Light installations

External location

Götz Lemberg, artist, Berlin

▶ Planned by Significant Culture church team– St Mark's, Hanover



W Markuskirche, Oskar-Winter-Str. 7, Vahrenwald-List

Stop: Lister Platz

11.30

Worship

YJ83

International worship service

Fri 11.30 Brave the future! ▶ DC78
to 12.30 A message of hope from Jeremiah

External location

Organisation:

Hannover International Worship Team

External information online: ▶ kirchentag.de/international-worship



W Petrikerche, Dörriesplatz 1

Stop: Kantplatz

Instrumental and Chamber Music

PP51

Concert

Fri 11.30 Silke Aichhorn ▶ NC32

to 12.30 *Harp sounds for the soul – from four centuries*



W St. Joseph, Isernhagener Str. 64, Vahrenwald-List

Stop: Dragonerstraße

13.00

Centre Environment and Economy

BZ98

Workshop

Fri 13.00 Oranges – sweet instead of bitter ▶ SW65

to 14.30 *Solidarity-based trade without poison and slavery*



Marta Bernardini, Mediterranean Hope, Rome, Italy
 Susanne Decker-Michalek, consultant for work with women,
 service agency, Evangelical Lutheran Church of Hanover
 Marina Vollmann, volunteer, fair trade group, Stade

I Volkshochschule, 1st floor, Rm 114, Burgstr. 14 (16)

Stops: Goetheplatz; Steintor

15.00

Centre Gender Worlds and Rainbow

QA57

Panel

Fri 15.00 Celebrating pride and diversity ▶ SD93

to 17.00 *Together against racism, anti-queerness and populism*



Input:

Sarah Kohrt, project lead, LGBTIQ*-platform for human rights, Berlin
 Podium:

Oliver Jähnke, European Forum of LGBTI+Christian Groups, Göteborg,
 Sweden

Priscilla Schwendimann, pastor, Zurich, Switzerland

Amadeo Devin Udampoh-Sumilat, programme manager, gender and
 sexuality, NGO Tjapoeng Lembayung, Nusantar, Indonesia

Moderation:

Dr Kerstin Söderblom, university chaplain, Mainz

Spokesperson of the audience:

Friederike Faß, Schwerte

I Neustädter Hof- und Stadtkirche St. Johannis, Rote Reihe 8 (37)

Stops: Humboldtstraße; Waterloo; Goetheplatz

Instrumental and Chamber Music

PP51

Performance

- Fri 15.00 to 16.00** **As Jesus went to the garden** ▶ VQ98
A light and sound installation



Art-Room-Cosmos, St George's parish, Bayreuth

M Ballhof Zwei, Knochenhauerstr. 28

Stops: Markthalle/Landtag; Steintor

Centre Spiritual Life

EW77

Panel

- Fri 15.00 to 17.00** **The healing power of spirituality** ▶ TS96
Spirituality in the context of crises and daily life



Anne Höfler, founder, Open Hands School, Lindau

Katharina Mutzbauer, theologian and yoga teacher, Düsseldorf

Denise Rieckmann, podcaster and pilgrim guide, Eggolsheim

Pierre Stutz, theologian and author, Osnabrück

Moderation:

Michael Kaminski, pilgrim guide and religion teacher, Munich

Spokespersons of the audience:

Anne Bergmann, Hamburg

Christine Tergau-Harms, Hanover

Dr Jochen Wagner, Frankfurt/Main

Music:

Clemens Bittlinger and Band, Rimbach



M Hall 14/15, Exhibition Grounds

Stops: Messe/Nord; Messe/Ost (Expo-Plaza)

Centre Faith in Conversation

LQ87

Bibliodrama

- Fri 15.00 to 18.00** **To give you a future and a hope** ▶ LF67
Creative and body work in basic English



Mari Kaarlenkaski, bibliodrama leader, Kellokoski, Finland

Anja Stieghorst, deacon and bibliodrama leader, Bremen

M Convention Center, Raum 105/106, Exhibition Grounds

Stop: Messe/Nord

17.00

Centre Jewish and Christian

KH42

- Lehrhaus – House of Learning
- Fri 17.00** **Conversation with an eye-witness** ▶ LE57
to 18.30 *“Back then I was called Rita”*
-  Rozette Kats, Shoa survivor, Amsterdam, Netherlands
 Jutta Weduwen, executive secretary, Aktion Sühnezeichen (ASF), Berlin
- M** Convention Center, Saal 15/16, Exhibition Grounds
 Stop: Messe/Nord

18.00

Celebratory Communion


XN93

- Celebratory communion
- Fri 18.00** **German-Hungarian celebratory communion service** ▶ KH29
to 19.30 *An invitation by the host congregation*
- Participation:
 Federation of Hungarian-speaking Protestant congregations in Germany
 Reformed Alliance
- W** Ev. Reformierte Kirchengemeinde, Lavesallee 4
 Stop: Waterloo

18.30

Interculture and World Music

NM53

- Concert
- Fri 18.30** **World religions in musical triologue** ▶ BW27
to 20.00 *A concert for peace, tolerance and openness to the world*
- Irith Gabriely, clarinet, saxophone and vocals, Haifa, Israel
 Abuseyf Kinik, Saz, vocals and percussion, Darmstadt
 Thomas Wächter, organ and accordeon, Taunusstein
-  **I** Ballhof Zwei, Knochenhauerstr. 28 (15)
 Stops: MarktHall/Landtag; Steintor

19.00

Celebratory Communion

XN93

- Celebratory communion**
- Fri 19.00 Anglican-Lutheran Holy Communion** ▶ CX74
to 20.30 *English-German service of Holy Communion*
 An invitation by the host parish
 ☎ ☒ **W** Gnadenkirche zum Heiligen Kreuz, Lehrter Platz 5, Döhren-Wülfel
 Stops: Am Mittelfelde; Stadtfriedhof Seelhorst
- Celebratory communion**
- Fri 19.00 German-Czech celebratory communion** ▶ CV76
to 20.30 *An invitation by the host congregation*
 Participation:
 Evangelical Church of Czech Brethren
 ☎ **W** St. Nikolai, Sackmannstr. 26, Linden-Limmer
 Stops: Brunnenstraße; Harenberger Straße
- Celebratory communion**
- Fri 19.00 Celebratory communion in the bishop's garden** ▶ CE86
to 20.30 *An invitation by the host congregation*
 Music:
 Fritz Baltruweit, Hildesheim
 ☎ **W** Kanzlei des Landesbischofs der Landeskirche Hannovers, Haarstr. 6
 Stops: Maschsee/Sprengel Museum [Bus]; Schlägerstraße
- Celebratory communion**
- Fri 19.00 International celebratory communion service** ▶ WS65
to 20.30 *Be courageous, be strong; do everything in love and together*
 An invitation by the host congregation
 Participation:
 Michael Blair, general secretary, United Church of Canada, Toronto, Canada
 Project group, Union of Prot. Churches in the Protestant Church in Germany (EKD)
 Project group, United Church of Canada
 Project group, United Church of Christ, USA
W St. Petri, Am Lindenhofe 16, Döhren-Wülfel
 Stops: Bothmerstraße; Peiner Straße

Celebratory communion

Fri 19.00 **Celebratory communion service in German and Farsi** ▶ RG34

to 22.00 [An invitation by the host congregation](#)

For Christians from the Persian-speaking region and all friends and interested persons

I Neustädter Hof- und Stadtkirche St. Johannis, Rote Reihe 8 (37)

Stops: Humboldtstraße; Waterloo; Goetheplatz

Instrumental and Chamber Music

PP51

Concert

Fri 19.00 **David Senz** ▶ ZA53

to 20.00 *Fingerstyle-guitar music to wonder, rest and pray*



W [Apostelkirche, An der Apostelkirche 1 \(52\)](#)

Stops: Sedanstraße/Lister Meile

19.30

Culture Church

CC54

Worship

Fri 19.30 **Operatic service of worship** ▶ AT24

to 20.30 *With music from the opera "The Greek Passion" by Bohuslav Martinů*

[External location](#)

Liturgy:

Johannes Feisthauer, pastor, Hanover

Sermon:

Dr Petra Bahr, regional bishop, Hanover

Music:

Marcell Bankonyi, singer, Hanover

Martin Dietherle, church district music director, Hannover-Mitte

Christopher Sokolowski, singer, Hanover

▶ [Planned by Significant Culture church team – St Mark's Hanover and State Opera Hanover](#)



W [Markuskirche, Oskar-Winter-Str. 7, Vahrenwald-List](#)

Stop: Lister Platz

Concerts

EZ75

Concert

Fri 19.30 to 21.30 **One Earth for all!** ▶ FC97



We hold a planetary party
 Live streaming. For more information, see A to Z

- Dr Eckart von Hirschhausen, physician and founder of Healthy Earth – Healthy People, Berlin
- Guests
 Dr Andreas Frick, Hauptgeschäftsführer Misereor, Aachen
 Hamira Kobusingye, founder, Climate Justice Africa, Kampala, Uganda
 Dr Dagmar Pruin, president, Bread for the World and Diakonie Katastrophenhilfe, Berlin

Music:

Judy Bailey, Alpen
 Christoph Reuter, Berlin

- ▶ In cooperation with: Bread for the World, Misereor and Foundation Healthy Earth – Healthy People



M Hall 2, Exhibition Grounds

Stops: Messe/Ost (Expo-Plaza); Messe/Nord

20.00

Concerts

EZ75

Concert

Fri 20.00 to 21.30 **Federal jazz orchestra: anywhere in the world** ▶ WR54

Music by persecuted composers of the 1930s
 Federal jazz orchestra

Music:

Prof. Niels Klein, Cologne



M Hall 4, Exhibition Grounds

Stops: Messe/Nord; Messe/Ost (Expo-Plaza)

Concert

Fri 20.00 Nils Landgren and brass gold ▶ VG19

to 21.30 *Brass band serenade – interested musicians welcome to join us*
Please bring your own desk lamp and seat, as required. Rehearsal at **11.00 am** in Hall 7 (exhibition grounds). Comprehension practice on site at **7.30 pm**.

