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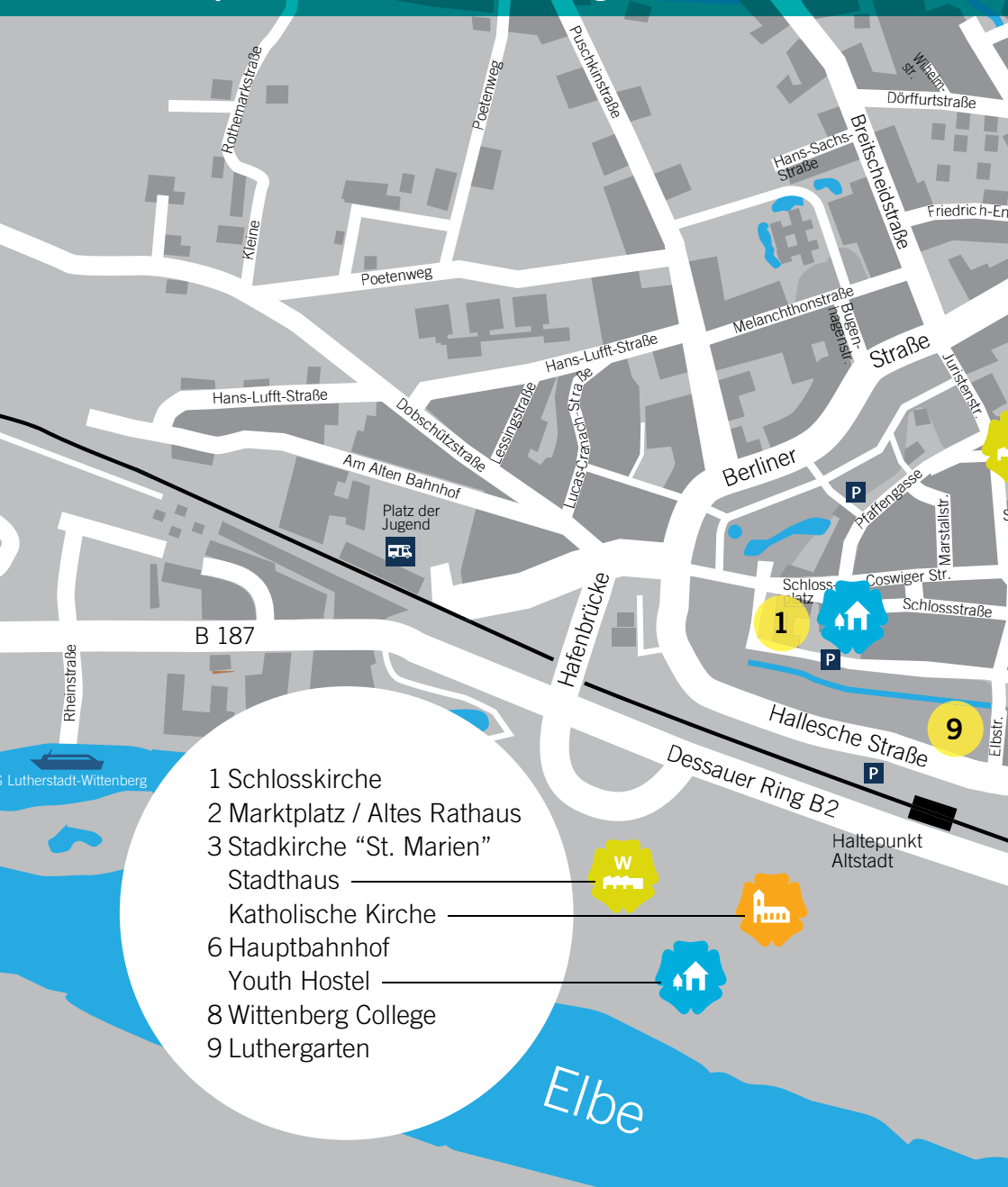
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Welcome to the  
Workshop  
Wittenberg  
of the Global  
Young Reformers  
Network!

# Map of Lutherstadt-Wittenberg



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Lutherstadt-Wittenberg

- 1 Schlosskirche
- 2 Marktplatz / Altes Rathaus
- 3 Stadtkirche "St. Marien"
- Stadthaus
- Katholische Kirche
- 6 Hauptbahnhof
- Youth Hostel
- 8 Wittenberg College
- 9 Luthergarten

Elbe

Haltepunkt  
Altstadt



Gustav-Adolf-Straße

Schillerstraße

Schillerstraße

An der Lünette

Zeppelinstraße

An der Stadthalle

Theodor-Fontane-Str.

