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## Some of the most important *We are church* projects in Germany 2017/2018:

- Supporting reform-oriented bishops in the dispute over "Amoris laetitia"
- Initiatives and events on 500 years of Reformation
- Protests against reforms of pastoral structures because of shortage of priests
- Networking with other reform groups (priests' initiative, married priests, etc.)
- Critical analyses and comments on new financial scandals in several dioceses
- Press briefings on the meetings of the Episcopal Conference

## *We are Church* Weekend Meetings on federal level:

- 10th-12th March 2017: *We are Church*-Conference on the essentials of a vivid parish, in cooperation with other reform groups
- 27th-29th October 2017: "Parish as a construction site" and 40th Federal Assembly
- 9th-11th March 2018: "Sow justice, reap peace!" and 41st Federal Assembly

## Other essential events and activities:

- Early 2017: *We are Church* receives the Integration Award of the Foundation Apple Tree
- 24th-28th May 2017: Participation in the Protestant Church Convention in Berlin with „Talks at Jacob's Well“ and the ecumenical service „Breaking through walls“
- Every summer: *We are Church*-pilgrim-bike-tour
- since October 2017: supporting the initiatives "Pro Pope Francis" and "Pro Papa Francisco"
- 6th-9th December 2017: Participation in the Ecumenical Congress "Women in Church Offices"
- February 2018: Annegret Laakmann, our former secretary, receives "Federal Medal of Merit" from the German President

## Important comments and appeals:

- "Let's celebrate all that unites us!" at the end of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation
- "No more time to waste! Key aspects for a new church future through parish renewal"
- On church blessings for same-sex couples
- Leaflet on steps for local church development
- 5 years Pope Francis (March 13, 2018)
- 90th birthday of Hans Kueng (March 19, 2018)

## Regular publications:

- quarterly information letters
- monthly email-newsletter
- every Sunday "Sunday letters"
- numerous current press releases
- brochure series "Yellow Series"
- daily advent calendar in advent

## Upcoming Events:

- 9th-13th May 2018: Participation in the German Catholic Church Convention and additional program of reform groups "Church Convention PLUS"
- 22-23rd June 2018: Conference „The protests of 1968 in the Catholic Church“ with a Catholic Academy
- 2nd-4th November 2018: Conference on the ordination of women and the 42nd Federal Assembly

## *We are church* networking:



The steering committee of *We are Church* Germany elected on October 28, 2017: Magnus Lux, Sigrid Grabmeier, Renate Luig, Günther Doliwa, Susanne Ludewig and Christian Weisner (from left to right)

- *We are Church* groups or contact persons in the 27 German dioceses
- working groups on issues like women, "purple stole action", church and state relationship, ecumenism
- Regular exchange with many other reform groups in German-speaking countries
- International contacts: EN, ICRN, Herbert-Haag-Foundation, WAC-I, WOW