Jeanette Köhn (vocal), Stockholm, Sweden
Clas Lassbo (double bass), Stockholm, Sweden
Mattias Pérez (guitar), Arvika, Sweden
Jonas Knutsson (saxophone), Stockholm, Sweden
Brass band of the Kirchentag

Musical directors:

Hayo Bunger, regional brass band officer, East Frisia-Ems district,
Großefehn

Nils Landgren, trumpet and vocal, Stockholm, Sweden



I Stage at Opernplatz (32)

Stops: Kröpcke; Aegidientorplatz

21.30

Worship

YJ83

Night prayer

Fri 21.30 Night blessing. Close of day. Sea of lights. ▶ DW94

to 22.00 *The night is also holy*

Organisers:

Andreas Behr, Kirchentag coordinator, Evangelical Lutheran
Church of Hanover

Anja Siegesmund, Kirchentag president, Jena



I Stage at Platz der Menschenrechte (36)

Stops: Aegidientorplatz; Kröpcke; MarktHall/Landtag

Night prayer

Fri 21.30 Night blessing. Close of day. Sea of lights. ▶ DF75

to 22.00 *The night is also holy*

Organisers:

Designated chair, Protestant brass band service in Germany
Anna-Nicole Heinrich, president of synod, Protestant Church in
Germany (EKD), Hanover

Music:

Nils Landgren and friends

Kirchentag brass band



I Stage at Opernplatz (32)

Stops: Kröpcke; Aegidientorplatz

Night prayer

Fri 21.30 **Night blessing. Close of day. Sea of lights.**

▶ GL68

to 22.00 *The night is also holy*

Organisers:

Jasmin El-Manhy, pastor, Berlin

Dorothee Wüst, church president, Speyer

Music:

Timo Böcking, Cologne

Martin Buchholz, Rösrath



M Stage in Messepark, Exhibition Grounds








Stops: Messe/Nord; Messe/Ost (Expo-Plaza)

Saturday

09.30

Bible Studies on Saturday

NB12

- Bible study**
- Sat 09.30 to 10.30** **Dialogue Bible study | Sally Azar, Markus Bugnyár** ▶ CM43
 *Courage to set out | Matthew 28:1–10*
 Sally Azar, pastor, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and Israel, Jerusalem
 Markus Bugnyár, rector, Austrian Hospice of the Holy Family in Jerusalem
 Music:
 Jana Breman, Wilsum
 **M** Convention Center, Saal 3, Exhibition Grounds
 Stop: Messe/Nord
- Bible study**
- Sat 09.30 to 10.30** **Dialogue Bible study | Georg Bätzing, Bettina Limperg** ▶ QP69
 *Courage to set out | Matthew 28:1–10*
[Live streaming. For more information see A to Z](#)
 Dr Georg Bätzing, presiding bishop, German Bishops' Conference, Limburg
 Bettina Limperg, president, Federal Court of Justice, Karlsruhe
 Music:
 Jan Henning, Los Angeles, USA
 **M** Hall 16, Exhibition Grounds
 Stop: Messe/Nord
- Bible study**
- Sat 09.30 to 10.30** **Bible study | Mariann Edgar Budde** ▶ LU82
 *Courage to set out | Matthew 28:1–10*
 Mariann Edgar Budde, bishop, Episcopal Diocese of Washington, Washington D.C., USA
 **I** Theater am Aegi, Aegidientorplatz 2 (34)
 Stop: Messe/Nord

10.30

Fine Arts

WY37

Sat 10.30 **Exhibition**
to 18.30 **Fantasy trips into the future and the past** ▶ LU37

The inclusive art project
The Flying Flower – art helps, Hanover



M Hall 16, Exhibition Grounds

Stop: Messe/Nord

Sat 10.30 **Exhibition**
to 18.30 **Home away from home** ▶ DB71

Voices from the diaspora – a photo exhibition
Ursula Mindermann, photographer, Telgte

M Hall 17, Exhibition Grounds

Stop: Messe/Nord

Sat 10.30 **Installation**
to 18.30 **A thousand-fold** ▶ MZ84

Origami cranes as symbols of peace
Birgit Frieda Amhoff, artist, Warendorf
Michael Grohe, cultural affairs officer, Harsewinkel

M Halls 14/15, exhibition and interactive area, Exhibition Grounds

Stops: Messe/Nord; Messe/Ost (Expo-Plaza)

11.00

Centre Democracy and Cohesion

KH13

Sat 11.00 **Panel**
to 13.00 **Racist realities, anti-racist expectations** ▶ WJ93

How can a diverse society thrive?



Reem Alabali-Radovan MP, integration officer, Federal Government, Berlin

Kirsten Fehrs, bishop, Council chair, Protestant Church in Germany (EKD), Hamburg

Prof. Dr Karim Fereidooni, racism researcher, Bochum

Moderation:

Prof. Dr Lorenz Narku Laing, social scientist and racism researcher, Essen

Spokespersons of the audience:

Sina Balke-Juhn, Hamburg

Prof. Dr Christoph Dahling-Sander, Hanover



I Marktkirche, Hanns-Lilje-Platz 2 (12)

Stops: Kröpcke; Markthalle/Landtag

Panel Series International Politics

MA43

Panel

Sat 11.00
to 13.00**When your homeland becomes uninhabitable**

▶ VF32

A conversation with climate witnesses

Due to the federal elections in February, other names will be added closer to the time.

Kristina Kühnbaum-Schmidt, bishop, chair of German National Committee, Lutheran World Federation, Schwerin
Hyacinthe Niyitegeka, coordinator, The Loss and Damage Collaboration, Kigali, Rwanda

Dr Maina Talia, Minister for Home Affairs, Climate Change and Environment, Vaiaku, Tuvalu

Moderation:

Isaiah Toroitich, head of Global Advocacy, Lutheran World Federation, Geneva, Switzerland

Dr Kira Vinke, head of the Center for Climate and Foreign Policy, German Council on Foreign Relations, Berlin

Spokespersons of the audience:

Dr Katherine Braun, Hamburg

Sabine Minninger, Berlin

**M** Convention Center, Rm 2, Exhibition Grounds

Stop: Messe/Nord

Panel Series Ecumenism

RV51

Panel

Sat 11.00
to 13.00**God's creation in crisis – act now!**

▶ YY15

Ecumenical initiatives for just climate and economic systems

Interview:

Marcelo Leites, Generalsekretär World Student Christian Federation, Montevideo/Uruguay

Dr Kenneth Mtata, programme director, Public Witness and Diakonia, World Council of Churches, Geneva, Switzerland

Other panelists:

Lidy Nacpil, coordinator, Asian Peoples' Movement on Debt and Development, Manila, Philippines

Georgios Vlantis, Orthodox theologian, Munich

Moderation:

Quinton Ceasar, pastor, Wiesmoor

Dr Julia Lis, cofounder, sanctuary network, Münster

Spokespersons of the audience:

Antonia Meinert, Aumühle

Ailed Esperanza Villalba Aquino, Dortmund

**M** Convention Center, Saal 3, Exhibition Grounds

Stop: Messe/Nord

Centre Spiritual Life

EW77

- Interactive opportunity
- Sat 11.00** **Sound meditation** ▶ YK94
to 12.15 *God is with you: Be courageous, become strong, listen to your heart*
 Annemarie Karras, lay preacher, Braunschweig
 Eva-Maria Karras, singer and sound therapist, Wolfsburg
 Hans-Dieter Karras, church musician and composer, Braunschweig
- ▶ **Planned by: Duo Scivias**
- W** Stadtkloster – Church of Silence, Sticksfeld 6
 Stop: Kronsberg



Centre Church Music

BR37

- Workshop
- Sat 11.00** **Making music with handbells and sound sticks (claves)** ▶ QU32
to 12.30 *Making music from single tones – spontaneously and without a score*
 Antje Mexner, church musician, Ronnenberg
 Eric Nünlist, glockenspiel player, Münchenstein
- I** Volkshochschule, 1st floor, Saal, Burgstr. 14 (16)
 Stops: Goetheplatz; Steintor

Pop and Rock

UR89

- Concert
- Sat 11.00** **The Two-Nations Choir** ▶ NT12
to 13.00 *We sing!*
-   **W** Dreifaltigkeitskirche, Friesenstr. 28 (53)
 Stop: Sedanstraße/Lister Meile


Cultural Church

CC54

- Exhibition
- Sat 11.00** **Dark light** ▶ PV91
to 17.45 *Light installations*
External location
 Götz Lemberg, artist, Berlin
- ▶ **Planned by: Significant Culture church team – St Mark's, Hanover**
- W** Markuskirche, Oskar-Winter-Str. 7, Vahrenwald-List
 Stop: Lister Platz
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Forum Survival Questions from Young People

