

Inspired by the experiences of the Sanctuary Movement in the USA, the practice of church asylum found its way to Europe. In many European countries there are parishes, grassroots movements and networks engaged in the protection and rights of refugees, asylum seekers and undocumented migrants. In view of the Europeanisation of asylum legislation, in times of inner-European deportations, based on the Dublin II regulation, and the European policy of "closed doors" exchange of ideas between people gets more and more important. Which challenges are we facing? Where and in which way can we become effectively active? How well can we accompany individual cases across borders? Which forms of protection have proved to work in particular regions? What are the difficulties? Where can we mutually strengthen one another?

The conference brings together experts and guests from different countries. It's goal is to exchange experiences of working with the church asylum, to look at political frameworks and to create action strategies. We are inviting you to a long-term network in the form of a European-wide platform on church asylum. There will be many opportunities to get informed and exchange ideas, for example during the inputs from the panel, during working groups and throughout the whole programme. The conference will take place within year of european churches for migration 2010.

We cordially invite you!

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Please, apply at the latest by 24/9/2010.

Child care/city tour on Saturday, please register, too!

Place of the conference

Heilig-Kreuz-Kirche

Zossenerstr. 65, 10961 Berlin-Kreuzberg

U1 Hallesches Tor, Bus M41 Brachvogelstrasse

Fees (includes meals)

at one's own discretion: 50 - 90 Euro

reduced (e.g. students): 25 Euro children: no charge

Accommodation

You are welcome to organise your accommodation by yourself. Still we offer some help. In some hotels we have booked a quota until the 9th September 2010. (see registration form at www.kirchenasyl.de).

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Healing and Sanctifying Movement in the Churches

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PROGRAMM

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7TH, 2010

- 5.00 p.m. Arrival and registration, coffee and tea
- 5.30 p.m. **Welcome and opening**
Rev. Fanny Dethloff Commissioner for Refugees and Human Rights of the Nordelbien Protestant Church
- 6.00 p.m. **Common roots:** Experiences of the Sanctuary Movement in the USA and Canada
Rev. John Fife USA (solicited)
Mary Jo Leddy Canada

7.00 p.m. „World Map of Sanctuary“

7.45 p.m. Buffet

afterwards Time for sharing experiences

Festive evening with cultural contributions

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8TH, 2010

- 9.30 a.m. **Commemoration** of the refugees who have died at the borders
- 10.15 a.m. **Europe closes down.** Political challenges for the refugee protection movement of churches
Statement of PICUM (Platform for International Cooperation on Undocumented Migrants)
Eve Geddie
Statement of Amnesty International
Dr. Julia Duchrow
Statement of CCME – Churches' Commission for Migrants in Europe
Doris Peschke

- 11.15 a.m. **Panel discussion** with members of the European Parliament
Between claims, rhetorics and policy: What does the EU do for (or against) refugees and migrants?
Thomas Silberhorn MdB CDU (solicited)
Wolfgang Kreissl-Dörfler MdEP SPD (solicited)
Nadja Hirsch MdEP FDP
Dr. Barbara Lochbihler MdEP Grüne
Dr. Cornelia Ernst MdEP Linke
Moderation: *Katrin Hatzinger*
EKD-Office in Brussels

12.45 p.m. Lunch

- 2.00 p.m. **Sanctuary Movement in Europe:** Reports from East, West, North and South
Moderation: *Hanns Thomä*
Commissioner for Integretion and Migration of the Evangelical Church in Berlin-Brandenburg-Schlesische Oberlausitz

3.30 p.m. Coffee break

- 4.00 p.m. **Working groups:** East, West, North and South
In-depth conversations about the panel contributions, examples from other countries, exchange about framework conditions, opportunities and claims

6.30 p.m. Dinner

- 7.30 p.m. **Musical drama**
„The Song of Cap Anamur“

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9TH, 2010

- 10.00 a.m. **Spiritual input for the day:** Visions of the Kingdom of God in East, West, North and South
Rev. Bernhard Fricke
- 10.15 a.m. **Lectures and discussion:** Why do we do what we do?
The theological dimension of sanctuary work
Prof. Dr. Konrad Raiser
former General Secretary of the World Council of Churches
The human rights dimension of sanctuary work
Prof. Dr. Wolf-Dieter Just
Moderation: *Hildegard Grosse*
Executive Board of the German Ecumenical Sanctuary Movement

11.40 a.m. Coffee break

- 12.00 **Final meeting**
Moderation: *Rev. Fanny Dethloff*

1.00 p.m. Lunch, End of the Conference

3.00 p.m. Optional: visit of projects in Berlin

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10TH 2010

- 10.00 a.m. **Church Service** focusing on the Sanctuary Movement
Heilig-Kreuz-Kirche (Holy Cross Church)
Rev. Jürgen Quandt