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History and Conception of the Council of Christian Churches in Germany (ACK)

After the end of the World War II, with the beginning of the reconstruction of the German churches, the World Council of Churches (WCC) was in the position to make a considerable contribution to that new beginning, thanks to many Christian brothers and sisters from England and America, amongst them many Methodists, Baptists and other denominations. The experience of churches during the World War II, that they had not been able to engage in their common witness and joint actions, had shocked them deeply. It was time then to think about how the Christian family right on its own doorstep could come together again, and could speak and act jointly. The coming together of the different churches was supposed to enable all of German Christianity to be represented and to speak with one voice in Amsterdam, where in 1948 the World Council of Churches was founded. The goal of the ecumenical movement was to unite the churches “for common witness and service”. Besides the worldwide World Council of Churches, National Councils of Churches and Christian Councils were constituted in many countries.

The Arbeitsgemeinschaft Christlicher Kirchen in Deutschland – ACK (Council of Christian Churches in Germany) was founded in Kassel on March 10, 1948, even before the WCC’s first Assembly in 1948. The Reverend Martin Niemöller was elected as its first chairman. The Evangelical (i.e. Protestant) church in Germany, five

Germany, five free churches, including Methodists, Baptists and Mennonites, as well as the Old Catholic Church, had been members of the foundation committee.

Owing to the political division of Germany, the delegates in the former GDR (German Democratic Republic) had to meet separately after 1963. In 1970 the Council of Christian Churches in the GDR was officially founded.

Although many contacts between the two councils always existed during that time of separation, varying developments took place. This was, for example, noticeable in the various forms of membership status. After the end of the Second Vatican Council, the Roman Catholic Church (German Bishops' Conference) became a full member of the Council of Christian Churches in Germany (West) in 1974. In the same year the Greek Orthodox Church in Germany also became a full member, in Western Germany. This was an essential milestone in the history of German ecumenism.

In November 1991, after the (re)unification of both German states, the two Councils of Christian Churches merged during a common conference in Eisenach and adopted new statutes.

During the following period the ACK continued to grow and now consists of 16 full members, 4 associate members and 3 consultant observers.

“In accordance with Holy Scripture these churches” – merged in the Council of Christian Churches in Germany – „confess the Lord Jesus Christ as God and Saviour and endeavour jointly to fulfil their calling to the glory of

God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.“ (§ 1 of the statutes)

“In defiance of all divisions, this confession to the Holy Trinity is the only ecumenical creed, which connects eastern and western, Roman-Catholic and Protestant Christianity. Owing to its use in worship, it is nowadays familiar to the communities. Again and again it has been set to music for the mass by ancient and contemporary masters. This common witness to the truth of the Gospel demonstrates, that the division of our churches has not reached its roots. The common ground of confession to the Holy Trinity is a requirement, which should never be given up to maintain the unity of the one holy, catholic and apostolic Church.”

(Statement of the ACK on the occasion of the celebration of the 1600 year's jubilee of the Creed of Nicea-Constantinople, 1981).

The acceptance of the statutes is the basic requirement for membership in the ACK.

During the Ecumenical Kirchentag 2003 in Berlin the member churches of the ACK accepted and signed the Charta Oecumenica which has been presented by the Conference of European Churches (CEC) and the Council of European Bishops' Conferences (CCEE) as guidelines for the ecumenical cooperation. To develop and to promote an ecumenical culture of dialogue and cooperation at all levels of church life in accordance with the Charta is a common commitment for the churches and the ACK.

Urkunde


Annahme der Charta Oecumenica

während des Ökumenischen Kirchentages in Berlin

Wir, die unterzeichnenden Kirchen, sind dankbar für die Übereinkunft, die vom Rat der Europäischen Bischofskonferenzen (CEE) und der Konferenz Europäischer Kirchen (KEK) durch die Charta Oecumenica in wichtigen Fragen des kirchlichen Zusammenlebens erreicht wurde.

Wir stimmen dem vorgelegten Text für unseren Zuständigkeitsbereich zu und machen uns die darin enthaltenen Verpflichtungen zu eigen.