Kreuzstraße

B2

Thomas-

Müntzer-

Str.

Wichernstraße

Neues Rathaus

Luther-

Geschw.-Scholl-Str.

Paul-Gerhardt-Str.

Am Hauptbahnhof

Busbahnhof

2

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6

Wallstraße

Am Stadthafen

Kupferstr.

Neustraße

Wilhelm-Weber-Str.

Friedrichstraße

Bahnstraße

Bahnhofsbrücke

Am Hauptbahnhof

Potsdamer Ring

Dresdener Str.

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Leipziger Straße (B2)

Elbe





# The Global Young Reformers Network

The Global Young Reformers Network is a program of the Lutheran World Federation, created by youth, for youth. Utilizing social media we seek to create a global network of youth to build relationships and dialogue among communion churches about what it means to be Lutheran and Christian in a religiously pluralistic context.

We desire to give voice to young people as leaders in their churches and in the world.



A group of six diverse young people are sitting together on a light-colored, textured surface. They are all smiling and looking towards the camera. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent teal color. The text is white and positioned in the lower half of the image.

We are not forming a new Lutheran church, rather we aim to strengthen existing youth ministries across the communion and accompany churches in creating new youth ministries through the work of the LWF Youth Desk.

In observance of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation the Global Young Reformer's theme is "Freed by God's Love to Change the World." Creating a network of young reformers all over the world, we want to show what this means: ecclesia semper reformanda—a church in ongoing reformation.

# Dear young reformers,

Not in their wildest dreams would the 16th century reformers have imagined what you, the LWF Global Young Reformers, would achieve almost five hundred years later in that same city that became the cradle of the Reformation: to meet as young people from all continents of the world, from countries as diverse as Papua New Guinea, Argentina, Canada, Norway, United Kingdom, Hungary and Ethiopia, in order to discuss what is happening in the Lutheran churches around the globe, as they prepare for the next decades of witness in our world.

Did you know that the 16th century reformers were young, too? Luther was 29, scholars say, when he rediscovered the message of the Gospel, according to which God gives life and freedom by faith - not because of who we are, or what we do, but because of who God is and what God does.

Nothing wrong, hence, with being young and with being caught by the beauty and power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ! On the contrary: it is a blessing for the entire LWF communion to know about your meeting and to pray for meaningful discussions, growth in friendship and in faith,



and for strong outcomes that will define your and our further work until the Assembly in the year 2017.

You all coming together in Wittenberg is a strong message. Because in a world that seems to struggle so much with conflict and division, your togetherness becomes a sign of hope: There is a young generation committed to building relationships of mutuality and of solidarity; there is a generation that is keen to “live and work together for a just, peaceful and reconciled world” (LWF Strategy). Let that message of hope speak eloquently as you meet and relate to each other.

May God bless your meeting,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading 'Martin Junge'.

Rev Dr Martin Junge  
*General Secretary of the  
Lutheran World Federation*

# Ecclesia semper reformanda

“Ecclesia semper reformanda” – the church must constantly renew itself. Through listening to God’s Word it must be challenged to leave behind its traditions and its economic and cultural bonds. This insight will prevent us Lutheran churches from focusing on the past as we mark the anniversary of the Reformation. What this is about is the future of our faith, of our church life and – in view of the major global challenges – the future of life on our planet. As the church of Jesus Christ, we must ask ourselves self-critical questions and allow ourselves to be stirred up and renewed in order to be credible witnesses to God’s kingdom in the 21st century. And yet the challenges in the different parts of the earth are very diverse.

“Ecclesia semper reformanda” – this is also the motto that you – young people from all continents – have committed to. You are developing ideas and projects for your Lutheran home churches and keeping in contact with each other through your international network. This way you are helping to shape the future of Lutheran Christianity worldwide and

to form an alternative www – a worldwide web for justice, peace and the healing of creation.

