

REPORT FROM THE GROUPS

Please make a short written report from you group including all the members in your group. The report will as a guideline cover the following topics:

- A general overview of your group

The Zehlendorfer Verband für Evangelische Diakonie e.V. is an association of 11 independent protestant sisterhoods and diaconal communities. The job of most communities is the work in the professional care and nursing and in education.

- Celebrations
- Conferences and important meetings

The ZV was well represented by the Evang. Diakonieverein at the Reformation jubilee on the church congress.

In August 2017 a women's festival took place in Wittenberg and was a great success.

- Change in personnel

After a vacancy of one year the place of the pastor at the Ev. Diakonieverein is anew taken again in march 2018.

- New applications for membership
- Challenges of the region

The questions which occupy us urgently:

Sisterhoods have changed in the basic structure during the last years, the profile of the problems has restructured itself, there are not concrete fields of the problems partly any more, new definitions are important.

Strengthening of the diaconal profile in the institutions, where our members work; the question is, how can this work be financed?

Institutions see only the business divisions and transfer the diaconal profile to the communities without granting to them in addition the resources. If our concept does not prove itself, this is the fault of the community. A controlled privation of resources combined with increased expectations. The communities are demanded too much with it.

Are sisterhoods and communities still used? What happens if the cooperation agreements between sisterhoods and the institutions, where we work are discontinued and possible for no more negotiations options? If these are own institutions (for example Hospitals, rest

homes et cet.), profile education is possible, otherwise contracts must be closed so that communities can form this.

How does the sisterhood of the future look or do the sisterhoods have no future? How could development aid look by the ZV? Which models are there? What is helpful?

The legal reorganisation of the nursing occupation in Germany binds many personal and financial resources in committees at state level, so that the situation of the ZV in these aspects is tightened. We intensely help in the creation of the future education in professional care and try to sharpen the diaconal profile in it. In this context the ZV has established a concept in modules for the diaconal-theological education of his members. It should be used specially in our caring- and nursing-oriented sisterhoods.

We work increasingly in:

Who needs us and what do we need?

How can we get again an reliable achievement of the exemption from institutions, where our members work, to participate in events in her communities?

Strengthen the connections of the single members within the ZV

- What do we see ahead?
- Contacts with other organisations

The ZV searches the closer cooperation with the network existential communication and spirituality in the health service for inc. (NEKS).