Wir bitten den dreieinigen Gott um seine Leitung und Hilfe für die Aufgabe, diese Verpflichtungen und Empfehlungen in die Praxis unseres kirchlichen Zusammenlebens und unserer gemeinsamen Verantwortung für das Evangelium Jesu Christi umzusetzen.


Äthiopisch-Orthodoxe Kirche in Deutschland
Erzpriester Dr. Merawi Tebege


Arbeitsgemeinschaft Anglikanisch-Episkopaler Gemeinden
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Arbeitsgemeinschaft Mennonitischer Gemeinden
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Präsident Pastor Siegfried Großmann


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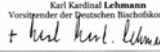

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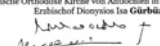

Katholisches Bistum der Alt-Katholiken in Deutschland
Bischof Joachim Vobbe


Koptisch-Orthodoxe Kirche in Deutschland
Bischof Alois Damian


Orthodoxe Kirche in Deutschland - Verband der Diözesen
Metropolit Augustin


Römisch-katholische Kirche
Kardinal Lehmann
Vorsitzender der Deutschen Bischofskonferenz
+ Karl Karl Lehmann


Selbständige Evangelisch-Lutherische Kirche
Bischof Dr. Dietrich Roth
Dr. Dietrich Roth


Syrische Orthodoxe Kirche von Antiochien in Deutschland
Erzbischof Dionysios Isa Gürbüz
Berlin, 30. Mai 2003

Tasks and Areas of Responsibility of the ACK

The churches linked to the ACK are committed to promoting ecumenical cooperation and to carrying out the following responsibilities, beneficial to our country, according to the statutes of the ACK (§ 2):

- Mutual exchange of information, consultation and cooperation in common witness, service and prayer;
- Support of cooperation among the churches on local, regional and international levels;
- Promotion of theological discussion among members for clarification and understanding;
- Counselling and mediating in disputes between individual members;
- Handling the special concerns of individual members at their request;
- Advocating of and representing common interests and activities to the general public;
- Handling the common concerns of the member churches towards political institutions;
- Informing the general public about ecumenical events and activities, the current state of ecumenical efforts, as well as the encouragement of ecumenical responsibility.

The ACK endeavours to establish **theological dialogue** among the churches for a better mutual understanding, to ease tensions between them, to work out joint recommendations and in so doing **to make a contribution to the unity of the churches in Germany**.

We belong together in Christ, and this is of fundamental significance in the face of our differing theological and ethical positions. Rather than seeing our diversity as a gift which enriches us, however, we have allowed differences of opinion on doctrine, ethics and church law to lead to separations between churches, with special historical circumstances and different cultural backgrounds often playing a crucial role. In order to deepen ecumenical fellowship, endeavours to reach a consensus in faith must be continued at all cost. Only in this way can church communion be given a theological foundation. There is no alternative to dialogue.

(Charta Oecumenica, Guideline 6).

As a result of that cooperation **joint statements and public declarations** were developed concerning various issues and problems, as for example: common witness, the Creed, the ministry, Holy Communion (intercommunion), the cancellation of debts and the protection of the observance of the Sabbath, marriages among people of different denominations as well as questions of lifestyles in a Christian sense of responsibility,

Believing in the love of the Creator God, we give thanks for the gift of creation and the great value and beauty of nature. However, we are appalled to see natural resources being exploited without regard for their intrinsic value or consideration of their limits, and without regard for the well-being of future generations.

Together we want to help create sustainable living conditions for the whole of creation. It is our responsibility before God to put into effect common criteria for distinguishing between what human beings are scientifically and technologically capable of doing and what, ethically speaking, they should not do.

We recommend the introduction in European churches of an Ecumenical Day of Prayer for the Preservation of Creation.

(Charta Oecumenica, Guideline 9)

This includes questions regarding foreign fellow citizens, immigration and refugees, political asylum, the protection of life, “Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation” (JPIC) and the “Decade of Churches in Solidarity with Women”.