The Global Young Reformers Network will gather for a conference in Wittenberg from 22 August to 4 September 2015, at the invitation of the Evangelical Church of Central Germany. This will be a time of intensive mutual sharing and will also offer an opportunity to get to know young Christians from Central Germany. You will see how we live out our faith here, in a region that has become profoundly secularized. Plans for the program include spending time in church districts and host families, visiting diaconal and social institutions, and talking with German policy-makers on the global issues that also concern the Lutheran World Federation.

Along with many others in our church, I am looking forward to meeting you all, and to hearing your thoughts and ideas. On behalf of the Evangelical Church in Central Germany I bid you a warm welcome already now!



*Ilse Junkermann*

Ilse Junkermann  
*Bishop of the Evangelical Church in  
Central Germany*

# The Reformation was of global significance

It characterized the history of faith and ideas of the centuries that followed. That is why the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther's publicizing his 95 Theses, which we will mark in 2017, is of international importance. Saxony-Anhalt, that understands itself particularly as Luther country, is intensively preparing for this anniversary, focusing particularly on the Luther memorial sites in Eisleben and Wittenberg. UNESCO has listed them as World Heritage sites, which underlines the significance of this historical upheaval at the beginning of the Modern Age.

The Global Network of Young Reformers constitutes a very important facet in the series of events and projects taking place in the current Luther decade. Young people will be responsible in their turn for passing on the Reformation legacy so that it bears fruit in every generation. Your global network impressively demonstrates that the Reformation can

bring together people of different peoples and cultures, and heighten their feeling of responsibility for our one world. With your initiative, you are setting a good example to very many people.

My particular thanks go to The Lutheran World Federation for having initiated this project. It has given young people the world over an opportunity to communicate with one another and to meet in 2015 in Wittenberg – the place where this great intellectual and spiritual movement came into being. I am quite certain that your gathering will deepen the conviction of all participants that we absolutely must recall and reflect on our common heritage. Historical awareness and strength of faith are two fundamental factors in the formation and preservation of the human character. It is great that you are taking up these challenges!

The Luther City of Wittenberg and the State of Saxony-Anhalt are delighted to be your hosts.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read 'Reiner Haseloff'.

Dr. Reiner Haseloff  
*Premier of the State of Saxony-Anhalt*



## Workshop Agenda overview

### Saturday 22.08

**Arrival day**

### Tuesday 25.08

#### **Core themes of the Global Young Reformers Network**

Themes and workshops from  
Africa, Asia, Europe, North  
America, Latin America and the  
Caribbean

### Wednesday 26.08

#### **To be Lutheran means to be theological**

Keynote "Lutheran theology in  
context" / Lutheran member  
churches exhibition / Youth  
Worship ,Liturgy and Music /  
Intercultural Evening

### Saturday 29.08

#### **Discover local church life**

Program in 15 German host  
parishes

### Sunday 30.08

#### **Discover local church life**

Worship Service and program  
in 15 German host parishes

### Wednesday 02.09

#### **To be Lutheran means to be socially and politically responsible**

Social-diaconal project visits in  
Leipzig, Halle, Magdeburg

### Thursday 03.09

#### **Together towards 2017**

Presenting the Living  
Reformation projects / Closing  
Worship Service

### **Sunday 23.08**

#### **The Central Church of Germany meets its international guests**

Last arrivals until 1pm / Guided Tours Wittenberg / Opening Worship Service / Official Welcome Evening

### **Monday 24.08**

#### **The LWF - a communion of churches**

The LWF: its work and themes / LWF Council and LWF Global programs / Movie premiere "Luther animation"

### **Thursday 27.08**

#### **To be Lutheran means to be ecumenical**

Taizé Prayer / Panel with ecumenical representatives / Tree Planting in the Luthergarden / Ecumenical experiences in my church

### **Friday 28.08**

#### **To be Lutheran means to be political**

Panel on the political year / 2015: Human Rights, Climate Change, Gender Justice / Workshop: Becoming "change makers" / To host parishes

### **Monday 31.08**

#### **Develop Living Reformation Projects**

Harvesting themes from week 1 / Training Session on project development / Open space session

### **Tuesday 01.09**

#### **Develop Living Reformation Projects**

Cross-regional living reformation projects for the local churches

### **Friday 04.09**

#### **Together towards 2017**

Evaluation and agreements / Departures start after 1pm

### **Saturday 05.09**

#### **Last departures**

## Sunday 23.08



*The EKM meets its international guests*  
*Arrival and check in last delegates and guests*



11.30 - 13.00

**Lunch**



13.00 - 15.00

**Thematic city tour** “Following the stories of reformation in Wittenberg”  
*in international groups (by language)*



**17.00**

**Opening Worship Service**

Schlosskirche



18.30

**Greetings**, Townhall Wittenberg



19.00

**Official Welcome Evening**

including dinner, Townhall Wittenberg

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### Explanation of venue icons



Youth hostel



Meeting rooms



Townhall



Venue in Wittenberg



Catholic church



Venue out of Wittenberg

## Monday 24.08

### The LWF - A communion of churches

08.30	<b>Morning prayer</b> (Africa)	
09.00	<b>Welcome and introduction</b> <i>Steering committee (Germany, Sweden, Latvia, Namibia, USA, Singapore)</i>	
09.45	<b>Welcome address</b> <i>Rev Dr Martin Junge, LWF General Secretary (Chile/Switzerland)</i>	
10.30	Coffee break	
11.00 - 12.00	<b>The LWF presents its work</b>  – World Service <i>Mrs Marie Renaux (Switzerland/France) and Mr Biruk Kebede (Ethiopia)</i>  – Mission and Development <i>Danielle Dokmann (Suriname) and Caroline Bader (Switzerland/Germany)</i>  – Theology and Public Witness <i>Warime Gutu (Papua New Guinea) and Simone Sinn (Germany/Switzerland)</i>	



12.00 - 14.00

**Lunch**

14.00 - 15.00

**Talkshow: "What is the LWF?"**

*LWF General Secretary Martin Junge,  
LWF Vice-President Bishop Tamasz  
Fabiny and LWF Vice-President Ms  
Eun-Hae Kwon*



15.00

Coffee break



15.30

**Thematic work of the LWF**

1

"Holistic mission for the church of  
reformation"

*Ms Mami Brunah, LWF Committee for  
Mission and Development*

2

"Worship and Liturgy in the global  
Lutheran communion"

*Ms Danielle Dokmann, Rev Rebecca  
Ruggaber, LWF working group youth  
liturgy, NN*

3

"Towards a joyful and life-changing  
LWF Twelfth Assembly" *Mrs Clarissa  
Balan, LWF Assembly coordinator*

4

"Working for Religious Harmony and  
religious Freedom as Lutherans"

*Rev Dr Simone Sinn, LWF Department  
for Theology and Public Witness*

5

"Reduce, Reuse, Reform - Climate  
Justice advocacy in the LWF"



- 6 *Jeff Buhse, Tsiry Endor Rakoto, LWF working group on climate justice*  
 “In the shoes of a refugee”  
*Marie Renaux, Biruk Kebede, LWF World Service*
- 7 “Being the voice of the voiceless - Advocacy in the LWF”  
*Ojot Ojulu, LWF Office for International affairs and Human Rights; Warime Gutu, LWF Committee for public voice*
- 8 “The transformative power of gender justice - LWF Gender Justice Policy”  
*Mrs Cristina Rendon, LWF Women in Church and Society and Mikka Mc Cracken, LWF Council Member*
- 9 “Communication and social media”  
*Mr Karsten Kopia, EKM, Joseph Villalon, LWF Committee for Communication*
- 15.30 - 17.45 **Workshop rounds** - *Participants will circulate and visit 3 Workshops each*
- 18.00 - 19.30 **Dinner**
- 20.00 **Movie screening** “Luther Animation”  
*Presentation, Discussion with LWF Vice-President Bishop Fabiny and film director Zsolt Richly*



## Tuesday 25.08

### The Global Young Reformers Network

*No morning prayer, but lunchtime prayer*



09.00

**Welcome and introduction to the day**



09.30

**Short presentation** of the  
10 regional themes



10.00

Coffee break



10.30

**World Café**

Themes of the Global Young Reformers  
Network *(10 min on each table)*

- LAC: Communion of the Network
- LAC: Sustainability of the churches
- Asia: Youth leadership
- Asia: Discipleship
- Europe: Lutheran identity
- Europe: Climate Justice
- Africa: Empowering youth
- Africa: Renewal of the mission
- North America
- North America



