

Netzwerk Konfessionsverbindender Familien in Deutschland

The 'Together in Europe' movement held two huge gatherings in Stuttgart in 2004 and 2007, bringing together more than 250 Christian movements, groups and associations and thousands of people. In November this year, the movement is being awarded the Prize for Ecumenism at a ceremony where Cardinal Kasper of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity will speak. Rosmarie and Rudolf Lauber from the German Network of Interchurch Families, which was fully involved in both gatherings, will represent the Netzwerk at the ceremony.

The next annual conference of the Netzwerk will take place from 13 – 15 March 2009 in Rudolstadt (in the Thüringen region in the former eastern part of Germany), on the theme 'From the Problem to the Model: the interchurch family as the motor in the ecumenical process.'

The next Protestant Kirchentag will take place from 20 – 24 May 2009 in Bremen. 100,000 visitors are expected. The theme will be 'Humankind, where are you?' The Netzwerk will run their usual exhibition stand and run a workshop.

The 2010 conference of the Netzwerk will take place from 20 – 24 February in Braunfels bei Wetzlar in the Frankfurt region, on the theme 'We are Catholic; we are Protestant; what will we be tomorrow?'

The first ecumenical Kirchentag was held in 2003 in Berlin. The second will be held from 12 – 16 May 2010 in Munich. The theme will be 'Therefore we have hope!' The Netzwerk has applied to run a workshop, lead an act of worship and organise a discussion group. They will also mount a stand at the Agora.

Rudolf and Rosmarie Lauber
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