The former East German Council was the sponsor of the Ecumenical Assemblies in Dresden and Magdeburg (1988/1989). At the same time the West German Council organized the meetings in Königstein and Stuttgart (1988). The topic of all those assemblies was the conciliar process for justice, peace and the integrity of creation. The East and West Council were deeply involved in preparing the European Ecumenical Asselmblies (Basel 1989, Graz 1997).

In June 1996 the member churches commissioned the Council of Christian Churches to sponsor and organize the first All-German Ecumenical Assembly in Erfurt with its theme: „Seeking Reconciliation – Winning Life“. The ACK is involved in the preparation of the Third European Ecumenical Assembly which takes place in Sibiu (Romania) from 4th. to 9th. September 2007. The motto is “The Light of Christ shines upon all. Hope for Renewal and Unity in Europe”.

The Ecumenical Decade to Overcome Violence: Churches Seeking Reconciliation and Peace 2001 – 2010 (DOV) is an initiative of the World Council of Churches. It is a global movement that strives to strengthen existing efforts and networks for overcoming violence, as well as inspire the creation of new ones. The ACK supports the churches in this process. The

Ökumenische FriedensDekade, is also designed to promote peace and reconciliation. It takes place every year in November.

From 1994 to 2003 the ACK put a special emphasis on the **Campaign to Overcome Xenophobia, Racism and Violence**. Within the framework of this campaign the initiative “Invite your Neighbours over” was carried out from 1996 to 2003, jointly sponsored by the Council of Christian Churches in Germany, the Jewish Central Council in Germany and the Central Council for Muslims in Germany. This initiative was to support a better understanding between peoples of different cultures, faiths and origins. Since 2005 the Council of Christian Churches in Germany, the Jewish Central Council in Germany, the Central Council for Muslims in Germany and the Türkisch-Islamische Union der Anstalt für Religion (DITIB) are working together in the initiative “Do you know who I am?” which is promoting interfaith encounters with people of other religions. A fund supports individual initiatives which are working in interfaith dialogues.

In the year 1997 the ACK implemented a consultation process toward the understanding of our common task of mission and evangelism in Germany. In a common message (2002) the churches resolved to work towards a “Missionary Oikonomia”.

The ACK worked together with other organisations to promote **“The Year of the Bible”**.

The Charta Oecumenica stands firm: “The most important task of the churches in Europe is the common proclamation of the Gospel, in both word and deed for the salvation of all.” As the Council, we turn to our member

churches and associated denominations, and to all who acknowledge their obligations of missionary and evangelism, with the urgent request that we carry out all our missionary activity under the aspect of our common task, and, at the same time, to begin making every effort to reach greater unity with regard to our call to mission. Because we proclaim one God and follow one Lord, we have one message and our mission has one goal.
(“Our Common Task: Mission and Evangelism in Germany.” A paper of the ACK 2002)

The **1st Ecumenical Kirchentag 2003** in Berlin was supported and promoted by the ACK. The ACK took care that all churches were involved.

The annual **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** contributes to a spiritual strengthening of ecumenical christianity and a worldwide community of Christians. It is especially promoted and coordinated by the ACK through the preparation and distribution of material in German. The Week of Prayer takes place from 18th.-25th. January or on the Pentecost weekend. It is based on a liturgy prepared by a unified, international commission consisting of representatives of the WCC and the Vatican’s Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity. The proposal and a draft are submitted each year by a different country.

Organs and Institutions of the ACK

The ACK has the legal form of a registered non-profit-making organization and is composed of the following organs:

- **General Assembly**
- **Executive Committee**
- **Ecumenical Center (Ökumenische Centrale)**
- **Commissions**
- **Committees, commissions and working groups of the Assembly of the Members**

a) General Assembly

The General Assembly is the supreme authority of the ACK. It consists of the delegates of the member churches as well as of associated members and consultant observers, all appointed by their churches for a period of five years. Usually the meetings take place twice a year, in the spring and in autumn.

b) Executive Committee

The Executive Committee of the Council, consisting of five persons, is elected by the delegates of the member churches of the ACK. The composition of the committee should reflect the variety of churches in the ACK. Usually the Executive Committee meets five times a year for working sessions.

c) Ecumenical Center (Ökumenische Centrale - ÖC)

In existence since 1946, the Ecumenical Center has served as the main office of the ACK since 1948. It is under the supervision and the direction of the Executive Committee and the Assembly.

