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LWF Center Wittenberg, Judenstraße 9, 06886 Lutherstadt Wittenberg

**To all member churches of the Lutheran World Federation**

Wittenberg, April 26, 2024

**Studying Luther in Wittenberg**

**Invitation to the 27<sup>th</sup> International Theological Seminar for Pastors, November 2-16, 2024**

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

Sincere greetings in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ!

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.

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

**27th 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 2-16, 2024**

**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**
- **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.

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:

November 2	Arrival; Welcome and getting to know each other.
November 3	Worship service in Wittenberg and guided city tour
November 4-8	First Study Week
November 9	Excursion Day
November 10	Worship service in Wittenberg, free time
November 11-15	Second Study Week
November 16	Departure

Participants in the seminar are required to be present for the **entire** seminar program, arriving on November 2<sup>nd</sup> and departing on November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

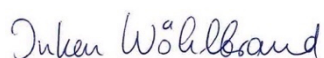
The **participation fee** amounts to **1100 Euros** (including accommodation, food, day trips, entrance fees, materials, etc). The **fee and travel expenses** are to be covered by the participants and/or their sending churches.

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 people from your church.

Please find attached the **nomination form**, to be returned to our Administrative Assistant, Mr. Cornelius Arndt (by e-mail to: [arndt@dnk-lwb.de](mailto:arndt@dnk-lwb.de), copy to Rev. Dr. Nánási: [nanasi@dnk-lwb.de](mailto:nanasi@dnk-lwb.de)), by **June 10, 2024**.

**Respected bishops and church leaders, we kindly ask your cooperation in nominating pastors from your church for the 27<sup>th</sup> International Seminar in November 2024.** We look forward to a fruitful exchange within the communion of the LWF.

On behalf of Prof. Dr. Sarah Hinlicky-Wilson, Prof. Dr. Theodor Dieter, Rev. Dr. Sámuel Nánási (Director of Studies at LWF Center Wittenberg) and our staff team, I send you kindest regards,



(Rev. Inken Wöhlbrand)  
Executive Director of LWF Center Wittenberg