12.00

**Lunchtime prayer** (Northern Europe)



12.30 - 14.00

**Lunch**

14.00	<b>World Café</b> continues <i>(3 rounds, 30min each)</i>	
16.00	Coffee break	
16.30	<b>Feedback from the World Café</b>	
17.00 - 18.00	<b>Young Reformers Space</b> “Your idea, your time, your group” <i>Present one question/idea you want to discuss, gather your group (2-20 people), find a moderator, discuss for 45min, write down 3 main outcomes/ ideas/sketches and bring it to the “young reformers wall”, at the end the living reformation projects can also choose from the many ideas on the wall.</i>	
18.00 - 20.00	<b>Dinner</b>	
	Free evening	

## Wednesday 26.08

### To be Lutheran means to be theological



08.30

#### Morning prayer

(Latin America and the Caribbean)



09.00

#### Keynote

“What does this mean? The 1,2,3 of Martin Luther’s theology”

*Dr. Fidon Mwombeki (United Evangelical Mission)*



10.00

Coffee break



10.30

#### Small group discussions



11.30

#### Start to prepare exhibition

“Lutheran churches in on-going reformation”

*Every LWF member church gets space to present itself*



12.00 - 14.00

#### Lunch



14.30

#### Opening of the exhibition

*1st round: All circulate and discover different church presentations*

*2nd round: choose one presentation which you would like to learn more about - discuss with presenters*

16.00

Coffee break

**Parallel workshops**

16.30 - 18.00

**Workshop****“LWF Youth Worship and Liturgy”**

*Anneliese Mene (Namibia) and Rev. Rebecca Ruggaber (Germany, LWF working group youth liturgy), Michelle Wong (Malaysia, LWF International Worship Planning Committee)*



16.30 - 18.00

**Workshop****Composing our Young Reformer Song**

*Pascal Kama (Senegal)*



16.30 - 18.00

**Young Reformers Space**

“Your idea, your time, your group”



18.00 - 19.30

**Dinner**

20.00 - 22.00

**Intercultural Evening**

“Embrace your history to be ready for the future”

*Presentations by every LWF region*





## Thursday 27.08

### To be Lutheran means to be ecumenical



08.30

**Morning prayer**  
in the style of Taizé



09.00

**Introduction to the day**



09.15

**Panel “To be Lutheran means to be ecumenical”**

*Frère Jasper (Ecumenical Community of Taizé, France), Mr Erin Clark (Anglican Church, United Kingdom), Ms Judith Königsdorfer (WCC Executive Committee, Germany)*



10.30

Coffee break



11.00

**Small group discussions**



12.00 - 14.00

**Lunch**



14.00

**Tree planting**

*in the Luther Garden Wittenberg (walk together from the Youth Hostel)*



15.30

Coffee break

16.00 - 17.00

**Different Workshops**

“Ecumenism in my context”

*Workshop leaders will be announced*

17.00 - 18.00

**Young Reformers Space**

18.00 - 20.00

**Dinner**

20.00

Time for regional meetings



## Friday 28.08

### To be Lutheran means to be political



08.30

**Morning prayer**  
(Central-Eastern Europe)



09.00

**Introduction to the day**



09.15

**Introduction**

“Interpreting the doctrine of the two kingdoms today - how can we be Lutheran and political?” *Rev Christine Shander (USA) and Mr Ebenezer Siallagan (Indonesia)*



09.45

**Political Panel**

- Human Rights *Dr Ojot Ojulu (LWF)*
- Climate Justice Advocacy *Ms Tsiry Endor and Mr Jeff Buhse (LWF working group on climate justice)*
- Advocacy for Gender Justice *Ms Mikka Mc Cracken (ELCA World Hunger/LWF Council)*
- Political Campaigning *Mr Christian Berlinger and Mr Diego Vaala Foss (Changemakers Norway)*



10.45

Coffee break

11.15

**In-depth workshops***with the panellists in 4 groups*

12-13.30

**Lunch**

14.00

**Departure** to 14 German host parishes  
by train and buses*Stewards and some steering members  
will join the groups*

## Saturday 29.08

### Discover local church life



#### Program in German host parishes

*(You can only take a small backpack and leave your big luggage in your room)*



Sunday 30.08

Discover local church life

**Program in German host parishes**  
*(Arrival back in Wittenberg will be before dinner)*



18.00

**Dinner**



## Monday 31.08

### Living Reformation Projects



08.30

**Morning prayer**  
(Asia)



09.00

**Introduction to the day**



09.15 - 10.00

**Feedback**

“What does it mean to be Lutheran in the EKM?”

