

140,000 people

will celebrate Kirchentag in Berlin, Potsdam and Wittenberg from 24 to 28 May 2017. Come and join them!

You See Me (Genesis 16:13)

is the theme that encourages us to look closely at our daily lives and our faith. Not to forget those that are often overlooked. To meet our fellow humans with open eyes.

2,500 events

from all areas of social life are waiting to be explored by you. Workshops and discussions, simulation activities and services, concerts and bible studies.

Market of opportunities

See and experience what people in Germany are passionate about. At over 600 stands at this trade fair of civil society.

30.000 people are involved

Almost all events at Kirchentag are planned and implemented by voluntary participants.

500 years of Reformation

This Kirchentag is a very special highlight in the Reformation Summer of 2017. Once in 500 years, you should be there with us. It will be worth it.

Join in

Everyone can come to Kirchentag, regardless of faith or religion. Drop by for a day or stay for five. The next page tells you how.

The essentials in brief – Register now!

■ *This is how it works*

An admission **pass for five days** costs 98 Euros (discounted 54 Euros, families 158 Euros). Day passes are available for 33 Euros (discounted 18 Euros). Book your passes at kirchentag.de/participate

- For a small surcharge, you can also visit the World Reformation Exhibition, the **Panorama “Luther 1517”** and the exhibition “Luther and the Avantgarde” in Wittenberg..

- If you register before 1 March 2017, Kirchentag will be happy to supply you with accommodation in private homes or in communal accommodation. This only costs you a flat fee of 21 Euros (42 Euros for families).

- Accessible Kirchentag wants to allow everyone to participate and works to reduce barriers or overcome them with additional services. This includes accessible accommodation, induction loops, taxi service and events with sign-language interpreters or speech-to-text reporters (in German). An international reception desk, an English programme book and other services make being a part of Kirchentag easy for international participants. Some event also have simultaneous translation (via headphones). Find out more at kirchentag.de/english

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Highlights of Berlin



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International Reformation

Here's to the next



People from all over the world tell of their experiences with a changing faith, for example at the English language Centre on Reformation Transformation.

Guests include Hungarian philosopher **Agnes Heller**, American pastor **Nadia Bolz-Weber** and **Thabo Makgoba**, Archbishop of Cape Town.

Opening

Three great services at Brandenburg Gate, Platz der Republik and Gendarmenmarkt. One of the sermons will be given by Antje Jackelén, Archbishop of Sweden. The services are followed by a **street festival for 300,000 people** – with colourful booths, delicacies and events that let you join in.

Berlin's city centre will be lit up, not just for the evening blessing at the end of the day.

Music

Experience a festival atmosphere and celebrate with us. With artists like **Wise Guys**, **Max Giesinger**, the Berlin Symphony Orchestra and many more

at over 400 concerts.



Potsdam

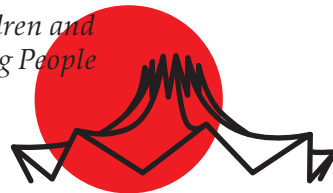
... will attract you with its **castles and gardens**, but also with exciting topics, including Germany's neighbours in Poland and the consequences of Climate Change

with climate scientist Ottmar Edenhofer and Jennifer L. Morgan from Greenpeace.

Children and Young People

The right programme for every age group. Experience life in Martin Luther's day in the Reformation Village at the Children's Centre near the main railway station or attend workshops in a church built from scaffolding in the Youth Centre at **Tempodrom**.

By the way: admission is free for children aged 12 and under.



Diversity

Rainbow Centre, Centre for Growing Old, Gender Centre – if we want to talk about living together, we should talk with everyone.

Alternative Nobel Prize winner Kasha Nabagesera, author Andreas Weber and Blogger Kübra Gümüsay will join other human rights activists on stage.



Remembrance

Berlin is a city of refuge and freedom, but it is also the city of Nazi perpetrators of violence.

*The multilayered memories are brought together at **Tempelhof Airport**, which is still a destination for refugees.*



Peace

The world is out of joint. War and violence are closer than they have been for a long time. How can we make peace? What can religions contribute? How can sustainable development and a decrease of poverty be achieved?

*We will discuss these questions with **Melinda Gates** and **Staffan de Mistura**, the UN special envoy for the Syria crisis, among many others.*



Open to the world

Celebrate Kirchentag with **religions and faiths from all around the globe**, for example at the intercultural luncheon and the question: What does an ecumenical future look like?

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Welcome



– and how? A meeting place will bring together **volunteers working with refugees** from all over Germany. They can exchange ideas, work together and show other people how it's done:

this is what hospitality looks like.

Finale

Once in 500 years: We invite you to the biggest party of the Reformation anniversary. A festive service on the Elbe Meadow just outside **Wittenberg**.

including picnic and concert.

