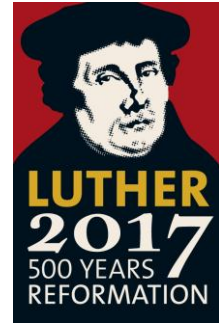


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Studying Luther in Wittenberg

Invitation to the Fifth International Seminar within the Luther Decade

Dear Sisters and Brothers in the member churches of the Lutheran World Federation:

We have already enjoyed three seminars studying Luther in Wittenberg for the Luther Decade. The forth seminar is coming soon in November this year. The previous seminars have this in common: that all participants very much enjoyed the teaching, the fellowship, and the program, and they went back home inspired, strengthened, and much more familiar with Luther, his time, and his theology. All liked the setting in this historical place and the opportunity to listen to each other, to learn from each other, and to experience spiritual community.

We would now like to extend the invitation to the **5th seminar**. The seminar will take place in Wittenberg from **March 5th until March 17th, 2012** and will be led by Professor Dr. Thomas Schattauer, Dubuque, Iowa, and Dr. Katharina Wiefel-Jenner, Berlin. The theme of the seminar will be: "Sing to the Lord a New Song: Liturgy and Worship in a Lutheran Perspective". All participants will receive some relevant texts in advance so that they can prepare for the seminar.

Again we ask you kindly to identify appropriate female or male pastors in your churches. Please consider the requirements:

- excellent knowledge of English, because the seminar is conducted in English
- pastors with some years of parish experience
- basic theological education
- endorsement of the leadership of the church

Again we will invite 14 participants, half from the regions of North America, the Nordic Countries and Western and Central Europe, and half from Eastern Europe, Africa, Asia, and Latin America. This will ensure a fruitful, cross-cultural dialogue that will strengthen the communion of the LWF.

Successful participants will receive a certificate. We hope that participants will return to their respective home churches better equipped to spread Lutheran theology and willing to announce the Luther Decade and the events of the 500th anniversary, and so involve their churches in these preparations. For the home churches, these seminars provide the opportunity to offer their pastors additional theological education.

The itinerary of the seminar will be as follows:

- 4. or 5. - arrival
- 5.3. - 6.30 p.m. start with dinner and welcome
- 6. - 9.3. - seminar, part one
- 10.3. - day trip to the Wartburg Castle
- 11.3. - worship service, visiting Torgau
- 12. – 16.3. - seminar, part two
- 17.3. - departure

Participants in the seminar are required to be present for the **entire** seminar program. Personal trips or excursions after the seminar are possible at one's own expense and responsibility and should be mentioned already with the application form.

Please find attached the nomination/registration form, which should be returned to us as soon as possible, but not later than December 2nd, 2011. Because of limited funds we have to ask the churches in North America and Western and Northern Europe to cover the costs or to subsidize their participants. In addition to travel expenses, participants need about 950,- Euro for accommodations, food, the day trip to the Wartburg and Torgau, entrance fees, materials, etc. Delegates from churches from other regions of the LWF we ask kindly to consider which costs they can contribute. The fair membership fees for all member churches could be a model for that. The more money we save, the more participants we can invite.

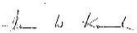
We need your cooperation and ask you to invite pastors from your church. So far, we have received many applications from the Global South but only a few from Central Western and Northern Europe and North America. Thus, we ask the Lutheran churches in these areas to encourage pastors to apply for the seminar. This invitation will come via different channels to you. All those who applied for the last seminar but were not able to be accepted will receive the invitation directly.

We kindly ask for your understanding if not all applications are accepted. We can select only 14 participants in total. But there will be seminars in the future, the next taking place in November 2012.

We do hope that this study opportunity will be of interest to member churches and their pastors. We look forward to a fruitful exchange within the communion of the LWF.

On behalf of Professor Schattauer, Dr. Wiefel-Jenner, and myself, I send you kindest regards,

Sincerely, Yours in Christ



More information about the previous seminars you can find in our website: www.lwb-zentrum-wittenberg.de

NOMINATION & REGISTRATION FORM

5th International Seminar within the Luther decade
Wittenberg, Germany March 5th – March 17th 2012

Name of the Church sending this nomination / application:
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Family name: First name(s):

Title: Bishop / Dr / Rev. / Pastor Gender: male female

Date and place of birth:

Status of theological education:

Institution(s) of theological education:

E-mail: (office and private, if possible).....

Telephone:..... Fax:

Mailing Address of applicant:

The application is endorsed by: (title and position in the church).....

Date: Signature:.....

Does the above-mentioned person have health insurance that covers his/her travel and stay in Germany. Yes No

Does the above mentioned person need a visa in order to enter the Schengen countries?
Yes No

Does the above-mentioned person want to stay in Germany on his/her own cost for private purposes after the seminar? Yes No

We will revert regarding accommodation and travel details after we approve the application.

Please return this form **fully completed** as soon as possible, to
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