

Responsibility before God and Men

PROGRAM

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13th International Berlin Gathering

from 29th to 31th May 2008
at the Johannesstift in Berlin-Spandau

Topic of the Gathering:

Responsibility before God and Man
and the global injustice of poverty and wealth

The *International Berlin Gathering* includes the
International Prayer Breakfast on Friday 30th May 2008 at 7.30 a.m.
at the Johannesstift in Berlin-Spandau

Thursday, 29th May 2008

Arrival of guests at the Johannesstift, Berlin-Spandau
Schönwalder Allee 26, 13587 Berlin-Spandau

- 11 a.m. Opening of the registration office
Welcome, distribution of the registration documents
- Hotel Christophorus-Haus, Johannesstift -
- 3 p.m. Buses leaving from Johannesstift, Berlin-Spandau for the Reichstag Building / Federal Parliament in Berlin-Mitte
- 5 p.m. Opening of the 13th International Berlin Gathering**
Assembly Hall of the Parliamentary Party of the SPD (Social Democratic Party)
- Welcome and Moderation: **Ilse Falk, MP**, leader of the Parliamentary Breakfast Group in the German Bundestag
- Greetings **Dr. Peter Struck, MP**, Chairman of the SPD Parliamentary Party
- Address on the Topic of the Gathering: **Dr. Manfred Stolpe**, former Minister President and former Federal Minister
- Introduction of participants from abroad: **Rudolf Decker, MP 1968 - 1992**
- Address for the international participants: **Mesfim Seyoum**, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia
- Address **Alfred Moisiu**, Former President of Albania
- Closing spiritual thoughts and prayer: **Patrick Meinhardt, MP**
- 7 p.m. Visit to the platform and dome on top of the Reichstag
- 8 p.m. Buses leaving for Johannesstift, Berlin-Spandau

Friday, 30th May 2008

7:30 a.m. International Prayer Breakfast

- Special Program / Banqueting Hall (Festsaal) of the Johannesstift

- Welcome and Moderation: **Dieter Grasedieck, MP**, leader of the Parliamentary Breakfast Group in the German Bundestag
- Greetings for the participants in the Parliamentary Breakfasts in the German Bundestag: **Anette Hübinger, MP**
- Address **Sylvestre Ntibantunganya**, former President of the Republic of Burundi
- Address **Hans-Georg Filker**, Director of the Berlin City Mission

10 a.m. Contributions to the Topic of the Gathering

- Moderation **Reinhold Hemker, MP**
- Address **Ruprecht Polenz, MP**, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the German Bundestag
- Address **Ali Karti**, Viceminister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Sudan
- Address **Richard McCormack**, former Chief of the State Department
- Address **Gennady Nowitsky**, President of the National Assembly of the Republic of Belarus
- Contributions from the plenary

12:30 p.m. Lunch-Meeting for Women

Moderation: **Ilse Falk, MP** with short contributions of participating women
Restaurant Kastaniengarten

Lunch for the remaining participants of the Gathering
- Restaurant of the Hotel Christophorus-Haus -

3 p.m. Discussions on the Topic of the Gathering in groups

- please find the details in your documents -

4:15 p.m. Coffee / Tea

- Terrace of the Hotel Christophorus-Haus -

5 p.m. Discussions in groups with Guests of Honour

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7 p.m. International Banquet

- Buffet Dinner at the Banqueting Hall of the Johannesstift -

Moderation **Dr. Christian Krause**, former Bishop

Address **Friedrich Hänssler**, spiritual Word as introduction

Dinner Buffet

Music **Pavlos Hatzopoulos**

Contributions in search of peace from international participants coming from areas of conflict

Contribution of Ambassadors from several continents

Closing thought and prayer for the evening

Saturday, 31st May 2008

7:30 a.m. Breakfast

- Restaurant of the Hotel Christophorus-Haus -

8:30 a.m. Contributions to the Topic of the Gathering

Introduction **Volkmar Klein**, Member of the State Parliament

Moderation **Rudolf Decker**, Former Member of the State Parliament

Introduction of **Opportunity International**, an initiative in microfinance, dedicated to helping the poor

Address **Jean-Pierre Bemba** and **Azarias Ruberwa**, former Vice-Presidents of the Democratic Republic of Congo

→ Address **Oscar Ortiz Antelo**, President of the National Assembly of Bolivia

Contributions from international participants and from the plenary

Closing **Dr. Hans Schwüppe**, former Chief of Protocol of the Parliament

11:30 a.m. Ecumenical Service

- Chapel of the Johannesstift – special program -

Liturgy **Pastor Martin von Essen**, Chairman of the Ev. Johannesstift

Sermon **Prelate Dr. Karl Jüsten**, Head of the Catholic Office in Berlin

1 p.m. Lunch – Restaurant of the Hotel Christophorus-Haus

Subsequent program:

6 – 10 p.m.: Excursion by steamer through historical Berlin leaving from Spandau