

Communiqué 41st Kaiserswerth General Conference

The Kaiserswerth General Conference is an international association of communities, motherhouses and diaconal ministries of the Kaiserswerth tradition, founded 150 years ago. The Kaiserswerth General Conference belongs to the Protestant church, and is connected to diaconal sisterhoods and brotherhoods in the Protestant churches.

The General Conference fosters the Kaiserswerth tradition of spiritual community along with professional education and empowerment. The focus is placed on persons engaged in leadership positions in order to support them in their roles in their communities and diaconal ministries.

For the near future, the General Conference has chosen the following emphases:

1. It will promote the development of diaconal ministry and the establishment of diaconal community in Eastern Europe. Accordingly, the General Conference is offering a study trip to Kaliningrad, June 6-14, 2012.

To follow, the 42nd General Conference will be held in Dziegielow, Poland in 2014.

2. It provides a forum to assist leaders in diaconal ministries to keep diaconal culture alive and to strengthen their specific expressions of Kaiserswerth identity.
3. It will foster the exchange of concrete expressions of the Kaiserswerth traditions for diaconal ministry and community in the contemporary context. Members support each other in their transition processes.

The General Conference promotes exchange on diaconal themes and projects between management boards as well as staff in their professional work and development.

Through this exchange, the General Conference contributes to the prophetic voice of diaconia internationally.

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