Reflecting ecumenical diversity of the churches related to the ACK four theological experts (consultants) from four different denominational traditions are working in the Ecumenical Center. Proposed by the member churches and guest churches, they are appointed by the Assembly for a period of five years. The Assembly appoints one of its number to be both director of the Ecumenical Center and also General-Secretary of the Council of Christian Churches in Germany.

According to the instructions the Ecumenical Center gets from the ACK, there is a broad field of duties: coordination and management, preparing and conducting the meetings of the Assembly, the current work of the working groups and committees, and the implementation of projects, programmes und initiatives of the ACK. The four secretaries share the four **application areas**:

1. Faith and Theology, 2. Church and Society, 3. Mission, Common Witness and Worships, and 4. Dialogue, Culture and Migration.

It is also their task to maintain contacts to the member churches and associated churches, to regional and local Councils of Christian Churches, as well as to ecumenical institutions, to organize ecumenical meetings, public relations and publications (among other things).

In addition, the Ecumenical Center is responsible for preparing and publishing the German material for the annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

The **Circle of Friends of the Ecumenical Center** (Freundes/innenkreis der Ökumenischen Centrale e.V.), founded in 1999, promotes ecumenical reflection and cooperation.

d) Commissions

The German Ecumenical Study Commission (DÖSTA)

In 1950 DÖSTA was founded as a „permanent institution of the Council of Christian Churches in Germany to promote and consolidate ecumenism in teaching and research work“. In 1993 it was reconstituted. DÖSTA performs research work according to instructions of the Council of Christian Churches in Germany (ACK) and in connection with the Ecumenical Center on the basis of the guidelines approved by the Assembly (§ 11.1 of the statutes of the ACK). DÖSTA consists of teachers from theological faculties, ecumenical institutes and other theological centers of education linked to the churches of the ACK. Proposed by the member churches and after hearing DÖSTA, the 23 members are appointed for a period of six years by the General Assembly.

DÖSTA is responsible for the following tasks: to accompany ecumenical studies within the ACK as advisors, to demonstrate their relevance for theological scholarship and theological study centers, to present its own statements and proposals, to promote ecumenical studies

within the German churches, to consult and to coordinate, to oversee contacts with the relevant institutions (as for example, the WCC, the Council for Promoting Christian Unity and others) with regard to German participation in ecumenical study projects.

Some of the main projects of DÖSTA have been Intercommunion, Conciliarity, Authoritative Teachings of Churches Today, a Study of Ecclesiology and a Study Guide to the Creed of 381 (Wir glauben, wir bekennen, wir erwarten – We Believe, we Confess, we Hope).

Among the last study projects are the work on John 17, 21 “Einheit als Gabe und Verpflichtung” (Unity as Gift and Commitment) and the study project on the Declaration of Justification (Augsburg 1997) in multilateral ecumenical dialogue – “Von Gott angenommen – in Christus verwandelt” (Accepted by God – Changed in Christ).

A new main focus (since 2006) will be involved with the question of hermeneutics and tradition. A theological working group of the DÖSTA is preparing annual theological consultations of the “Decade to Overcome Violence”.

The **Ecumenical Research Fund** is sponsored by the ACK for the promotion and publication of ecumenical research. In cooperation with DÖSTA the Executive Committee of the ACK is responsible for grants from the Ecumenical Research Fund. The Ecumenical Center is responsible for the administration of DÖSTA and of the Ecumenical Research Fund.

Commission for Mission and Common Witness

The Commission for Mission and Common Witness promotes and deepens the dialogue and the cooperation of churches in the context of the common missionary witness. It is intended to give helpful suggestions and impulses for the practical work, and to attend to and reflect current developments and challenges for an ecumenical “transmission of faith”. Meetings and consultations help to understand theological reviews, consciousness and learning processes.

