

# **Report on DIAKONIA Member Organizations for the DRAE Executive Meeting 2014 in Blackpool (England)**

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## **Deutscher Gemeinschafts-Diakonieverband (DGD)**

### *Klinik Hohe Mark*

In October 2013 the "Klinik Hohe Mark" was celebrating the Jubilee of 80 years. Many Marburger Sisters have been working in this Institution.

### *Establishment "TANGENS" in Marburg*

In September 2013, the opening symposium of " TANGES" was taking place at the "Evangelische Hochschule Tabor" in Marburg. This is a new Institut for kultural hermeneutics and research on livinv environement. (Institut für Kulturhermeneutik und Lebensweltforschung)

## **Europäischer Verband Freikirchlicher Diakoniewerke (EVFD)**

(29 diaconal Institutions in 8 European Countries)

Under the theme of "Spiritual Care" the Conference of EVFD was held in Wien (A) in September 2013. In different presentations the need for Spiritual Care for patients, residents in care units, but also for Staff in Christian Institutions was made very clear. It should be the duty of each staff member to be aware of these needs and to find ways to meet these needs. The precondition for this is the knowledge of each Staff member of the Christian Values of the Institution and the expectation this means for them.

Rev. Andrea Klimt, the leader of "Diakonie Österreich", was giving an overview of some Projects and Ministries like "Miteinander Leben", assisted accommodation; "Herzwerk" for people in prostitution; work among Migrants and "Projekt-Gemeinde", churchplanting among Students. She understands it as a challenge to see the actual need and to react to it and find partners to help, also financially.

## **Diakoniewerke in der Schweiz**

( 6 Motherhouses)

### *Stiftung Diaconis Bern*

Since July 2013 a part of the "Communität Don Camillo" a Family-Community, lives in one part of the motherhouse. Two different Communities with different traditions are living under the same roof. They have the same goals: to be a place of prayer and encounter.

### *Kommunität Diakonissenhaus Riehen*

In May 2013 the new centre "Geistlich-diakonisches Zentrum" in Riehen was opened. In the buildings of the former hospital that belonged to the community this new centre will be a place where people can find rest, encouragement, deepening of their faith and healing. There is a part for accommodation of guests and seminars. The "Café Spittelergarte" is open for everyone. The "Lädeli" is a gift shop where handmade items produced by Deaconesses, are sold. Two artists workshop for weaving and painting are part of the centre. Five Deaconesses live in the Centre and are hosts for the guests.

### **Zendings-Diaconissenhuis Amerongen**

In October 2013 Sister Greet Verhoeven has taken over the leadership for the Community from Sister Dorien Peet, who was the leading Sister for 12 years.

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