



Call for applications for the International Peace Centre at the 37th German Protestant Kirchentag in Dortmund in 2019

On behalf of the German Protestant Kirchentag, the Board would like to warmly invite you to play an active part in planning the Kirchentag in 2019. The event will take place from 19 to 23 June 2019 in Dortmund and have the theme "What confidence is this" (2 Kings 18:19). We expect over 90,000 participants at political debates, cultural highlights and spiritual moments.

How can we live together in peace worldwide?

Worldwide people are striving for a life in safety and peace. However, this goal is threatened by injustice, wars and armed conflicts. People live in situations of emergency and violence, they flee and are forcibly displaced. What steps can we take in order to promote peace and reduce violence? That is what we want to talk about with you at the Kirchentag in Dortmund.

Become part of the Kirchentag movement in the International Peace Centre

We are looking forward to hearing and learning about your work for peace. So please bring along your questions and experiences. What is the situation regarding war and peace in your country? What are the causes of violence? In your view, how can armed conflicts be prevented and ended? How can international peace policy be more than security policy? What role is played by injustices and what is the impact of climate change? What role do religious communities play in conflicts and for peaceful coexistence?

Come to the Kirchentag in Dortmund in 2019 and play an active part in the three-day programme from 20 to 22 June in the International Peace Centre. Report on the situation in your home country.

Application procedure

In the context of the International Peace Centre you will be able to conduct your own event around the topics and issues that you bring to the Kirchentag.

Who can apply?

The application procedure is directed towards people and groups from non-German-speaking countries who are active in working to build peace. They are committed locally or internationally to peaceful coexistence. Or they are working on the topics of conflict, peace and security. In recent years it has proved helpful if guest speakers can find a partner organisation in a German-speaking country that can assist them in communicating with the Kirchentag office. If you already have contact to a German-speaking organisation, please tell us its name.

What formats are possible?

You can apply to take part in the International Peace Centre for the following formats:

- Panel: a discussion during which different people on the stage share their positions and get into conversation with one another. The audience can also be drawn into the discussion. A panel may be supplemented by short talks by individual speakers or by cultural inputs (e.g. film projections, theatrical performances or live music). Duration: 90 to 120 minutes
- Workshop: an interactive format with a limited number of participants. The participants work on a topic or issue with the speakers. Duration: 45 to 90 minutes, max. 100 participants

The events can be held either in English or German.

Besides discussion events (panels, workshops) many concerts and other cultural events and worship services take place during the Kirchentag. If you are planning a service, a musical contribution or the



like, please do not apply to the International Peace Centre, but look at www.kirchentag.de/contribute to find the right form and apply by 30 September 2018.

How does the application procedure work?

On the Kirchentag website there is an application form (PDF) to download (www.kirchentag.de/contribute). Please complete this form at your computer, save it and send it to c.krenzer@kirchentag.de. The closing date for applications is 30 September 2018.

By early December at the latest we will inform you whether your application has been accepted. If so, you and all others involved in your event can register as contributors to the Kirchentag.

Unfortunately we cannot accept informal applications by post or email.

What support will the Kirchentag provide?

Once your application has been successful, the Kirchentag will provide appropriate premises and basic technical facilities (microphones, video projectors) and materials (e.g. a presenter case for workshops). Your event will be announced as part of the official Kirchentag programme in the programme booklet (English and German), in the App and on the Kirchentag website, and will thereby be part of the whole mega-event. We can also assist you if you need help in applying for a visa.

What does participation cost?

The reduced admission pass for contributors to the Kirchentag costs EUR 26 per person, plus a travel pass for probably EUR 8. In addition, we can also arrange a place for you to sleep in communal or private accommodation during the Kirchentag, for a total of EUR 27 per person (for more information on this, go to www.kirchentag.de/unterkommen). These costs may be waived in individual cases, by agreement. It is not possible to book hotel rooms through the Kirchentag.

Unfortunately, the Kirchentag cannot cover travel costs. Financial support is only possible in well-founded cases of exception. Please state whether you need this financial support when you apply.

What is the Kirchentag?

The German Protestant Kirchentag is one of the biggest civil society platforms for exchange and debate in Germany. It gives inspiration for social, political and theological changes – and is at the same time a big festival of fellowship and faith. Find out more about the Kirchentag and all the latest information on our website www.kirchentag.de/english.