UE28

- Sat 11.00 to 21.30** **Meeting place**
Vibrant, creative, in the middle of Hanover ▶ MB57
What really counts
 At our place it is all about what really counts. Exhibitions, music and art invite young people to take up their key questions in an interactive way. Drop in, contribute and let's think about life together!
 External information online: ▶ kirchentag.de/forum-überlebensfragen
 **I Stage at Platz der Weltausstellung**
 Stop: Kröpcke

12.00

Gospel

SH49

- Sat 12.00 to 13.00** **Concert**
Tana Gospel Choir ▶ DF21
Authentic Gospel music from Madagascar with a rock-jazz band
I Stage at Ernst-August-Platz (19)
 Stops: Hauptbahnhof; Kröpcke; Hauptbahnhof/Rosenstraße

13.00

Centre Spiritual Life

EW77

- Sat 13.00 to 14.30** **Workshop**
Laying-on hands in silence ▶ TV57
Open Hands – experience a contemplative laying-on of hands
 Gerlinde Kapp, leadership team, Open Hands School, Lindau
 Gudrun Lembke, leader, hand-laying practice group, Church of Silence, Hanover
I Catholic Academy, 2nd floor, Rm 2.9, Platz an der Basilika 3 (39)
 Stop: Goetheplatz

15.00

Main Panels

KU72

Sat 15.00 **Peace does not come alone** ▶ CT47
to 17.00 *Future perspectives for freedom and security*



Live streaming. For more information see A to Z

Welcome:

Dr Thela Wernstedt, president, Klosterkammer trust funds, Hanover

Panel:

Petra Bahr, regional bishop, Hanover

Prof. Dr Jonathan Kivatsi Kavusa, church leader, Baptist Church in Central Africa (CBCA), Goma, Democratic Republic of Congo

Janusz Reiter, former Polish ambassador in Germany and the United States and chair, Center for International Relations, Warsaw, Poland

Jürgen-Joachim von Sandrart, lieutenant-general, federal armed forces, former commander-general NATO Multinational Corps Northeast, Stettin, Poland

Moderation:

Sarah Delere, theologian and social ethicist, Berlin

Spokespersons of the audience:

Jan Philipp Fiedler, Bochum

Dr Sung Kim, Neuendettelsau

Music:

anders, Freiburg



M Hall 2, Exhibition Grounds

Stops: Messe/Ost (Expo-Plaza); Messe/Nord

Centre Democracy and Cohesion

KH13

- Panel
- Sat 15.00 to 17.00** **With God against democracy** ▶ WD19
- What the U.S. example teaches us in Germany*
- Input:
 Christian Wulff, former federal president, Berlin
- Other panelists:
 Tobias Bilz, bishop, Evangelical Lutheran Church of Saxony, Dresden
 Arnd Henze, journalist and synod member, Protestant Church in Germany (EKD), Cologne
 Dr Claudia Jetter, theologian and expert on America studies, Berlin
 Dr Karen Georgia Antoinette Thompson, church president, United Church of Christ, Cleveland, United States
- Moderation:
 Sarika Feriduni, Yeet Network, Frankfurt/Main
- Spokespersons of the audience:
 Eduard Hillgert, Göttingen
 Jan Christian Pinsch, Paderborn
-  **M** Hall 4, Exhibition Grounds
 Stops: Messe/Nord; Messe/Ost (Expo-Plaza)

Centre Church – between demoliition and innovation

CG68

- Panel
- Sat 15.00 to 17.00** **What if there were no church?** ▶ HR51
- Wanting to lose things and longing for renewal*
- Live streaming. For more information see A to Z
- Anne-Maria Apelt, funeral officiant and nature-ritual leader, Werben/Spreewald
 Jonny Baker, writer and director, Church Mission Society, London, United Kingdom
 Margot Flügel-Anhalt, adventurer and social worker, Sontra
 Josephine Teske, pastor and author, Hamburg
- Moderation:
 OKR Dr Friederike Erichsen-Wendt, senior church official, Evangelical Lutheran Church of Hanover
- Spokespersons of the audience:
 Sabine Erle, Klein Lengden
 Kristin Köhler, Barsinghausen
- Music:
 Ole Magers, Barsinghausen
-  **M** Hall 16, Exhibition Grounds
 Stop: Messe/Nord

16.00

Interculture and World Music

NM53

Concert

Sat 16.00 **Maliki World Orchestra**

▶ YN82

to 17.00 *World music meets jazz***I** Stage at Ernst-August-Platz (19)

Stops: Hauptbahnhof; Kröpcke; Hauptbahnhof/Rosenstraße

16.30

Forum Survival Questions from Young People

UE28

Workshop

Sat 16.30 **Gender studies and youth survival**

▶ ZN24

to 17.30 *Creating inclusive and safe communities*

Ginika Nwokeji, feminist theologian, Göttingen

M Unter dem Expo-Dach, workshop tent 4, Exhibition Grounds

Stops: Messe/Nord; Messe/Ost (Expo-Plaza)

19.00

Main Panels

KU72

Main Panel

Sat 19.00 **We can be courageous**

▶ QB51

to 21.00 *Having the courage of our convictions in unmerciful times*

Live streaming. For more information see A to Z

Welcome:

Dr Elisabeth von Thadden, journalist, Die Zeit, Hamburg

Discussion:

Prof. Dr Heinrich Bedford-Strohm, Central Committee chair,

World Council of Churches, Mirow Diemitz

Mariann Edgar Budde, bishop, Episcopal Diocese of Washington,

Washington D.C., USA

**M** Hall 16, Exhibition Grounds

Stop: Messe/Nord

Concerts

EZ75

Concert

Sat 19.00
to 21.30

The night of voices

▶ FY56

The Real Group meets anders

Live streaming. For more information see A to Z

anders, Freiburg

The Real Group, Stockholm, Sweden

Moderation:

Roger Cericius, Springe



I Stage at Opernplatz (32)

Stops: Kröpcke; Aegidientorplatz

Instrumental and Chamber Music

PP51

Concert

Sat 19.00
to 20.00

Duo Zaza

▶ LX59

Jazz, pop and film music on the saxophone and the organ

W St. Joseph, Isernhagener Str. 64, Vahrenwald-List

Stop: Dragonerstraße

20.00

Concerts

EZ75

Concert

Sat 20.00
to 22.00

Nils Landgren and Hanover Boys Choir

▶ AV78

The Paul Gerhard project: new paths, new sounds

Jeanette Köhn (vocal), Stockholm, Sweden

Clas Lassbo (double bass), Stockholm, Sweden

Mattias Pérez (guitar), Arvika, Sweden

Jonas Knutsson (saxophone), Stockholm, Sweden

Baroque orchestra La festa musicale, Hanover

Hanover Boys Choir

Musical direction:

Nils Landgren, trumpet and vocal, Stockholm, Sweden



M Hall 4, Exhibition Grounds

Stops: Messe/Nord; Messe/Ost (Expo-Plaza)

Centre Church Music

BR37

Performance

Sat 20.00
to 22.00

Fusion Rave

▶ SH82

Crossover of electronic dance music, organ and choir

KickOff, Gerbach



M Hall 7, Exhibition Grounds

Stops: Messe/Nord; Messe/Ost (Expo-Plaza)

Meditative worship

Sat 20.00 **Night of lights** ▶ RG46
to 22.00 *With songs from Taizé*

Organisers:

Frère Andreas, Communauté de Taizé, France

Frère Paolo, Communauté de Taizé, France

Music:

Night of Lights 2025 project choir



M Hall 2, Exhibition Grounds

Stop: Messe/Ost (Expo-Plaza); Messe/Nord

Musical service

Sat 20.00 **Living-room church** ▶ DU83
to 22.00 *We worship differently. We love pop and big questions.*

Organiser:

Living-room church Hamburg



W Congregation at Döhrener Turm, Hildesheimer Str. 179, Südstadt-Bult

Stop: Döhrener Turm

21.30

Night prayer

Sat 21.30 **Night blessing. Close of day. Sea of lights.** ▶ DC41
to 22.00 *The night is also holy*

Organisers:

Tobias Bilz, bishop, Evangelical Lutheran Church of Saxony, Dresden

Lilly Blaudszun, political influencer, Frankfurt/Oder

Music:

anders, Freiburg



I Stage at Opernplatz (32)

Stops: Kröpcke; Aegidientorplatz

Night prayer

Sat 21.30 **Night blessing. End of day. Sea of lights.** ▶ GU72
to 22.00 *The night is also holy*

Organisers:

Derek M. Harman, pastor, Rocklin, United States

Marius Maurer, director, Community International Justice Mission

Germany, Berlin


Music:

Wahnschaffe, Cologne



I Stage at Platz der Menschenrechte (36)

Stops: Aegidientorplatz; Kröpcke; Markthalle/Landtag

- Night prayer**
- Sat 21.30 Night blessing. End of day. Sea of lights.** ▶ NF51
to 22.00 *The night is also holy*
- Organisers:
 Thomas Adomeit, bishop, Oldenburg
 Dr Irme Stetter-Karp, president, Central Committee of German Catholics, Berlin
- Music:
 Bastian Benoa, Brackenheim
-  **M** Stage in Messepark, Exhibition Grounds
 Stops: Messe/Nord; Messe/Ost (Expo-Plaza)

