



What is ...



What makes Kirchentag unique:

Everyone can play an **active part**.

The Kirchentag is a forum with a distinctive culture of **open discussion** and of making sure that people, politicians, academics, theologians and activists are involved in this.

It is about building **One World**, about questions of theology and spirituality.

We celebrate being in community with large-scale acts of worship reaching out beyond boundaries. We **celebrate a festival** of faith and of social responsibility.

The Kirchentag is accessible to all. **Inclusion** plays a big role, as does also holding joint conversations with other religions.

Cultural events include music, dance, cabaret, theatre and much more. With more than 700 cultural events, the Kirchentag is a diverse and colourful festival for all.



Kirchentag is:

SINGING TOGETHER

CELEBRATING TOGETHER

220,000 bread rolls

every two years

for all

all are invited

POLITICAL DEBATES

2021

Ecumenical Kirchentag
in Frankfurt/Main

2019

in Dortmund

MUSIC

40,000 active contributors

BIBLE STUDIES

A FESTIVAL FOR ALL

EXHIBITIONS

2000 events

RECHARGE BATTERIES

WORKSHOPS

LECTURES

700

700 cultural events

1 large city

5000 brass band players

PARTY

5

5 days

GET STUCK IN

350 services of worship

SOCIAL PROJECTS

JOIN IN CONVERSATIONS

230,000 bottles of water

PAUSE FOR QUIET

BE PART OF A COMMUNITY

45 volunteer project groups

teamwork:
5000 stewards
carrying out over
1100 tasks

4000

4000 confirmation candidates

JOIN IN DISCUSSIONS

alcohol free

CREATIVE IDEAS

ART INSTALLATIONS

PASSIONATE INVOLVEMENT

100,000 people

CONCERTS

REFLECTION



The Kirchentag movement is the same age as the German Federal Republic.

Reinold von Thadden-Trieglaff founded the German Protestant Kirchentag in 1949, together with other concerned people who were looking for a fresh start for Christian engagement with society following the experiences of the Nazi period. It is independent and sees itself as a counterpart to the institutional church.

It is all of these put together: the discussions, the unique atmosphere, the bible studies and the worship, the concerts and creative ideas. It is people who make the Kirchentag happen in such a special way. A forum that enables you to really get into current issues – on the spot and directly with those who actually bear responsibility. An arena that offers space for new ideas, for forward-thinking in all areas of life, that gives the opportunity to put challenging questions – and together draw mutual strength.

You are warmly invited to join in, to get involved, to make a contribution and offer support. We look forward to seeing you!

The next Kirchentags will be the German Protestant Kirchentag in Dortmund from 19 – 23 June 2019 and the Ecumenical Kirchentag in Frankfurt/Main from 12 – 16 May 2021.

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