

## **Report on DIAKONIA Member Organizations for the DRAE Executive Meeting 2015 in Hannover (Germany)**

### **Group 5:**

- Deutscher Gemeinschafts-Diakonieverband
- Europäischer Verband Freikirchlicher Diakoniewerke
- Diakoniewerke in der Schweiz
- Zendings-Diaconissenhuis Amerongen

My report will be short, as it was very difficult to get response to my request for news!

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

No response and no reports on the websites

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

The conference of EVFD, that is held every 2 year will be at Pilgerheim Weltersbach, Leichlingen (Germany) from September 17<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> 2015. The theme is: "Economy and appreciation - and the challenges for diakonia in the future."

#### *Diakoniewerk Martha Maria Nürnberg (Germany)*

(from the website)

On February 23<sup>rd</sup> 2014, Diakoniewerk Martha Maria was celebrating their 125 anniversary at the exhibition hall in Nürnberg.

"SOLI DEO GLORIA - zu jeder Zeit" (at all times) was their theme.

Diakoniewerk Martha Maria has 3500 co-workers and many hundreds of volunteers; their ministries take place in 30 Institutions at 10 different venues.

#### *Bethanien Diakonissen Stiftung Frankfurt (Germany)*

(from the website)

On December the 11<sup>th</sup> 2014 the opening of the "RISE-Sternen-Kinder Bochum" took place. This is a project in cooperation with the Evangelical Methodist Church of Bochum.

Counseling is offered for parents who have lost a child during pregnancy or birth. In the "Sternenkinder-Cafe" these parents have also the opportunity to share their experiences with others.

([www.rise.care](http://www.rise.care))

#### *Stiftung Diakonat Bethesda Basel (Switzerland)*

On July the 1<sup>st</sup> 2014, a Center for old peoples care with 130 places was opened on the main compound in Basel. This institution is part of the incorporated company "Bethesda Alterszentren AG" who is in charge of 8 Institutions in the German speaking part of Switzerland.

### **Diakoniewerke in der Schweiz**

#### *Stiftung Diaconis, Berner Diakonissen (Switzerland)*

At the end of June 2015, the Sister in charge, Sr. Lydia Schranz, will after 25 years give up her responsibility. 50 Deaconesses are members of the "Stiftung Diaconis". For replacement they are looking for a person from outside the sisterhood who will no

longer be a member of the business management. The Sisters are all living on the compound of the "Stiftung Diaconis". They see their ministry now in taking care for each other and in prayer for each other, for our country and for the world.

*Diakoniewerk Neumünster, Zürich (Switzerland)*

Nothing special has happened within the Sisterhood during this past year. The members of the community who are getting older are taking care of each other as much as possible. They still take the responsibility for the daily prayers. As they are still strongly connected to the Diakoniewerk, they can count on good support from there.

*Communauté des Diaconesses de Saint-Loup (Switzerland)*

On June 29<sup>th</sup> 2014 a big feast took place at Saint-Loup: The handover of the leadership of the community was celebrated. Soeur Marianne Morel has given over - after 21 years - the responsibility to Soeur Lucienne Wehrle. The community counts 41 members. Their main ministry is prayer.

**Zendings-Diaconissenhuis Amerongen**

No response. On their website they tell about regular "Oasedagen" they will organize. I guess these are days of retreat - Oases days.

Basel, February 1<sup>st</sup> 2015  
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