*Groups reflect on their experiences in host parishes*



10.00

Coffee break



10.30 - 12.00

**Evaluation**

“What did we harvest from week one?”

- *Thematic days and keynotes are summarized*

- *Young Reformer ideas are presented*

- *Young Reformers space is presented*



12.00 - 14.00

**Lunch**



14.00

**Project training**

“How to plan your own successful project”

DMD Project Office *Ms Ilona Dorji, Ms Helena Raula*

15.30

Coffee break



16.00

**Project training** continues

18.00 - 19.30

**Dinner**



## Tuesday 01.09

### Living Reformation Projects



09.00

**Introduction to the day**

09.30

**Open space***Each young reformer delegate decides on one theme, project teams get together*

10.30

Coffee break



11.00

**“Living Reformation”***Project teams start developing their concept*

12.00

**Lunchtime prayer***(Fast for the climate)*

12.30 - 14.00

**Lunch** (optional)

14.00 - 18.00

**Living Reformation Project Teams***Groups continue working; Delegates fine-tune concept to their own context*

18.00

Optional: **Join the Peace Pilgrimage to commemorate the end of WW2**

19.00 - 21.00

**Dinner***Free time/eventually continue in Project Teams*

## Wednesday 02.09

### To be Lutheran means to be... socially and politically responsible

09.00

**Social and diaconal project visits**  
*in Leipzig, Magdeburg or  
Halle; Lead by EKM-team  
[Sign up before 31 August](#)*



19.00

**Dinner** in Wittenberg



## Thursday 03.09

### Together towards 2017



08.30

**Morning prayer**  
(Central Western Europe)



09.00

**Introduction to the day**



09.30

**Presentation of the  
Living Reformation Projects**  
*Every project team will present their  
project in a comparable style, feedback  
from the plenary at the end of each  
session*



10.30

Coffee break



11.00

**Presentation** continues



12.00 - 14.00

**Lunch**



14.00 - 16.00

**Presentation** continues



16.30

**Feedback and reflections** *by the LWF  
Vice President Ms Eun-Hae Kwon and  
LWF Council member Anna-Maria  
Klassen*

18.00

**Final Worship Service**

*Led by the Youth Worship team*



19.30

**Farewell dinner**



## Friday 04.09

### Together towards 2017



08.30

**Morning prayer** (North America)

09.00

**Introduction to the day**

09.15

**Evaluation of the conference**

10.30

Coffee break



11.00

**Information and announcements**

- The next steps of the Global Young Reformers Network
- The next events in the regions and churches
- Thanksgiving



12.00 - 14.00

**Lunch**

14.00

**Departure starts**

16.00 - 18.00

**Evaluation** *with Stewards and Steering Committee*

18.00

**Dinner**



## Luther's morning prayer

I give thanks to You, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ Your dear Son, that You have protected me through the night from all danger and harm. I ask You to preserve me, this day also, from sin and evil, that in all my thoughts, words and deeds I may serve and please You. Into Thy hands I commend my body and soul and all that is mine. Let Your holy angels have charge of me, that the wicked one have no power over me. Amen

*Ich danke dir, mein himmlischer Vater, durch Jesus Christus, deinen lieben Sohn, daß du mich diese Nacht vor allem Schaden und Gefahr behütet hast, und bitte dich, du wollest mich diesen Tag auch behüten vor Sünden und allem Übel, daß dir all mein Tun und Leben gefalle. Denn ich befehle mich, meinen Leib und Seele und alles in deine Hände. Dein heiliger Engel sei mit mir, daß der böse Feind keine Macht an mir finde. Amen*



## Luther's evening prayer

I thank You, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have so graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins and all that I have done wrong. By Your great mercy keep me this night from all danger and harm. Into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all that is mine. Let your holy angel keep watch over me so that the evil one may have no power over me. Amen

*Ich danke dir, mein himmlischer Vater, durch Jesus Christus, deinen lieben Sohn, daß du mich diesen Tag gnädiglich behütet hast, und bitte dich, du wollest mir vergeben alle meine Sünde, wo ich Unrecht getan habe, und mich diese Nacht auch gnädiglich behüten. Denn ich befehle mich, meinen Leib und Seele und alles in deine Hände. Dein heiliger Engel sei mit mir, daß der böse Feind keine Macht an mir finde. Amen*





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