Commission for Church and Society

This Commission deals with the questions of justice, peace and integrity of creation. In the middle of the Decade to Overcome Violence an ecumenical consultation (Freising, 7th.-9th. April 2005) was held with the theme “Just Peace – Life in an Endangered Future”. Further work for the second half of the Decade was prepared and the results were written down in the Freising Agenda.

The Freising Agenda is intended to give to both the religious and non-religious public, suggestions from the participants thinking and acting towards the continuing open process for overcoming violence. ... The churches and initiatives are invited to take up the suggestions either as their own ecumenical responsibility or together with others.

1. Establishment of the ecumenical process “Economy in the Service of Life”
2. Peace Politics: Freedom from violence and prevention of violence

3. Human rights, law and international law are to be strengthened
4. The churches have to deal with their own history of guilt
5. Inter-religious dialogue has to be supported
6. Sustainability of an ecological economy has to be strengthened
7. Equality and justice have to be established in the community of women and men

Committee of Migration

The Committee of Migration was founded in 1998. Following the publication of the Common Paper which dealt with the challenges presented by escape and migration, a paper in which the ACK was involved, the intention of the Committee is to reflect on a cooperation between the German Bishops Conference (DBK), the EKD, ACK, Caritas and Diakonisches Werk in the future

Ecumenical Forum of Peace

This Forum is an ecumenical group of peace organisations to prepare and carry out the annual „Ecumenical Decade of Peace“ (10 days in November).

In addition, the Assembly of the ACK may set up **committees, commissions and working groups** to work on certain questions and concerns.

Contacts and links

a) Germany

As an ecumenical institution of multilateral ecumenism on national level, the ACK cultivates contacts with the member churches and associated churches as well as with their institutions.

The ACK cooperates closely with regional and local Councils of Christian Churches, various ecumenical working groups and institutions as well as with ecumenical centers of congregations and many others. Common meetings and joint projects are carried out with all these partners.

b) International ecumenism

The ecumenical links of the churches and therefore of the Council of Christian Churches in Germany are the sign of a deep involvement in the worldwide ecumenical movement. For this reason there are many contacts and links within the multilateral ecumenical international community. The ACK cooperates with the World Council of Churches (WCC) in the status of an associate council and also with the worldwide National Councils of Churches (NCCs). In Europe there is close cooperation with the Conference of European Churches (CEC) and through it with the European National Councils of Churches, as well as with the Council of European Bishops' Conferences (CCEE).

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Ökumenische Rundschau (ÖR) and supplements

This periodical is published quarterly by a team of editors
in connection with the German Ecumenical Study Com-
mission. It contains scholarly articles, current reports and
documentations as well as reviews of theological publica-
tions. The ÖR can be ordered from the publishing house
Otto Lembeck, Gärtnerweg 16, 60322 Frankfurt/M., for a
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Sporadically the **supplements to the ÖR** give an overall
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Member churches of the ACK

1. Äthiopisch-Orthodoxe Kirche in Deutschland (Ethiopian Orthodox Church in Germany)
2. Arbeitsgemeinschaft Anglikanisch-Episkopaler Gemeinden in Deutschland (Council of Anglican Episcopal Churches in Germany)
3. Arbeitsgemeinschaft Mennonitischer Gemeinden in Deutschland (Association of Mennonite Congregations in Germany)
4. Armenisch-Apostolische Orthodoxe Kirche in Deutschland (Armenian Apostolic Orthodox Church in Germany)
5. Bund Evangelisch-Freikirchlicher Gemeinden in Deutschland (Baptisten) (Union of Evangelical Free Churches -Baptist Union)
6. Die Heilsarmee in Deutschland (The Salvation Army)
7. Evangelisch-altreformierte Kirche in Niedersachsen (Evangelical Old-Reformed Church in Lower Saxony)
8. Evangelische Brüderunität – Herrnhuter Brüdergemeine (European Continental Province of the Moravian Church)
9. Evangelische Kirche in Deutschland (Evangelical Church in Germany)
10. Evangelisch-methodistische Kirche (Evangelical Methodist Church)
11. Katholisches Bistum der Alt-Katholiken (Catholic Diocese of the Old-Catholics in Germany)
12. Koptisch-Orthodoxe Kirche in Deutschland (Coptic Orthodox Church in Germany)
13. Orthodoxe Kirche in Deutschland – Verband der