22.00

- Worship in the evening and at night**
- Sat 22.00 Don't write off the world, leave your mark on it!** ▶ LY43
to 23.00 *Political night prayer*
- [External location](#)
- Organisers:
 Hamira Kobusingye, founder, Climate Justice Africa, Kampala, Uganda
 Angelina Lartey, scholarship-holder, Bread for the World, Bochum
 Dr Dagmar Pruin, president, Bread for the World and Diakonie Katastrophenhilfe, Berlin
 Stephan Weil, premier, Lower Saxony, Hanover
- ▶ [Planned by: Bread for the World and Reformed Church, Hanover](#)
- W** [Reformed Church, Lavesallee 4](#)
 Stop: Waterloo

Sunday

09.00

Closing Service

FA24

Sun 09.00 **Closing service**
to 10.00 **Warming up** ▶ XD73
Music and interviews



Moderation:

Dr Julian Sengelmann, pastor and actor, Hamburg

Mira Ungewitter, pastor, Project:parish, Vienna, Austria

Sun 10.00 **Nothing can separate us** ▶ PP38
to 11.30 *Closing service with holy communion*



Live streaming. For more information see A to Z

The English translation of the sermon will be on the website:

▶ kirchentag.de/en/sermon

Sermon:

Prof. Dr Hanna Reichel, systematic theologian, Princeton, United States

Liturgy:

Gilbert Krüger, deacon, Herne

Kirchentag message:

Anja Siegesmund, Kirchentag president, Jena

Other participants:

Dr Franz Jung, bishop, Würzburg

Dr Thorsten Latzel, Praeses, Evangelical Church in the Rhineland,

Düsseldorf

Dr Irme Stetter-Karp, president, Central Committee of German

Catholics, Berlin

Torsten Zugehör, Kirchentag Presidial Board, Lutherstadt Wittenberg

Music:

Emma Appelt, Hamburg

Sophie Chassée, Greven

Samuel Montoya, Vienna, Austria

Popkonzept project choir, Oldenburg

Kirchentag brass bands

Musical direction:

Christian Fuchs, regional brass band officer, Osnabrück district,

Bad Essen

Henning Herzog, regional brass band officer, Hanover district

Sarina Lal, pop music director, Oldenburg

Jan Simowitsch, pianist and composer, Hamburg

Liturgy and general direction:

Dr Anne Helene Kratzert, Kirchentag chaplain, Fulda

Sun 11.30 **Winding down**
to 12.00 *Music and interviews*

► RC52



Moderation:

Dr. Julian Sengelmann, pastor and actor, Hamburg

Mira Ungewitter, pastor, Project:parish, Vienna, Austria



I **Stage at Platz der Menschenrechte (36)**

Stops: Aegidientorplatz; Kröpcke; Markthalle/Landtag

Market of Opportunities

10.30–18.30

In halls 5 und 6 at the exhibition grounds about 500 church-related and civic associations, initiatives and groups present their work at stands and invite you to join in a number of activities and small-scale events.

The Market of Opportunities at the Kirchentag is one of the biggest fairs in Germany in the area of church, civil society and non-profit groups and initiatives. It's the place for new contacts, visions and ideas, emboldening us to make change happen.

The Market is set out in five themed areas, there are also the Diakonia Forum and the Forum of the Protestant Church in Germany (EKD). Each area has its own colour on the map.

In Hall 5 the quiet oasis is an invitation to relax, while the debate forum is a space for mutual discussion.

Theme area 1: Theology and spirituality

M Hall 6, Exhibition Grounds



Theme area 2: Church and parish

M Hall 5, Exhibition Grounds



Theme area 3: Lifestyle choices and living together

M Hall 5, Exhibition Grounds



Theme area 4: Society and education

M Hall 6, Exhibition Grounds



Theme area 5: Global challenges

M Hall 5, Exhibition Grounds



Forum Diakonia

M Hall 6, Exhibition Grounds



Forum of the Protestant Church in Germany (EKD)

M Hall 5, Exhibition Grounds



Exhibition in the Market Place, the Media Mile

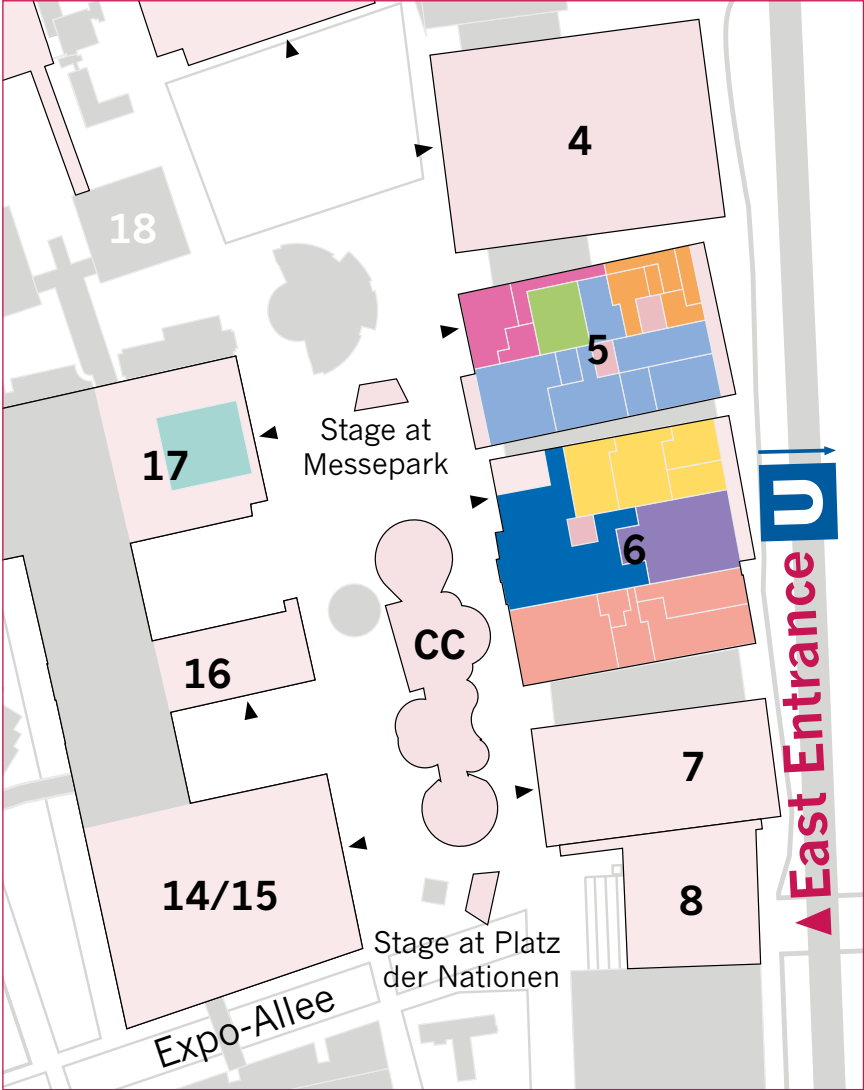
M Hall 6, Exhibition Grounds



The Kirchentag book shop

M Hall 17, Exhibition Grounds





Exhibition in the Market Place with the Media Mile

At the Exhibition in the Market Place in Hall 6 there are a number of commercial exhibitors presenting their projects and products. Amongst them are agencies and service providers to church organisations, suppliers of fair-trade products, and Kirchentag sponsors.

Media outlets, publishers, magazines and organisations with links to the Kirchentag present their work in the Media Mile as part of the Exhibition in the Market Place, both in Hall 6.

The Kirchentag book shop

The latest publications, the most important books from Christian publishers, ideas for parish work, gifts and literature about events at the Kirchentag and much more, can all be found at the Kirchentag book shop in Hall 17, open daily from **10.30–18.30**.

