

INTERNATIONALE SCHLOSSKIRCHENGEMEINSCHAFT

Dear Members of the International Castle Church Society:

In the last newsletter, I mentioned that Propst Siegfried Kasparick was very ill and had needed to give up his duties within all committees and boards.

Unfortunately his illness was not curable. Our Lord called the president of our International Castle Church Society home on May 31, 2016, several days after his 61st birthday.

We said goodbye to Propst Siegfried Traugott Kasparick at a memorial service on June 9th, 2016 in a completely filled Castle Church. Psalm 27, which was important and dear to him, with its concluding verse offering encouragement and firm confidence, accompanied us during the service: "I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living! Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!"

Bishop Ilse Junkermann of the Church in Central Germany officiated at the service.

At the conclusion of the service, private interment was held in the Wittenberg Cemetery with closest family and friends.

We are grateful for all the good we experienced with Siegfried Kasparick – in the circle of friends, in the congregation, and beyond. We pray that God will keep him secure and allow him to look upon all he had believed in.

We will miss Siegfried Kasparick, and his absence will certainly be felt in our International Castle Church Society. He was not only the founder, he was the one who had the drive and motivation, with which he could inspire others. The international aspect of this Society was of utmost importance to him. He worked for this over and over.



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People from many countries are connected with the Castle Church. We are always pleased to welcome new members. We were especially pleased with new membership applications following the service on Pentecost. It is possible that you know of other potential members in your areas of interaction to invite to consider membership. This is the best way to honor our former president. Further information about membership and our Society is available on our website

www.internationale.schlosskirche-wittenberg.de

I will serve as interim president until the next executive meeting. Further steps will be determined at that time.

With best wishes for a peaceful summer,

Pastor Hans Kasch

Interim President of the Board of the International Castle Church Society