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World Communion of Reformed Churches

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2017 General Council Schedule Leipzig – Wittenberg – Berlin

Pre-Council Activities

Friday, 23 June

Zwochau

All Day: Youth Gathering

Saturday, 24 June

Zwochau

All Day: Youth Gathering

Sunday, 25 June

Messe

Registration for Pre-Council attendees

18:00-19:00: Supper for arriving delegates and staff

Zwochau

All Day: Youth Gathering

Monday, 26 June

Messe

All Day: Registration

9:00-13:00: Women Pre-Council

13:00-14:00: Lunch

14:00-18:00: Women Pre-Council

17:00-19:00: Officers Meeting

18:00-19:00: Supper

19:00-21:00: Introduction to discernment and decision making

Zwochau

Youth Gathering

Youth Pre-Council

Tuesday, 27 June

Messe

All Day: Registration

9:00-13:00: Women Pre-Council, Youth Pre-Council, Executive Committee

13:00-14:00: Lunch

14:00-18:00: Women Pre-Council, Executive Committee, Training of facilitators & scribes

18:00-19:00: Supper

19:00-21:00: Training of moderators

Zwochau (until 13:00)

Youth Gathering

Morning: Youth Pre-Council delegates move to Messe

Reformed Church (Evangelisch Reformierte Kirche)

16:00-21:00: Youth Gathering: Public Event: *Buen Vivir*

Wednesday, 28 June

Sachsenpark-Hotel

7:30-8:00: Business Committee

Messe

All Day: Registration

9:00-11:45: Women & Youth Pre-Councils: General Council Orientation

12:00-13:30: Youth Gathering, Pre-Councils: Closing Worship

13:30-14:30: Lunch

15:00-16:30: Orientation 1 for participants

16:30-17:00: Introduction of consultants and staff

18:00-20:00: Orientation 2 for participants

Reformed Church (Evangelisch Reformierte Kirche)

18:00-21:15: Meet & Greet hosted by German churches (open invitation)

21:15-21:30: Evening Prayer

Zwochau

9:00-10:45: Youth Gathering

The General Council

Thursday, 29 June: Welcoming the World

Sachsenpark-Hotel

7:30-8:00: Business Committee

Messe

8:30-10:00: Worship/Bible Study 1, Jeremiah 10:1-10, Hyunju Bae

10:00-11:00: Plenary Session 1: Opening Actions: Seating of delegates, approval of UGC Minutes, adoption of Rules of Order (discernment & consensus procedures)

11:00-12:30: Journey to Leipzig New Town Hall

Town Hall (Neue Rathaus)

12:30-14:00: Reception at New Town Hall, Opening of Reformation Exhibition, Light Lunch

14:00-15:00: Journey to Messe

Messe

11:00-12:30: Orientation 3

11:00-14:00: Training of facilitators and scribes

14:00-15:15: Lunch (for participants of Orientation 3, facilitators and scribes)

15:15-16:15: Listening Session 1: Address of the President

16:15-16:30: Words of greeting

- Gottfried Locher
- Sunita Soona

16:30-17:00: Tea/Coffee Break

17:00-18:30: Theme Input Session 1: Economic Justice: George Zachariah and Janneke Stegemann

18:30-20:00: Supper

20:00-21:30: Regional Meetings 1 (Africa, AIPRAL, Asia/Pacific, Canaac, Europe/Middle East - assigned rooms)

21:00-22:00: Committee, drafting team meetings

Sachsenpark-Hotel

21:30-23:00: Nomination Committee

Reformed Church (Evangelisch Reformierte Kirche)

22:00-22:15: Evening Prayer (open invitation)

Friday, 30 June: "Living God, you formed us"

St. Nicholas Church (Nikolaikirche)

7:30: All participants must be at St Nicolas Church Yard at 7:30 to pass security (*Bring your passport!*)

7:30-8:00 Business Committee

7:45: St. Nicholas Church doors open

9:00-10:15: Welcoming Worship

10:15-10:45: Words of Greeting

- President Steinmeier
- General Secretary Olav Fykse Tveit (WCC)
- General Secretary Collin Cowan (CWM)
- General Secretary Cesar Garcia (MWC)

10:45-11:45: Journey to Messe

Messe

11:45-13:30: Listening Session 2: Report of the General Secretary

13:30-15:00: Lunch

15:00-16:30: Theme Input Session 2: Theology: Jürgen Moltmann with Isabella Novsima Sinulingga, Marisa Strizzi and Nadia Marais

16:30-17:15: Listening Session 3: Theology

17:30-18:30: Discernment Session 1: Norms and Values; Theology

18:30-20:00: Supper

20:00-21:30: Regional Meetings 2 (Africa, AIPRAL, Asia/Pacific, Canaac, Europe/Middle East - assigned rooms)

21:00-22:00: Committee, drafting team meetings

Sachsenpark-Hotel

21:30-23:00: Nomination Committee

Luther Church (Lutherkirche, Ferdinand-Lassalle-Straße 25)

20:00-21:00: Concert: "Composers - Messengers of the Reformation" (open invitation)

Reformed Church (Evangelisch Reformierte Kirche)

22:00-22:30: Evening Prayer (open invitation)

Saturday, 1 July: "Living God, help us to discern your will"