More information online: ▶ kirchentag.de/ktb

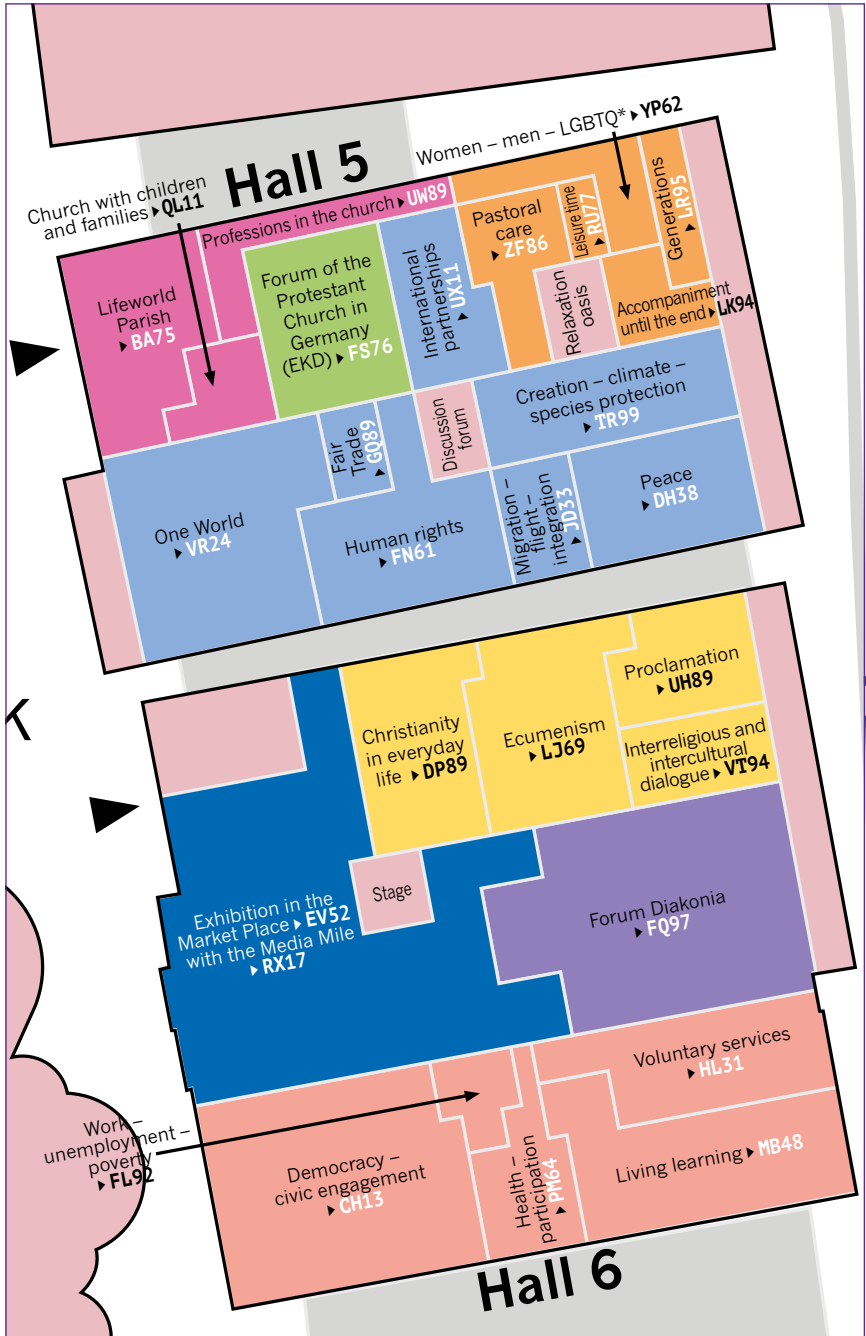
Which groups are taking part?

The names of all participating organisations can be found in the digital programme. Many groups have even provided links to their own websites so you can find more information that way. Put the name of the group or organisation that you're looking for into the search field of the Kirchentag app or website.

To find all groups under a keyword, enter the four-digit web codes ▶ **XY99** shown in the detailed map on the right directly in the search. You can also find the theme areas and market groups in the programme overview (**Programmübersicht**) in the dropdown menu for the Market of Opportunities (**Markt der Möglichkeiten**) in the Kirchentag app or website.

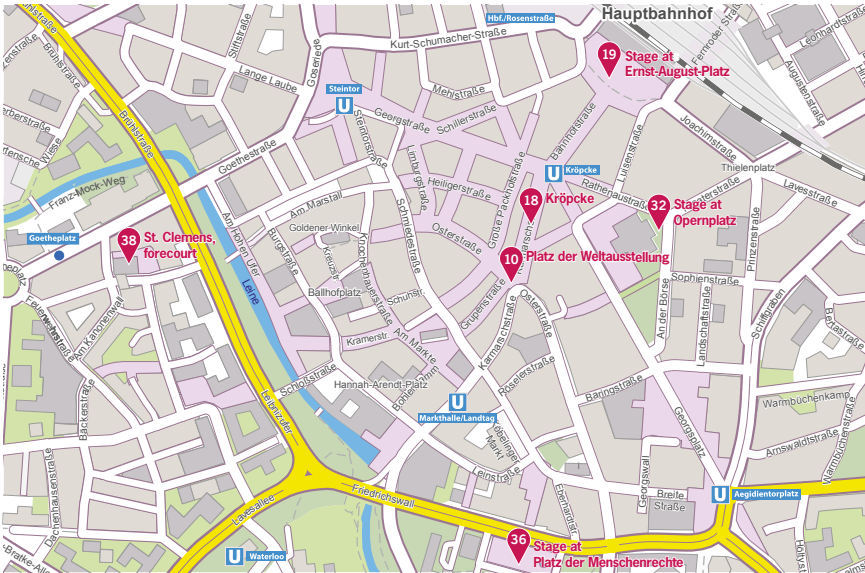
How to find a stand once you are at the Exhibition Grounds

The digital programme displays the exact stand number [**e.g. 1-X99**] next to the name of the organisation and tells you where the stand is. The first number is the number of the hall, this is followed by a letter of the alphabet which is the „street“ in that hall, and these are then followed by an individual „house“ or stand number.



Open Air

The Kirchentag leaves its imprint on the downtown area: large-scale worship services, concerts with well-known artists, a sea of lights in the evening and a QR coded faith trail – Kirchentag is as many-faceted as the people who contribute to it.



19 Welcome Stage: Culture in the Open Air

We meet in front of the central railway station. The stage at Ernst-August-Platz offers successive programmes of classical music, sung poetry, reggae, brass and much more. At the Vesper Church tent run by the Railway Mission you can get to talk to people in different, also difficult, life situations while enjoying a meal together. Vesper in German also happens to mean an afternoon snack!

Thu, Fri, Sat 10.00–21.30

- 1** Stage at Ernst-August-Platz ZF58
Stops: Hauptbahnhof/Rosenstraße; Hauptbahnhof/ZOB; Hauptbahnhof Hannover; Kröpcke
- 1** Vesper Church tent, Ernst-August-Platz WN97
Stop: Hauptbahnhof

Stages at 36 Platz der Menschenrechte and 32 Opernplatz

The two central stages are the heartbeat of the Kirchentag. This is where the ceremonial opening and closing services of worship take place. In the evening they turn into locations for rousing concerts. And a gleaming sea of lights provides an atmospheric end to the day.

- 1** Stage at Platz der Menschenrechte KC58
Stops: Aegidientorplatz; Kröpcke; Markthalle/Landtag
- 1** Stage at Opernplatz DR73
Stops: Aegidientorplatz; Kröpcke

18 Cross and Bean – the meeting-place of regional churches

Organised by the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Hannover and the Evangelical Church in the Rhineland

In the heart of the city: start off into the Kirchentag with the host church. Stay for a moment, meet old and new friends, and remember to take up the invitation to the 2027 Kirchentag in Düsseldorf.

Thu, Fri, Sat 10.30–20.00

I Kröpcke

DG51

Stop: Kröpcke

10 Meeting-place in the Forum on Survival Questions from Young People

At Platz der Weltausstellung things all revolve around discovering young people's vital questions about life in a playful, participatory way. Exhibitions, interactive programmes, music and art create a space to get talking together about life.

Thu, Fri, Sat 11.00–21.30

I Platz der Weltausstellung

MD73

Stop: Kröpcke

Thu, Fri, Sat 11.00–21.30

I Stage at Platz der Weltausstellung

TF68

Stop: Kröpcke

 Action Space - Faith in the Inner City and near **38** St Clemens

The QR codes distributed throughout the inner city conceal initiatives that can be discovered and experienced both alone or all together. Keep your eyes open – surprising experiences are lying in wait!

In a truck-church on the St Clemens forecourt you will find a space for making wishes, along with stands and interactive programmes prepared by the Centre on Spiritual Life.

Thu, Fri, Sat 11.00–18.30

I Inner city

AD47

Stops: Aegidientorplatz; Hauptbahnhof; Kröpcke; Steintor

I St Clemens, forecourt, Platz an der Basilika

HT82

Stop: Goetheplatz

 Open Air at the Exhibition Grounds

Visit the stages in the Exhibition Grounds with the Red Sofa, concerts in the evenings and then night prayers with a sea of lights to end the day.

Thu, Fri, Sat 11.00–19.00 and 20.00–22.00

M Stage at Messepark, Exhibition Grounds

RR24

Stops: Messe/Nord; Messe/Ost (Expo-Plaza)

Thu, Fri, Sat 11.00–21.30

M Stage at Platz der Nationen, Exhibition Grounds

VN57

Stops: Messe/Nord; Messe/Ost (Expo-Plaza)

Sing around the clock

This is a first at the Kirchentag: a participatory event that starts on Wednesday and runs until Saturday – non-stop, day and night. Singing enthusiasts and the curious without previous experience are just as welcome as experienced choir singers.

All events and further information can be found in the app and online at: EX87

W Christuskirche, Conrad-Wilhelm-Hase-Platz 1, Nordstadt (50) HL44

Sing along events ▶▶▶ ZB85**Wed 22.00 The big kick-off**

Singing into May

W Christuskirche, Conrad-Wilhelm-Hase-Platz 1, Nordstadt (50)

Thu Around the clock: Variety

From pop to classical – a new world every full hour

W Christuskirche, Conrad-Wilhelm-Hase-Platz 1, Nordstadt (50)

Fri Around the clock: Community

Whoever comes, sings along!

W Christuskirche, Conrad-Wilhelm-Hase-Platz 1, Nordstadt (50)

Sat Around the clock: Inspiration

With musicians from all over Germany

W Christuskirche, Conrad-Wilhelm-Hase-Platz 1, Nordstadt (50)

Alcohol

No alcoholic drinks are served on site at any Kirchentag events.

