

Martin Luther – unsuspected insights

EAAE General Assembly and Study Tour 2017 Wittenberg

During this meeting in the year of the Reformation Jubilee at Wittenberg, we will visit some historical places of reformation. Our trip will lead us to some unexpected insights of Martin Luther in his time based on today's research. During the study there will also be practical training for analyzing specific bible text, which is essential for the Lutheran context.

To conclude, you will experience some of the historical places during a guided tour and will hear about the 'peaceful revolution' at Wittenberg and East Germany.

Program

Wednesday 28.06.2017

18:00 Welcome ceremony at the Protestant Academy of Wittenberg
Dinner

19:30 General Assembly of EAAE with reports from the board, election of the new board and open topics

Special guest: Michael Glatz, new secretary of DEAE with an insight on the situation of adult education and the protestant church in Germany

Thursday 29.06. 2017

Breakfast and Morning Prayer in "Cranach Herberge"

9:00 Protestant Academy

Unexpected insights I

Prof. Dr. Elisabeth Gerle, Sweden

Is Martin Luther of any relevance today?

The image of Martin Luther in popular culture varies in different countries and regions. In Sweden he is often associated with hard work, duty and guilt, while many Germans think of him as a pleasant guy, enjoying life and beer. Also Lutheran churches are quite different around the globe.

Today many young Christians are attracted to pre Reformation theology of the Early Greek fathers or medieval mysticism. Sarah Coakley and Graham

Ward, who both are Anglo-Catholics, and sometimes called themselves neo-orthodox, are much focused on Church as the Body of Christ.

Luther introduced a new anthropology where women and men were seen as equal in relation to God. *Simul iustus et peccator*, to be sinner and saved at the same time, mass alphabetization and the priesthood of all, features that all gradually have had an enormous effect in Reformed societies. Luther did not see the body as something to control as the Neo-Platonists did but rather as something that was "natural". This had revolutionary consequences for society where family life was seen as more important than ascetic monasticism. Today there is a new interest in body and mysticism and queer theology. Does Luther have anything to say today in matters such as concern for this earth, climate threat and mutuality in relationships?

Elisabeth Gerle shows in her lecture another side of Martin Luther, which can have a bearing today. His view on body and the world and his use of mystical imagery in a mutual and sensual way may be a constructive resource today.

Elisabeth Gerle is Professor of Ethics, Lund University and Reader at the Research Department, Church of Sweden.

Morning session with lecture, discussion and coffee

12:30 Lunch

Past and Present: Reformation in the arts

14:00 Workshop I

"Reformation caricatures" with different meanings:

- Caricatural pictures used by Reformation
- Caricatural pictures of the Reformation produced by counter-Reformation ;
- Caricatural pictures that Reformation and counter-Reformation give of themselves using these caricatures

Dr. Patrice Rolin, Paris

16:00 Workshop II : an exhibition visit

In the Old Prison - Art that goes further

The Old Prison of Wittenberg, at the edge of the town embankments, is to become a space for art that relates to the Reformation: not a visual representation of the effect of Martin Luther and other actors of the Reformation, but rather of a coming together of modern-day art with the inspiration of those people who were the avant-gardists of thought and belief 500 years ago.

The debate surrounding the ban on images in the time of the Reformation opened the door a crack to the modern age. Images are, as Martin Luther was well aware, neither good nor evil, but people can either have images or

not. A charter to rethink art - and a challenge even today. A small and exclusive curatorship, under the leadership of Professor Walter Smerling, is to invite artists from all across the world to tackle the issue of the Reformation and decorate the spaces in the Old Prison in Wittenberg: not looking back, but rather clearing a path into the 21st century.



19:00 Dinner

19:30 Developing EAEE, next steps and themes for our associatio

Friday 30.06.2017

Breakfast and Morning Prayer in "Cranach Herberge"

9:00 Unsuspected Insights II

A bibliodramatical workshop morning with a biblical text which is essential for the Lutheran context, group work and reflection.

Regina Bernhardt is a lecturer of English and German at the language center of Hochschule Harz, Wernigerode. She discovered Bibliodrama in a course for Spiritual Direction - and found much inspiration in this meeting of biblical texts and our current life situations. She became qualified as a Bibliodrama facilitator in 2013 and enjoys witnessing the unexpected insights the creative Bibliodrama process can lead to.

She has qualifications in feministic theology, Ecumenical Leadership Training, Adult Education and Pastoral Care

13:00 Lunch

14:00 Wittenberg in history and today – a guided tour with
Pastor Anika Scheinemann

After a coffee break and an overview on the stations of the tour, we will see the following sights:

- Castle of Prince Elector Frederick the Wise
- Castle Church with Thesis Door
- Cranach-Courtyard, where the world famous work shop of the painter was located
- Market square with town hall and monuments of the reformers
- Town church St. Mary, where Luther preached
- Old University "Leucorea"
- House of Philipp Melanchthon
- Luther House = Old Augustinian Monastery

Pastor Anika Scheinemann, who works in a parish not far from Wittenberg, worked several years as Tourism Pastor. She was born in 1974 and she therefore knows all political and ecclesiastical developments within the German church over the last years very well due to her own biography. She was part of the teachers team of „Kirchenführerausbildung“ (church tour guides education) which is a very successful Protestant adult education program.

18:00 Dinner in the town, enjoying life and beer

Saturday 01.07.2017

9:00 Unsuspected Insights and outlooks. Provide feedback for the tour in several steps and share outlooks on what everyone can expect in his or her work until the next EAEE meeting.

Service organised and led by ourselves similar to the last years.

11:00 Farewell

Subject to change without prior notice

Accommodation and Registration

All meetings of General Assembly and Study Tour will take place at the Protestant Academy of Sachsen-Anhalt at Wittenberg:

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All meals, without breakfast, are also served here

Accommodation

Not far from the academy, in the middle of the old town, rooms are reserved for us in the "Cranach Herberge": <http://www.cranach-herberge.de>

"The Cranach hostel" is located in the former home of the Cranach family of painters, in the old town of Wittenberg. Lucas Cranach the Elder (1472-1553) and his son, Lucas Cranach the Younger (1515-1586) managed their workshop here in the 16th Century, in which paintings were created, which can now be found in major museums around the world. But the Cranach family lived here and ate with their companions at the table. Martin Luther was a frequent guest and Cranach had also taken Katharina von Bora, Luther's later wife, into his house. The Cranach Foundation is extending this tradition. You too can enjoy the unique atmosphere of the beautifully restored rooms; you are very welcome at the house of the Cranachs!



We made reservations for three possible categories of rooms:

- A) Single room with bathroom (some of them share the bath room with another single room)
- B) Double room with bathroom (some of them share the bath room with another single room)
- C) Simpler one bed rooms (like a youth-hostel) with a bath room on the floor (only four are possible)

This makes three different prices possible:

- A 320 € in a single room
- B 260 € in a double room
- C 195 € in a one bed youth hostel room

All meals and other costs are included,

Please notice that because of the reformation jubilee year we could only book a restricted number of rooms.

Please send us your registration to :

wittenbergstudytour@eaae.eu

A free cancellation of your registration is possible until 27.03.2017

Detailed travel information will follow after your registration. You can reach Wittenberg via Berlin or Leipzig by train.

We hope to meet you at Wittenberg
With best wishes from the board of EAEE



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FOR THE STUDY TOUR / CONFERENCE 2017

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Wednesday 28 June – Saturday 1 July 2017, Wittenberg (Germ.)

I like to attend the Wittenberg Study Tour.

- Name:
- Address:
- Postal code / town:
- Country:

