

Group: 5 Year: 2016

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

144 Members, their slogan: **Dankbar Gott Dienen** (serve God with thankfulness)
engaged in social and diaconal Institutions

Mutterhaus Hebron:

In July, during the meeting of 108 years of Motherhouse Hebron, they bid farewell to Paster Helmut Heiser, who was a coworker for 31 years, 22 of these as principal. The administrative manager Willi Feldkamp is now a member of the board of the motherhouse.

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

27 Organizations with 990 Members, all over Europe
their goal: "As diaconal Organizations we want to give mutual support in fulfilling social and diaconal engagements"

Diakonie Bethanien Schweiz:

In the middle of the town of Zürich, on the grass roots of multicultural life, where today's needs are that can be met by Diakonie Bethanien, a new building has become their new center. It includes a center for palliative care "Pallivita Bethanien", the "Placid Hotel", a daycare facility for children "KiTa Bethanien", a conference center and the offices of Diakonie Bethanien.

Diakoniegemeinschaft Bethesda e.V. Wuppertal (DE):

The Diakoniegemeinschaft Wuppertal was celebrating their 130th Jubilee! To find the balance between diaconal work and economics is a challenge. The closing of their Guesthouse was regretful but necessary step.

- **Diakoniewerke in der Schweiz**

6 Motherhouses with about 300 Members, only a few new ones

Kommunität Diakonissenhaus Riehen:

The Sisters have nominated Sr. Claudia Jablonka as the successor of Sr. Doris Kellerhals, who will withdraw from her function as the Sister in charge of the Community in summer 2018.

- **Zendings-Diaconissenhuis Amerongen**

11 Members

Besides inviting people for “quiet weekends” and for people with “grief experience”, the Sisters are involved in outreach to refugees; they offer language courses, small groups and visits at the homes.

In January they had a “New Year’s Feast” for refugees and migrants with 80 adults and 20 children attending.

As the Sisterhood is getting smaller, they are thinking of moving out of their big house. There are plans for the building of a new, smaller house. This means to give up the ministry of Guesthouse.

Basel, January 25th 2017
Sr. Elisabeth Meier