App

Our free Kirchentag app brings together all the important information for you to carry around with you. It means you can get information about events, venues, and announcements (e.g. programme changes) and manage your own programme highlights. It also provides access to your e-ticket(s) and important information about participation. You need to enable the Push Message facility so that we can notify you directly about important security features. The app will help you to navigate the five days of Kirchentag. The programme data is regularly updated.

A useful feature is the “traffic light” system with information about the availability of seats at many of the venues.

Red=hall full; amber=limited spaces; green=plenty of space

You can download the app at ► kirchentag.de/app.

You can choose to have the menu structure in English.

Bicycle hire

The “SprintRad” bicycle hire system will be available in Hanover, operated by ÜSTRA (public transport authority) in cooperation with Donkey Republic. You can pick up and return the orange bicycles round the clock. In order to use them you need to download the Donkey Republic app. They have English-language pages on their website where you can register.

When booking, use the discount code Kirchentag2025, which allows you to have the first 30 minutes of each trip for free.

Please note: Bicycles can only be returned at specific locations inside the city area.

If you leave the bicycle at any site not indicated on the app there is a surcharge of from 5 to 20 euros.

Closing Service

The Closing Communion Service of the 39th German Protestant Kirchentag 2025 in Hanover will be held from **10.00 to 11.30** on the Platz der Menschenrechte (= Human Rights Square). Webcode **FA24**.

As the capacity of the square is limited, we are also offering a live transmission of the Closing Service from **10.00 to 11.30** in the Opernplatz. Further information can be found at: ► kirchentag.de/schlussgottesdienst. This gives further details about the arrangements, including provision of gluten-free communion bread, spaces for people with disabilities.

An English translation of the sermon will be available on the website:

► kirchentag.de/en/sermon

Arrival and departure: Because of the large numbers attending and the volume of traffic, you are advised to allow plenty of time and arrive early for the service. A pre-programme will start at **9.00**. There is a music-and-more programme for those able to stay after **11.30**.

Left Luggage and Lost Property

No luggage or large rucksacks are allowed at the venues, but you can leave your bags at the left-luggage facility at the Ernst-August-Platz, immediately in front of the railway station, while you attend the Closing Service. Lost items can also be handed in at the Kirchentag lost property office.

Opening hours for Sunday: **07.00–14.00**

See also under the separate headings Left Luggage and Lost Property

I [Bühne auf dem Platz der Menschenrechte \(36\)](#)

I [Bühne auf dem Opernplatz \(32\)](#)

Donations and grants

The Kirchentag is a nonprofit organisation, dependent on donations so that it can continue to support projects that encourage dialogue, strengthen faith and achieve real change.

Any contribution – however small – helps the Kirchentag to be a place of encounter, hope, and inspiration.

You can support us directly by using the link at ► kirchentag.de/spenden (German). Your gesture can work wonders!

The Association “Friends of the Kirchentag” brings together people who care deeply about the future of the Kirchentag. You can support the Kirchentag and its vision in a sustained and long-term way by becoming a member. With your help we can ensure the future of the Kirchentag as an association that unites, inspires and is effective.

More information at ► kirchentag.de/freundeskreis

Thank you for being a part of this movement. Together, we can achieve even more!

Drinking water

Tap water is the best source of refreshment and is also kind to both your purse and the environment. The Kirchentag provides free drinking water in many locations. Please bring your own water bottles (not glass) to fill up.

I [Ernst-August-Platz](#)

I [Opernplatz](#)

I [Platz der Menschenrechte](#)

M [Halle 14/15, Exhibition Grounds](#)

M [Halle 5, Exhibition Grounds](#)

Environment

The Kirchentag is one of the most environmentally friendly large-scale events of its kind and since 2007 has met the criteria for the European EMAS (Eco-Management and Audit Scheme) certificate. Please support us in minimising the negative impact of the Kirchentag on the environment, for example by choosing train or coach travel, drinking tap water, carefully separating rubbish, walking or cycling to venues and using the organic food provided at the Kirchentag. See also the headings *bicycle hire*, *drinking water*, food and refreshments, and *waste disposal*.

First Aid

First Aid support is available for any health concerns and physical problems that arise during the Kirchentag. First Aid stations can be found at various places in the event area and are provided by the St John's Emergency Service (Johanniter-Unfallhilfe). For urgent on-the-spot medical attention you can phone the St John's emergency service on ► 0800 019 21 40.

In cases of acute life-threatening illness or injury please call the ambulance service immediately on telephone on ► 112.

First Aid stations (Sanitätsstation)

For the locations of First Aid stations during the opening events on Wednesday evening, please see the special leaflet for the Evening of Encounters (Abend der Begegnung) which will be handed out on the night. Alternatively you can also find the Information online at ► kirchentag.de/adb

From **Thursday** to **Saturday** there will also be First Aid stations in all the larger event venues. You will find these marked with the first-aid symbol on the city plan in the app, online and in print.

On **Sunday** the First Aid stations will be at Menschenrechte Square, Opera Square, Ernst-August Square and at the Friedrichswall, near to the stage.

1 Sanitätsstation Platz der Menschenrechte, Rudolf-Hillebrecht-Platz

Opening hours:

Wed 16.00–23.00

Thu, Fri, Sat 09.00–22.30

Sun 08.00–13.00

1 Sanitätsstation Opernplatz

Opening hours:

Wed 16.00–23.00

Thu, Fri, Sat 09.00–22.30

Sun 08.00–13.00

1 Sanitätsstation Volkshochschule, Burgstr. 14

Opening hours:

Wed 16.00–23.00

Thu, Fri, Sat 09.00–22.30

I Sanitätsstation Hauptbahnhof, Ernst-August-Platz

Opening hours:

Wed 16.00–23.00**Sun 08.00–13.00****I** Sanitätsstation Friedrichswall, Friedrichswall 23

Opening hours:

Wed 17.00–22.00**Sun 09.00–12.00****W** Sanitätsstation Haus der Jugend, Maschstr. 22–24, Südstadt-Bult

Opening hours:

Thu, Fri, Sat 09.00–18.00**M** Sanitätsstation Messe, Nord, Exhibition Grounds

Opening hours:

Thu, Fri, Sat 08.00–22.30**M** Sanitätsstation Messe, Süd, 4. Allee, Exhibition Grounds

Opening hours:

Thu, Fri, Sat 08.00–22.30**Food and refreshments**

The Kirchentag strongly believes in the provision of a well-balanced range of food, consisting mainly of organic, regional and seasonal products, produced under fair conditions.

Breakfast

In the communal accommodation locations, the local team provide an organic breakfast, so this does not need to be ordered specially.

Lunch and evening meals

All through the day you can enjoy a wide variety of organic, fairly traded food on offer in the Glass Restaurant, at the various refreshment stands in the large event locations, as well as in local restaurants.

The Glass Restaurant offers a pop-up restaurant with an organic lunch menu that changes each day, prepared by trainees of the project “Ecological catering in large-scale kitchens”. The ingredients are sourced from the local region and are fairly traded.

In the café area you will find organically-grown fair-trade tea and coffee specialities.

Lunch menu price: 14 euro, reduced: 9 euro.

M Halle 17, Glass Restaurant, Exhibition Grounds

Opening hours:

Restaurant: **Thu, Fri, Sat 11.30–14.00**Café: **Thu, Fri, Sat 10.30–16.00**

Hall full (Halle überfüllt)

There will be times when venues have to be closed because they are filled to capacity. For health & safety reasons the maximum number of people must not be exceeded. This applies to halls, churches and rooms, even if it looks as if there is still space available.

Please respect the “Halle/Kirche überfüllt” signs and understand why you are being turned away by the stewards. This is the only way to ensure the smooth running of the Kirchentag and the safety of participants.

For many of the events you can get information about the spaces available before they begin on the Kirchentag app and the website, using the “traffic light” system. See also the heading *App*.

Inclusive and Accessible Kirchentag

The Kirchentag aims to be a place where diversity is celebrated, barriers are removed and encounters at eye-level are possible. Everyone should be able to participate in the Kirchentag on an equal footing and on their own terms. For that reason, the Kirchentag tries to ensure that as many events as possible are accessible and inclusive.

Participation

Important links for tickets for those with disabilities and a questionnaire to help make your participation in the Kirchentag as accessible as possible can be found at ► kirchentag.de/barrierefrei (In German).

Or contact the International Visitor Service at ► international@kirchentag.de

Accessible events

On the website and the app there are filters under “Programmsuche” (programme search) where you can look for events with German sign language (DGS), speech-to-text interpretation, induction loop, or in simple language.

Accessible venues

The Kirchentag programme uses pictograms to indicate venues which may have limited access (or none) and/or no accessible toilets for wheelchairs. See *Pictograms*

Induction loop

Many Kirchentag locations are fitted with an induction loop, which is automatically turned on for those events. In order to be able to use the induction loops for hearing aids or cochlear implants (CI) you need to use the T-setting. If you don't have a T-setting on your device then you should check with an audiologist whether this is available and whether the relevant programme can be installed.

Toilets

Additional accessible toilets are available at some venues, some with care assistance. Accessible toilets are marked on the printed city plans and also on the website and the app.

Seating and wheelchair space

A limited number of seats are available at large events for those unable to stand for the whole time. This seating is also intended for those who need to have a clear view of sign language interpreters or need to use the induction loop. For many events there are areas reserved for wheelchair users. These seating areas need to be booked in advance, by using the questionnaire at ► kirchentag.de/programm. Please make sure you arrive early at those events in order to claim a space.

