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To all member churches of the Lutheran World Federation

Wittenberg, May 5, 2023

Studying Luther in Wittenberg

Invitation to the 25th International Seminar, November 4-18, 2023

Respected Bishops, dear Sisters and Brothers in the leadership of the member churches of the Lutheran World Federation,

Many of you know about the international theological seminars that are organised at the LWF Center in Wittenberg. A lot of pastors came back home and gave reports and encouraged others to apply for a seminar because the encounter and the studies in Luther's town are encouraging, inspiring and community building.

Over the last three years we have offered our theological seminars online, due to the travel restrictions related to the Covid-19 pandemic. Now, we are returning to in-person seminars in Luther's town Wittenberg.

It is my honour and my pleasure to convey to you the invitation to the

25th LWF International Theological Seminar for Pastors at LWF Center Wittenberg

"Basics of Lutheran Theology –

Preaching the Word of God and Celebrating the Sacraments"

Academic Team: Prof. Dr. Sarah Hinlicky Wilson, Tokyo, and Prof. Dr. Theodor Dieter, Strasbourg

Date: November 4-18, 2023

Venue: Colleg Wittenberg, Juedenstrasse 8, D-06886 Lutherstadt Wittenberg

We kindly ask you to identify appropriate female or male pastors in your churches who meet the following requirements:

- **Excellent knowledge of English** (the seminar will be held in English)
- Pastors with some years of **parish experience** and interest in **reflecting** on the **Lutheran understanding of ministry**
- **Readiness** to prepare for the seminar in **self-study** of video lectures provided by the academic teachers
- **Endorsement** by the leadership of the church

We will invite up to **22 participants** from the **7 regions** within the LWF. This will ensure a fruitful, **cross-cultural dialogue** that will strengthen the communion of the LWF. We also look for a **balance** in **gender** and **generation** to enhance the sharing of different perspectives and life experience.

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We hope that participants will return to their respective home churches better equipped for the challenges in their ministry. For the home churches, these seminars provide the opportunity to offer their pastors additional **theological education** and **spiritual formation**.

The structure of the seminar will follow the established model:

Nov 4 - Arrival; Welcome and getting to know each other.
Nov 5 - Worship service in Wittenberg and guided city tour
Nov 6-10 - Seminar, part one
Nov 11 - Excursion day
Nov 12 - Worship service in Wittenberg, free time
Nov 13-17 - Seminar, part two
Nov 18 - Departure

Participants in the seminar are required to be present for the **entire** seminar program. Personal trips or excursions after the seminar are possible at one's own expense and responsibility.

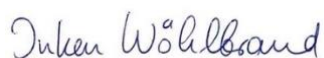
The **participation fee** amounts to **1,100 Euro** (including accommodation, food, day trips, entrance fees, materials, etc), plus **travel expenses**, to be covered by the participants resp. their sending churches.

We kindly ask for your understanding if not all applications can be accepted. This is due to limited financial means and limited capacities. For this reason, we ask you to nominate not more than two persons from your church.

Please find attached the **nomination form**, to be returned to the Director of Studies, Rev. Dr. Samuel Nánási (by e-mail to: nanasi@dnk-lwb.de), by **June 10, 2023**.

Respected bishops and church leaders, we kindly ask your cooperation in nominating pastors from your church for the 25th International Seminar in November 2023. We look forward to a fruitful exchange within the communion of the LWF.

On behalf of Professor Dr. Dieter, Professor Dr. Hinlicky-Wilson, Rev. Dr. Samuel Nánási and our staff team at the LWF Center Wittenberg, I send you kindest regards,



(Rev. Inken Wöhlbrand)
Director of LWF Center Wittenberg