

INTERNATIONALE SCHLOSSKIRCHENGEMEINSCHAFT

Dear members of the International Castle Church Community:

Soon after the board meeting I send you greetings from Lutherstadt Wittenberg and want to share a few information with you.

Due to your financial support the International Castle Church Community could foster also this year the church music at the Castle Church. With 1.500 € we could help to continue the important work of both church musicians. With money from different sources it was possible to finance a half time position also in 2018. We do hope that all responsible parties will find a long-term sustainable solution, because the various church music is a very important part of the spiritual and cultural life at the Castle Church and for the many visitors.

Although less visitors then last year are coming to Wittenberg, the interest in the Castle Church and its historic meaning is still very high. Licensed church guides guarantee a regular offer of informative guided tours in the church. The team of the employed coworkers becomes more and more acquainted with their job. A helpful signage that guides guests easily into the church, the visitor's center, the library or to the different exhibitions is in the making. The altar cloth, the beautiful gift from Denmark, shortly will be displayed in a way that all guests easily can look at it.

As International Castle Church Community also this year we want to celebrate the worship service on Pentecost. We invite all to join us at 10:00 a.m. in Castle Church. Rev. Robert Moore, ELCA, at present working in Leipzig will preach. The brass choir next the organ will accompany the international hymns we will sing.



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But we invite all of you also to participate in this worship service and ask you to send to Rev. Friedrich Kramer petitions for the prayer of the church (kramer@ev-akademie-wittenberg.de). We would be delighted, if petitions from all countries that are represented in the ICCC could be brought before God that Sunday in the Castle Church. Germany, USA, Denmark, Finland, Sweden, Hungary, Tanzania, Netherlands, France, Poland, Island would be represented – a wonderful strong sign of our worldwide community. Don't hesitate to send us your prayer concerns also in your native language.

In summer this year I'll get retired and will leave Wittenberg. Therefore, I must finish my responsibility as chair of the board of the ICCC. The board elected the church musician Sarah Herzer as new chair of the board. Friedrich Kramer continues to act as deputy chair. Please, remember all who work in and for the Castle Church in your prayer and show your fellowship with the International Castle Church Community with your participation in the intercessions for the service at Pentecost. If you still have additional ideas for that service, Rev. Kramer will be happy to get them and take them into consideration.

Some also show their ties by onetime or by regular donations. We are very grateful for that and thank you so much. Only thus we can take into account our concern to promote the manifold life at the Castle Church.

With this letter I say „Good bye“ to you. The next letter will be send by Sarah Herzer.

God's blessings for all you do!

Hans W. Kasch

Former chair of the Board of the ICCC