Other services available:

Transport for those with disabilities

Transport is offered free of charge between the Kirchentag accommodation and the event locations for those with disabilities. More information can be found in "*Wichtige Hinweise zur Teilnahme*" (important information on participation) at ► kirchentag.de/Inklusion.

Accompaniment service

The St John's Youth Service offers a personal service for attending Kirchentag events. This includes accompanying people to events, using public transport, or staying with you for the event. Please note that such assistance is only available for a limited time and is not meant as accompaniment for the whole day. It must be booked in advance.

Loan of wheelchairs and walkers

Wheelchairs and walkers can be borrowed from Thursday to Saturday, for a deposit. These are available at the Service Points at the North and East entrances to the Exhibition Grounds as well as at the Centre for Inclusion.

Centre for Inclusion

The Centre for Inclusion can be found in Hall 16. It provides information and is a place for meetings and encounters. Those with and without disabilities can meet and share experiences. The café offers an opportunity to take a break.

Rest area

The Centre for Inclusion in Hall 16 also offers a rest area with couches and beds available for a short break.

M Hall 16, Exhibition Grounds

Opening hours

Thu, Fri, Sat 09.00–21.00

Interpretation

Events in English, with simultaneous or sign language interpretation, with subtitles or in simple German are indicated in the programme (see the heading Pictograms). For translation into English, headphones are available at the locations. Please allow plenty of time beforehand to collect your headset and receiver.

Kirchentag bookshop

The Kirchentag bookshop offers a range of recently issued books from Christian publishers - in addition to items relating to work in the local church, gift items, as well as books relating to the Kirchentag themes. It is situated in Hall 17.

M Halle 17, Exhibition Grounds

Kirchentag Shop

Would you like to buy a souvenir of the Kirchentag in Hanover? Why not browse through our fairly-produced items made from sustainable materials? During the Kirchentag you can buy items at two locations in the main event areas. In addition, there will be mobile shops on Sunday in the area near to the Closing Service (no sales during the service).

All the articles in the shop can also be found at ► kirchentag.de/shop.

I Ernst-August-Platz

Opening hours:

Tue 14.00–20.00

Wed 08.00–22.30

Thu, Fri, Sat 08.00–20.30

M Eingang Nord 1, Exhibition Grounds

Opening hours:

Thu, Fri, Sat 08.30–20.30

Left Luggage

Please understand that you are not allowed to take luggage and large rucksacks (over 30 litres) into event venues, with the exception of instrument cases. During the Kirchentag bags, including instruments, can be deposited free of charge at the Kirchentag left luggage offices, with a deadline for deposits of one hour before closing time.

Bags left at the left luggage office are not insured, so please arrange your own insurance if required. Please note that overnight storage is not possible. Any bags that have not been collected by the closing time will be transferred to the Kirchentag lost property office at the Hanover Exhibition Grounds. See heading *Lost property*.

Even small rucksacks or bags are not allowed at some venues. Those venues will have bag storage facilities for the duration of the event.

I Innenstadt Ernst-August-Platz, Ernst-August-Platz

Opening hours:

Wed 14.00–23.00

Thu, Fri, Sat 08.30–23.00

Sun 07.00–13.00

M Messe Eingang Nord 1, Exhibition Grounds

Opening hours:

Thu, Fri, Sat 08.30–22.30

Live transmissions

There will be live streaming of some of the Kirchentag events on the website and the app. You will find these transmissions listed at ► kirchentag.de/live and the information is also given in the detailed listing of the particular event in the App and on the website. All the live-streamed events can be accessed using the webcode **LL82**.

The live-streaming of the events is provided by the video platform Vimeo. The videos on the website and the app are compliant with data protection requirements. After the Kirchentag most of the events will be available at the Kirchentag media centre at ► kirchentag.de.

It will also be possible to participate digitally in some live-streamed events if you have registered a free account at “**My Kirchentag**”. See headings Public participation and My Kirchentag. Please note, however, that only the original language (English or German) will be streamed, not the respective interpretation heard in the hall.

All videos are available free of charge, but if you wish to make a contribution to the cost this can be done by giving a donation at ► kirchentag.de/spenden

Lost Property (Fundbüros)

Items that are found can be handed in and lost items can be claimed at the lost property offices of the Kirchentag.

Any Items remaining at the office in Ernst-August Square at the close of the opening hours there will be taken to the central lost property office of the Kirchentag at the Exhibition Grounds. Items can be collected from there up to and including **Saturday 3 May**. On **Sunday 4 May** items can still be handed in at Ernst-August-Platz.

After the end of the Kirchentag any remaining lost property Items will be taken to the lost property office of the city of Hanover: ► www.hannover.de/fundbuero

I Innenstadt Ernst-August-Platz, Ernst-August-Platz

Opening hours:

Wed 14.00–23.00

Thu, Fri, Sat 08.30–23.00

Sun 07.00–13.00

M Messe Eingang Nord 1, Exhibition Grounds

Opening hours:

Thu, Fri, Sat 08.30–22.30

Mobile telephone

Please put your mobile phone on silent mode during all events. Charging facilities for mobiles can be found at various places in the main event areas. Please bring your own charger with you. At the Exhibition Grounds there are charging stations available in Halls 5 and 15.

M Halle 5, Exhibition Grounds

M Halle 14/15, Exhibition Grounds

My Kirchentag

The most convenient way to use the app and the website for the programme is with a **“My Kirchentag”** account. Just register your personal account details for free at ► kirchentag.de/en/login. Once you have logged into your account, you can download the app onto your phone. If you go to **“My profile”** you can scan the QR code using the app and that will link the app to your account.

If you have opted for a digital ticket for the Kirchentag, you will find it in the app at **My Kirchentag** under **My ticket**. You need to activate the e-ticket on the device you will be using at the Kirchentag. Only then is it validated.

Once you have activated your ticket, and if it includes free travel on the public transport system, then you can also display the travel pass in the app. That way you have both your Kirchentag ticket and your travel pass for the ÜSTRA public transport on your smartphone all the time. See heading e-ticket.

If you have booked accommodation through the Kirchentag, you can find the address under **My accommodation** (Mein Quartier) and will be able to find your way there either on foot or by public transport.

The function My programme allows you to put together a personal Kirchentag programme. You can mark individual events in advance by using the asterisk at the top right of the online programme entry. When you are online the programme data will be updated so that you have the latest information.

No Smoking

Smoking is not allowed in any of the venues where events are taking place. The no-smoking rule also applies to communal accommodation in schools. This ban also includes e-cigarettes and the consumption of cannabis. In some of the event locations there may be a designated area where smoking is permitted, but not the use of cannabis.

Public participation

The Kirchentag thrives on the participation of visitors in events. Along with the usual options of contributing by submitting written comments or questions or by speaking at the floor microphones in the halls, there is also the possibility of participating digitally in some of the events via the app or online.

If a particular event offers this option, you will find the link embedded at the bottom of the event details on the app or on the web. This function enables you to participate either on site or from elsewhere, for example at home via the live stream. To use these options you need to have a **“My Kirchentag”** account and to have logged into the app or the website before the event.

Public transport

The ticket included in your Kirchentag ticket entitles you to travel with all forms of public transport in the fare zones ABC of the ÜSTRA public transport system. If you have a digital Kirchentag ticket, you will also find your travel ticket in the app under **My ticket**.

Safeguarding

The Kirchentag has developed a safeguarding policy, aimed at the prevention of sexualised discrimination and abuse. This also sets out practical guidance for dealing with incidents. You will find the policy set out on the English language pages of the website.

The safeguarding policy states that any complaints, which are regarded as abuse by the person affected, will be followed up. If the Kirchentag hears of a suspicion or supposition, an enquiry process will immediately be put in place to examine the case. The policy sets out the relevant procedures and possible consequences.

At the Kirchentag everyone should ...

- **be treated fairly.** No one has the right to threaten or intimidate, whether that is by the way they act, look at or speak to someone, show or take pictures. No one may be blackmailed, marginalised, abused or hit;
- **decide for themselves** when, where and by whom they are photographed or filmed;
- **decide for themselves** how close they want to get to someone else – and when, how and where. No-one should be touched, massaged, stroked or kissed against their will, or be compelled to do this with someone else;
- **have the right to say “NO”** and to resist someone who hurts their feelings or those of others. “NO” means “no”, whether expressed in words, looks or body language;
- **not participate** if something makes you anxious, or you find something disgusting, or you feel uncomfortable with it;
- **seek support from other people.** If anyone feels uncomfortable or things are going badly for them, it is important to seek help.

At the same time, everyone is obliged to do their best to ensure that no crossing of boundaries, sexual abuse or sexualised violence can take place at the Kirchentag.

You need to take seriously the personal boundaries of the individuals around you. Please behave with care and with a sense of responsibility in relation to proximity and distance. Respect the individual boundaries of other people. The Kirchentag Safeguarding Team is available at all times during the event on the telephone number ▶ [0661 966 48-099](tel:066196648099).

In addition, the Centre for Children and Families in the “Haus der Jugend”, together with the Centre for Youth, are provided with a safe room to which you can escape if needed. If you wish, there are also advisors available for you to talk to. At the Children and Families Centre the safe room be found in room 327. In the Youth Centre, this is in Hall 14/15.

