

Report on DIAKONIA Member Organizations
Kaiserswerther Verband (Germany)
Evangelisches Diakoniewerk Gallneukirchen (Austria)
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Fébé Evangélikus Diakonissza Egyesület Anyaháza (Hungary)
for the DRAE Executive Meeting 2014 in Blackpool (England)

Kaiserswerther Verband, Germany

Last year, at the DIAKONIA World Assembly in Berlin, Germany you all had a very good insight of the work of the motherhouses and institutions belonging to the Kaiserswerth Association.

Our World Assembly raised fresh awareness of both churches and Diakonia Germany to the questions of diakonia in the church. Currently there are more than 60 different ways the churches handle their connection with deacons and diaconesses. The ViD (Verbände im Diakoniat = German Diaconal Organisations Kaiserswerther Verband, VEED, Zehlendorfer Verband) works with the church on guidelines how the diaconal ministry is embedded within the church.

Again some motherhouses can celebrate impressive anniversaries: Bad Kreuznach 125 years, Guben 130 years, Neuendettelsau 160 years. They will celebrate with general meetings where all sisters and brothers are welcomed.

In 2016, the Kaiserswerth General Conferenz (KGK) will celebrate their 100 year anniversary with a conference at the motherhouse Gallneukirchen, Austria (24.-27. September 2015). A short comment to the KGK: in September 2013, Deaconess Terttu Pohjolainen, former member of DRAE Executive, received the golden badge of honor of diakonia by Bishop Kaarlo Kalliala.

Evangelisches Diakoniewerk Gallneukirchen, Austria

The leader of the Diakoniewerk, Mag. Christa Schrauf was elected as President of the Kaiserswerth General Conferenz (KGK). She also attended the DIAKONIA World Assembly in Berlin 2013.

In 2016 they will host the jubilee-assembly of the KGK (see above).

Communauté des Diaconesses de Reuilly (France)

After a long time of negotiation, the two protestant churches in France (Lutheran and Reformed) finally united to the United Protestant Church in France, named l'EPuDF (Eglise Protestante Unie de France) on Resurrection Day 2013. They now have only one national council and one president (Pastor Laurent Schlumberger). Until 2017 the general theme in the church is "what assumptions are currently up to date?" There are several congresses regarding the different aspects. The community of Reuilly was part of the first colloquium on the question of liturgy within the parishes.

The sisters had their annual retreat 30.10.-3.11.2013 with the theme "Holy Spirit – grace and challenge". The main speech was held by Prof. Gérard Siegwalt, Strassbourg. At this assembly, three new novice were introduced into the third order and two deaconesses could celebrate their 70years anniversary. Novice Soeur Caroline was accepted into a profess temporaire (timely limited membership) into the community. She is the first one with the new novitiate changed according to the needs of today's time.

The Fondation Diaconesses de Reuilly (FDR), a friend's association of the community, held a seminar on ethics for the second time in November 2013. Around 90 people with all kind of medical related professions attended.

Fébé Evangélikus Diakonissza Egyesület Anyaháza (Hungary)

After the death of three sisters, there are now only 7 sisters left, at the age between 83-97 years. They are still living in the old motherhouse, although it is now part of the old peoples home "Sarepta". The friend's association *Phoebe*, who financed the motherhouse for a long time, could not manage anymore, so the church took over the motherhouse at the beginning of 2013. That means, that there are living now not only deaconesses in the motherhouse, which is very hard for the old deaconesses. Pfarrer Szojanovics and Prioress Hainalka Görög try their best to take care of the deaconesses, which is not easy, because both of them are employees of the church in the first place and are working in an honorary capacity.

Munich, January 31, 2014

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dr. Ulrike Kellner". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style. There is a horizontal line above the "Ulrike" part of the signature.

Diakonisse Ulrike Kellner