

- ***Ecumenism and Mission***

Unity in diversity

The confession of Jesus Christ connects Christian parishes and churches all over the world. The word ecumenism derived from the Greek word "the whole inhabited world", stands for the numerous activities in churches worldwide. The "missio dei", the mission of God, is promised to men and the whole creation of this earth: healing, reconciliation, liberation and realignment are to become reality.

In the Deanery Bergstrasse, Ecumenism and Mission helps parishes to gain new reliability. Church members have been able to speak about their own faith and spirituality. In addition, they form relationships between confessions and religions, networked parishes in the region and worldwide.

Thus in Bergstrasse the Christian unity in diversity manifests itself in the common mission and the joint activities of the Protestant and Catholic parishes to work together with all people of good will for more justice, peace and the preservation of God's creation.

In the Deanery Bergstrasse worldwide ecumenism becomes reality in the partnership with the Moravian Church in Tanzania (e.g. AIDS orphans project until 2017, Disability inclusion Project)

The dialogue between religions also lives on the ecumenical idea. For more than twenty years there has been an intensive exchange between Christians and Muslims along Bergstrasse. Christian-Muslim working groups offer forums of encounters and better mutual understanding. The friendly football match held almost every year between Christians (Protestants and Catholics) versus Muslims shows that both religions can gather without any fear of contact.

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