At events dealing with the topic of sexualised violence, there are also trained advisors present, who are available to talk to at any time. They can be identified by their purple jackets.

In addition, you can turn to advisory services like the hotline for women (▶ [116 016](tel:116016)), the counselling centre for trans* and queer persons (▶ [069 43 00 52 33](tel:06943005233)) or the hotline for men (▶ [0800 123 99 00](tel:08001239900)). In threatening situations or in the case of crimes please contact the police without delay (emergency number ▶ [110](tel:110)).

W Haus der Jugend, Maschstr. 22–24, Südstadt-Bult (35)

M Halle 14/15, Exhibition Grounds

Scarf

In keeping with tradition, the Kirchentag scarf serves as a distinctive feature of the collective identity of those attending the Kirchentag In 2025. The scarf for Hanover is bright red, printed with the slogan “courageous – strong – resolute” and is made of 100% organic cotton from certified organic producers.

You can get the scarf in advance from the online Kirchentag Shop: ► kirchentag.de/shop. During the Kirchentag it is, as usual, available from the stewards at most venues.

Security

The security of all participants is paramount for the Kirchentag. You can play your own part in achieving this goal:

- Use the app for Information about important security updates. This Includes weather updates in extreme conditions, which may cause restrictions.
- Bring a water bottle (not glass) and drink plenty of liquid through the day.
- Stay in the shade and use a sunhat.
- Protect your valuables from pickpockets.
- Don't take large items of luggage into the venues. Pay attention to items that it may be forbidden to carry e.g. a ban on weapons in the vicinity of the railway station.
- Always stay alert and pay attention to other participants.
- Follow the instructions of security staff and stewards.
- Please understand if inconvenience and delay arise because of security precautions.
- Stay calm in threatening situations.
- In case of emergency ring ► 112 (fire / ambulance) or ► 110 (police), or look for a First Aid Station.

The Kirchentag works together with the security and regulatory authorities in putting in place a comprehensive security plan. This is constantly updated in accordance with the latest security situation. Further information at ► kirchentag.de/sicherheit

Service Points (Servicepunkte)

Service Points are the places to get information about the programme, changes to the programme and transport. Our visitors services can help you with any queries relating to your tickets and you can also buy tickets there and obtain a proof of attendance if needed. There is also a Kirchentag shop available (except at the East Entrance to the Exhibition Grounds)

The Service Point at the Menschenrechte Square is only open for the Opening and Closing Services. See below for *opening hours*.

You can also obtain information there about assistance on accessibility, including sign language and the travel service.

1 Ernst-August-Platz

Opening hours:

Tue 14.00–20.00

Wed 08.00–22.30

Thu, Fri, Sat 08.00–20.30

Sun 08.00–12.00

M Eingang Nord 1, Exhibition Grounds

Opening hours:

Thu, Fri, Sat 08.00–20.30**M** Eingang Ost, Exhibition Grounds

Opening hours n:

Thu, Fri, Sat 08.00–20.30**I** Platz der Menschenrechte

Opening hours:

Wed 16.00–22.30**Sun 08.00–12.00****Social Media**

You can use various social media networks to find interviews, look behind the scenes, and get impressions of events you couldn't attend yourself. The Kirchentag has its own pages on ► [Instagram](#), ► [Facebook](#), ► [Linkedin](#). Use the hashtags [#Kirchentag](#), [#Hannover2025](#) and [#MutigStarkBeherzt](#). And you are welcome to follow our stewards on ► [Instagram](#). [#HelfenBeimKirchentag](#) There will be active updates, including multimedia – with pictures, videos and short reports.

Note: Although these are all in German, you still might be interested to visit them and view the pictures and comments. And they will welcome any comments made in English, as a reminder of the international presence at the Kirchentag! See heading *Website*.

Songbook (Liederheft)**Courageous – strong – resolute**

The material for the songbook was produced by a group of 30 writers and musicians in a special workshop to write new songs based on the theme and Bible texts for the Kirchentag. A committee of volunteers then went through the results and selected 36 of the songs for the songbook. It is available from the Kirchentag Shop ► [kirchentag.de/shop](#)

Note: All Kirchentag visitors with a 5-day pass will receive a voucher for a free songbook, which can be obtained from the Service Points. The songs of the songbook are also available as part of the Kirchentag app (menu item **Songbook**) or can be downloaded as a digital version to your smartphone.

Songbook “75 Kirchentag Songs”

In addition to the songbook “Courageous – strong – resolute”, a special anniversary songbook has been published entitled “75 Kirchentag Songs”. This includes 75 favourite Kirchentag songs which were chosen following a wide-ranging survey of Kirchentag visitors, church musicians and theologians.

This songbook is available from the Kirchentag Shop ► [kirchentag.de/shop](#)

Kirchentag visitors with a 5-day pass will receive a voucher for a free songbook, which can be obtained from the Service Points.

Taxi

The Hanover Taxi Centres can be reached on the following telephone numbers:

Arnemann Company: ▶ 0511 458 45 45

Gruß Taxen Company ▶ 0511 66 49 64

Hallo Taxi 3811: ▶ 0511 38 11

Südkreis-Taxengesellschaft: ▶ 0511 988 62 62

In addition, there is a special night-service taxi for women (Frauen*nachttaxi). This is available from Hallo Taxi (3811) for bi-sexual, non-binary, transgender and agender individuals and they can be ordered to go to a stop of your choice, with the exception of the underground stations Kröpcke, Aegidentorplatz, Hauptbahnhof and Steintor.

Note: you need to make sure that you specifically order a “Frauen*nachttaxi”! More information at ▶ kirchentag.de/frauennachttaxi (external Link).

Tickets

Tickets are available for the full five days or as day-tickets or after-16-hours tickets and give admission to all Kirchentag events during those times. This only applies if places are still available at those events (see heading “*Hall full*”). The ticket also includes a travel pass for zones ABC of the ÜSTRA public transport system. Tickets can be bought during the Kirchentag at the Service Points, or online in advance as an e-ticket.

If you buy a digital ticket online this can only be activated by using the Kirchentag app. A print-out or screenshot is not valid. See heading: *App*.

After successfully installing the Kirchentag app, you need to log into your “**Mein Kirchentag**” account. The menu list should be available in English.

Go to the menu item My ticket where you will see a list of the tickets you have ordered, both e-tickets and any paper tickets you may have ordered. In order to be able to use an e-ticket you need to activate it on your smartphone. Each ticket can be activated/deactivated by swiping to the left. Activated tickets will be highlighted in blue.

When our stewards check tickets at the entrance to events, you will need to tap on the activated ticket to open the graphic display.

A ticket can only be activated on a single device. Once you have activated your tickets, you can also access the travel pass for public transport (ÖPNV) by using the button *Fahrausweis* (travel pass). This can then be shown to inspectors on public transport, together with your photo-ID.

Activating more than one ticket

You can enter onto your smartphone not just your own e-ticket, but also all the tickets for your family and friends. You will find your registration confirmation under **Meine Vorgänge** (my procedures). By swiping to the left on an entry in the display you can add each person’s ticket to your own account and activate it on your device.

The number displayed on the graphic Image shows how many people have had their e-tickets activated on your device. By swiping in the lower section of the screen you can show a number of tickets in succession.

Please note that for security reasons it is not possible to download an e-ticket onto more than one device. If you want to change to a different device, then you need to activate the e-ticket on the new device and it will automatically be de-activated on the old device.

If someone else has ordered an e-ticket for you, you need to get a ticket code from them, which you then enter on your own device. Use the app on your device to log on to your own “**My Kirchentag**” account. Under “**My Ticket**” use the button **Ticket hinzufügen** (add ticket) and enter the ticket code. This will then immediately activate the ticket so that you can use it.

If you have ordered e-tickets for several people then you need to give them their ticket codes. They will then be able to use their own e-tickets.

Waste disposal (Abfall or Müll)

Please do not drop rubbish or litter on the streets or open spaces. Avoid disposable packaging and only take brochures and leaflets that you are really interested in. Please support us by using the separate collection bins for paper, recyclable items (Wertstoff), and non-recyclable (Restabfall or Restmüll).

Note: the distribution of leaflets and advertising material unrelated to the Kirchentag is not allowed at any of the event locations.

Webcodes

In order to facilitate the transition from printed programme to digital programme, you will find webcodes in the programme, which you can enter into the programme search field on the app or on the web. Both individual events and other events, such as those in a particular format or series, will be enabled via their own webcode. All the webcodes are a combination of two letters and two digits and will be distinguished from the surrounding text by a different colour and typeface: **XY99**.

Website

► kirchentag.de is the web address for everything relating to the Kirchentag, including the full programme to download. English-language pages can be found at ► kirchentag.de/en or use the drop-down menu at the top right corner of the German website and scroll down to the bottom. You might also like to visit *Leichte Sprache* on the way – events in simple language may be easier to follow for those whose first language is not German!

The English pages will not have all the material that is on the German website, but will be kept up-to-date with useful information. You can register for “*My Kirchentag*” there and use the programme search with the menu structure in English at ► kirchentag.de/en/programme-overview. You can also find a copy of this programme booklet to download.

The German webpages will also have updates on events and multimedia features with pictures, reports and videos you might find interesting to watch. You can also link in on social media sites. See heading *Social media* and *App*.

