



Services available for international participants and contributors during 33rd German Protestant Kirchentag Dresden 2011

We will be offering some special services for international participants and contributors which are intended to help you to understand Kirchentag and feel welcome.

International Centre (IZ)

Opening hours: Tuesday, 3 May to Saturday 4 June: 9.00-20.00

Venue: Conference Centre (ICC), Seminarraum 1-4, Ostra-Ufer 2

The International Centre is the central meeting place for international visitors to the Kirchentag. Working alongside the International Registration Desk, the volunteers in the centre are available throughout the Kirchentag to offer help and information.

The International Centre is reserved only for people from abroad.

The IZ offers:

- Information about the Kirchentag in different languages
- A separate room for group-meetings (reservation at the IZ counter required!)
- An International Café – a place to relax, meeting point, information and exchange point, contact point to meet volunteers with language skills (“language stewards”) and members of the International Kirchentag Committee
- Referral of volunteers to accompany participants to presentations and provide summary whispered translation, not only into English – there will be numerous other languages on offer.

Welcome and information session for international visitors

Time: Wednesday, 1 June, 19.00

Venue: Conference Centre (ICC), Saal 1-3, Ostra-Ufer 2

Directly after the opening service, a welcome session for international participants and contributors will be held at the ICC. The welcome session gives a short introduction to 33rd German Protestant Kirchentag. After that, the members of the International Kirchentag Committee will explain the most important things and answer questions about Kirchentag in different language groups. Especially anyone attending the Kirchentag for the first time is recommended to come to the welcome session – but it is also an opportunity to make contact with other international visitors and share experiences.

As the area for the Evening of Encounters has one of its beginnings on the bank of the Elbe right in front of the Conference Centre, it is possible to go the welcome session and then set off directly for the Evening of Encounters.

Services of Worship

There will be three **opening services**.

Venue: Elbebühne (stage) at Königsufer

Central opening service. The sermon will be given by Bishop Bohl from Dresden.

The sermon will be translated into English beforehand and then printed to read along. The translated sermon can be collected at the International Meeting Point, which will be indicated on the map in the Order of Service. At the meeting point language stewards will also be available to provide whispered translation for international visitors.

Venue: At Altmarkt

The sermon will be given by Bishop Dr. Tamás Fabiny from Hungary in German. There will be no translation.

Venue: At Neumarkt

The sermon will be given by Rev. Andrea Schneider from Oldenburg. It will be in “easy German”. There will be no translation.

There will be one central **closing service**.

Venue: Elbebühne (stage) at Königsufer

The sermon will be given by Rev. Ulrike Trautwein from Frankfurt am Main. There will be the same volunteer translation service (written and whispered) as at the central opening service.

International Registration desk

Opening hours: 31 May and 1 June: 8.00-24.00; 2-4 June: 8.00-20.00

Venue: Kulturpalast, Schloßstr. 2 (Entrance via Wilsdruffer Straße)

The International Registration desk is in charge of all international participants and contributors. It will handle questions about registration, reimbursement and financial assistance. Any programmes and tickets which have not been sent by post can be collected there.