- Diözesen (Orthodox Church in Germany – Union of the Dioceses)
- 13.1 Griechisch-Orthodoxe Metropolie von Deutschland (Greek Orthodox Metropolitanate of Germany)
 - 13.2 Erzbistum der orthodoxen russischen Gemeinden in Westeuropa (Ökumenisches Patriarchat) (Archbishopric of Orthodox Russian Communities in Western Europe [Ecumenical Patriarchate])
 - 13.3 Ukrainische Orthodoxe Eparchie von Westeuropa (Ukrainian Orthodox Eparchy of Western Europe)
 - 13.4 Patriarchalvikariat der Griechisch-Orthodoxen Kirche von Antiochien für Westeuropa (Rum-orthodox) (Patriarchal Vicariate of the Greek Orthodox Church of Antioch in Western Europe [Rum-orthodox])
 - 13.5 Berliner Diözese der Russischen Orthodoxen Kirche des Moskauer Patriarchats (Berlin Diocese of the Russian Orthodox Church of the Patriarchate of Moscow)
 - 13.6 Serbisch-Orthodoxe Diözese für Mitteleuropa (Serbian Orthodox Diocese in Central Europe)
 - 13.7 Rumänisch-Orthodoxe Metropolie für Deutschland und Zentraleuropa (Romanian Orthodox Metropolitanate of Germany and Central Europe)
 - 13.8 Metropolie der Bulgarischen Diözese von West- und Mitteleuropa (Metropolitanate of the Bulgarian Diocese in Western and Central Europe)
 14. Römisch-katholische Kirche (Deutsche Bischofskonferenz – Verband der Diözesen) (Roman Catholic Church – Conference of German Bishops – Union of Dioceses)

15. Selbständige Evangelisch-Lutherische Kirche (SELK) (Independent Evangelical-Lutheran Church)
16. Syrisch-Orthodoxe Kirche von Antiochien in Deutschland (Syrian-Orthodox Church of Antioch in Germany)

Associated Churches

1. Apostelamt Jesu Christi (Apostolate of Jesus Christ)
2. Bund Freier evangelischer Gemeinden (Free Evangelical Church)
3. Siebenten-Tags-Adventisten (Seventh Day Adventist Church)
4. Mülheimer Verband Freikirchlich-Evangelischer Gemeinden (Christian assemblies Muelheim Pentecostal)

Consultant Observers

1. Religiöse Gesellschaft der Freunde (Quäker) – Deutsche Jahresversammlung e.V. (Religious Society of Friends – Quakers)
2. Arbeitsgemeinschaft Ökumenischer Kreise e.V. (AÖK) (Association of ecumenical grassroot-groups)
3. Evangelisches Missionswerk (Association of Protestant Churches and Missions in Germany)

Regional Councils or Christian Churches in Germany

Council of Christian Churches in Baden-Württemberg
Council of Christian Churches in Bavaria
Council of Christian Churches in Berlin-Brandenburg
Council of Christian Churches in Bremen
Council of Christian Churches in Hamburg
Council of Christian Churches in Mecklenburg-
Vorpommern
Council of Christian Churches in Lower Saxony
Council of Christian Churches in Northern Hesse
Council of Christian Churches in Northern Rhineland-
Westfalia
Council of Christian Churches in Rhine-Main
Council of Christian Churches in Saxony
Council of Christian Churches in Saxony-Anhalt
Council of Christian Churches in Schleswig-Holstein
Council of Christian Churches in South-Western Region
Council of Christian Churches in Thuringia

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