



# Conference – "Called to a process of reconciliation" Reconciliation in our lives, church and the world

5th - 8th November 2024 in the KOMENSKÝ Guest House, Comeniusstrasse 8 + 10, 02747 Herrnhut

Reconciliation is a vital part of our history as a church. August 13<sup>th</sup>, 1727, is celebrated as the spiritual birth of the renewed Moravian Church, but the events of that day and all that followed came about through a time of reconciliation in the fledgling community in Herrnhut.

Christians are called to be reconciled to God, to be reconciled to each other and to share in the ministry of reconciliation. However, we recognize that there are often unhealed wounds in our families, congregations, communities, and provinces.

As a way of preparing to celebrate our Church's 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2027, we would like to invite brothers and sisters in the European Region, who are interested in the theological and practical aspects of reconciliation, to come and share in a conference to explore this further.

# Speaker

The speaker at the conference will be Rev. Dr. Alex Wimberly who is the leader of the Corrymeela Community in Northern Ireland. Corrymeela is Northern Irelands oldest peace and reconciliation



organization and was founded in 1965 as a way of building a more peaceful Northern Ireland. The community continues to inspire people around the world to live out reconciliation in their daily lives. Alex is a Presbyterian minister originally from the United States; his doctorate is from Notre Dame University and looked at themes of reconciliation in the American Presbyterian Church. Alex is married to Kiran, also an ordained minister, who is currently serving with the Moravian Churches in Northern Ireland.

As well as input from Alex the conference will also include a trip to the church and Zinzendorf's Manor House at Berthelsdorf, a walk along the Sculpture trail, Bible Studies, discussion and sharing of experiences and perspectives, social activities and worship. There will be the opportunity in the free time to walk to the Herrnhut God's Acre or visit the church and historical exhibition or some of the other attractions in Herrnhut, which include the Herrnhut Star Factory and shop, the Ethnographic Museum and the local history museum.

## **Practical details**

The language of the conference will be English. The cost of the conference is 50 €, which includes all meals including supper on Monday Evening and breakfast on Friday Morning. We hope that everyone will arrive at Herrnhut on the Monday afternoon and depart after breakfast on the Friday morning. The KOMENSKÝ Guest and Conference House is a well-equipped modern conference centre with en suite rooms (www.komensky.de).

#### Travel to Herrnhut:

- 1. Participants from the UK usually find it easiest to fly into Prague and catch a train from Prague to Zittau or Löbau
- 2. Participants from Latvia and Estonia via Berlin
- 3. If you need any travel-informations, please contact info@ebu.de

There are up to 40 places available for this conference. Please make your booking by emailing info@ebu.de and book before 15<sup>th</sup> September noting your address, email, phone number and any food allergies and accessibility needs. The cost of 50 € is to be paid by bank transfer at the time of booking (keyword: conference). You will recieve an email of confirmation about your booking. After the 15<sup>th</sup> September you will get more information about the program of the conference.

### The bank details

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## **Conference Organizers**

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