Sachsenpark-Hotel

7:30-8:00: Business committee

Messe

8:30-9:15: Theme Input Session 3: Justice: Isabel Phiri and Philip Peacock

9:15-10:00: Listening Session 4: Justice

10:00-10:30: Tea/Coffee Break

10:30-11:15: Listening Session 5: Gender Justice

11:15-11:45: Decision Session 1: Reports & Theology

11:45-13:15: Worship/Bible Study 2, Romans 12:1-2, Elsa Tamez

13:15-14:45: Lunch

14:45-15:30: Discernment Session 2: Justice and Gender Justice

15:30-16:00: Tea/Coffee Break

16:00-18:00: Dialogue on Churches and Development

18:00-19:00: Journey into Leipzig

20:00-21:30: Committee, drafting team meetings

St. Nicholas Church Yard (Nikolaikirchhof)

19:00-22:00: Visit to/showcasing of social art projects (including light supper)

Sunday, 2 July: Witnessing to the World

5:30: Journey to Berlin (*pick up places to be announced; take your passport!*)

9:30-10:15: Worship in Berlin Dom (television broadcast by ZDF)

10:15-11:00: Words of Greeting: Bishop Dröge (MC), Church President Jung, Others

11:00-12:00: Walk to Ministry of Foreign Affairs

12:00-14:00: Reception at Ministry of Foreign Affairs with Programme

14:00-14:30: Light Lunch

14:30-17:30: Historical and Solidarity Visits around Berlin

17:30: Journey to Leipzig, including sandwich supper

Sachsenpark-Hotel

20:00-21:30: Nominating Committee

No access to Messe for committee/drafting team meetings!

Monday, 3 July: "Living God, renew us"

Sachsenpark-Hotel

7:30-8:00: Business Committee

Messe

8:30-10:00: Worship/Bible Study 3: Luke 4:16-21: Mitri Raheb

10:00-10:30: Tea/Coffee Break

10:30-11:00: Plenary Session 3: Nominations

11:00-11:45: Theme Input Session 4: Mission in Communion: Farid Esack and Wesley Granberg-Michaelson

11:45-12:30: Listening Session 6: Mission in Communion

12:30-14:00: Lunch; Special Lunch: Korea

14:00-14:45: Discernment Session 3: Communion in Mission

15:00-15:30: Decision Session 2: Justice and Gender Justice

15:30-16:00: Tea/Coffee Break

16:00-17:00: Journey into Leipzig

St. Nicholas Church (Nikolaikirche)

17:00-18:00: St. Nicholas Church: Peace Prayer

18:00-19:30: Light Supper (*Nikolaikirchhof*)

19:30-21:00: Leipzig Mission: Reception

St. Thomas Church (Thomaskirche)

21:00-22:00: Organ Concert (open invitation)

Messe

20:00-21:30: Committee, drafting team meetings

Tuesday, 4 July: "Living God, reform us"

Sachsenpark-Hotel

7:30-8:00: Business Committee

Messe

8:30-10:00: Worship/Bible Study 4: Matthew 15:21-28: Elsa Tamez

10:00-10:30: Tea/Coffee Break

10:30-11:00: Plenary Session 4: Nominations

11:00-11:45: Theme Input Session 5: Strengthening Communion: Tinyiko Maluleke

11:45-12:30: Listening Session 7: Strengthening Communion

12:30-14:00: Lunch; Special Lunch: United/Uniting Churches

14:00-14:45: Discernment Session 4: Strengthening Communion

15:00-15:30: Decision Session 3: Mission in Communion

15:30-16:00: Tea/Coffee Break

16:00-16:30: Listening Session 8: Focus on Korea

16:30-17:30: Listening Session 9: Public Witness

17:30-18:30: Supper

18:30-19:30: Journey into Leipzig

St. Nicholas Church (Nikolaikirche)

19:30-21:00: Psalm Concert

Messe

20:00-21:30: Committee and drafting team meetings

Wednesday, 5 July: Affirming the Unity of the Church

8:00: Journey to Wittenberg

10:00-12:00: Ecumenical Ceremony: Association to JDDJ, LWF-WCRC Declaration, Thanksgiving

12:00-12:30: Words of Greeting

12:30-13:30: Lunch

13:30-16:30: Visit to the World Exhibition

16:30: Journey to Leipzig

Messe

18:30-20:00: Sandwich supper

20:00-21:30: Committee, drafting team meetings

Reformed Church (Evangelisch Reformierte Kirche)

22:00-22:15: Evening Prayer

Thursday, 6 July: "Living God, transform us"

Sachsenpark-Hotel

7:30-8:00: Business Committee

Messe

8:30-10:00: Worship/Bible Study 5: Commemoration Jan Hus: Acts 2:1-21 & 37-39: Mitri Raheb

10:00-10:30: Tea/Coffee Break

10:30-11:15: Decision Session 4: Strengthening Communion

11:30-12:30: Discernment Session 5: Public Witness

12:30-14:00: Lunch

14:00-15:00: Listening Session 10: Message and Vision; Constitutional Amendments

15:00-15:30: Tea/Coffee Break

15:30-16:45: Discernment Session 6: Message and Vision

17:00-19:00: Plenary Session 5: Elections

19:00-20:00: Supper

22:00-21:30: Committee and drafting team meetings

Reformed Church (Evangelisch Reformierte Kirche)

22:00-22:15: Evening Prayer

Friday, 7 July: Close as a Communion, Departure

Sachsenpark-Hotel

7:30-8:00: Business Committee

Messe

8:30-9:00: Morning Devotion

9:00-10:00: Decision Session 5: Public Witness

10:00-10:30: Tea/Coffee Break

10:30-11:15: Decision Session 6: Message and Vision, Constitutional Amendments

11:15-13:00: Closing Communion

13:00-14:15: Lunch

18:00-19:00: Supper

Saturday, 8 July: Departure

Messe

13:00-14:30: Lunch

18:00-19:00: Supper