

## Group: 4

Year 2018 / 2019



### Germany, Kaiserswerther Verband (KWV)

[www.kaiserswerther-verband.de](http://www.kaiserswerther-verband.de)

### Personnel

As the far largest member of DRAE (and of DIAKONIA World Federation) the KWV consists of approximately 70 diaconal communities, motherhouses and diaconal institutions throughout Germany. Altogether around 60,000 people are working within these institutions in every possible diaconal way and round about 10.000 students and trainees. Among these employees there are around 1,600 deaconesses and around 3,000 diaconal sisters and brothers. KWV connects diaconal institutions and communities that have developed from the tradition of deaconess motherhouses. They still promote diaconal ministry as an important task of the church and foster communities of diaconal sisters and brothers.

### Jubilees in 2018 /2019

Several members of KWV celebrates impressive jubilees:

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| 150 years | anniversary of Diakonie Stiftung Salem, Minden   |
| 175 years | April 2018<br>Ceremony commemorating of the Lutheran diaconal work Königin Elisabeth, Berlin   |
| 140 years | July 2018<br>Festive Divine Service of the Neami-Wilke-Stift Guben including a gathering of the diaconal communities in the Eastern Conference |
| 125 years | October 2018<br>Festive Event for the 125 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Olga Sisters Deaconess Motherhouse in Stuttgart                     |
| 175 years | 19 May 2019<br>Founding anniversary of the Deaconess Institution in Dresden, presided by Bishop Dr. Carsten Rentzing                           |

## Issues/Concerns/Impediments/Challenges

As diaconal communities become smaller and smaller, diaconal institutions of KWV seek other ways to preserve at least the spirit of deaconesses within their businesses. With great success some of them offer a diaconal basic course for employees, in eleven cities for example Dresden, Kaiserswerth and Stuttgart. For me, this shows that there is still interest in learning more about diakonia and the Christian call to it – but people hesitate to commit themselves to a community with certain rules. But in a way they also form a kind of community and I wonder whether DIAKONIA/DRAE should try to find ways in including these people as well.



### France: Communauté des Diaconesses de Reuilly (CDR)

[www.diaconesses-reuilly.fr](http://www.diaconesses-reuilly.fr)

## Personnel

CDR is a community of monastic life rooted in Protestantism. Through meditation and praise, they try to live the Gospel after Christ. Founded in 1841 by Caroline Malvesin and Antoine Vermeil, the institution Deaconess Reuilly was recognized as a public utility since 1860. She took after the 1901 Act, the form of an association. By decree dated 24 November 2009, it became a Foundation whose scope covers three areas of intervention.

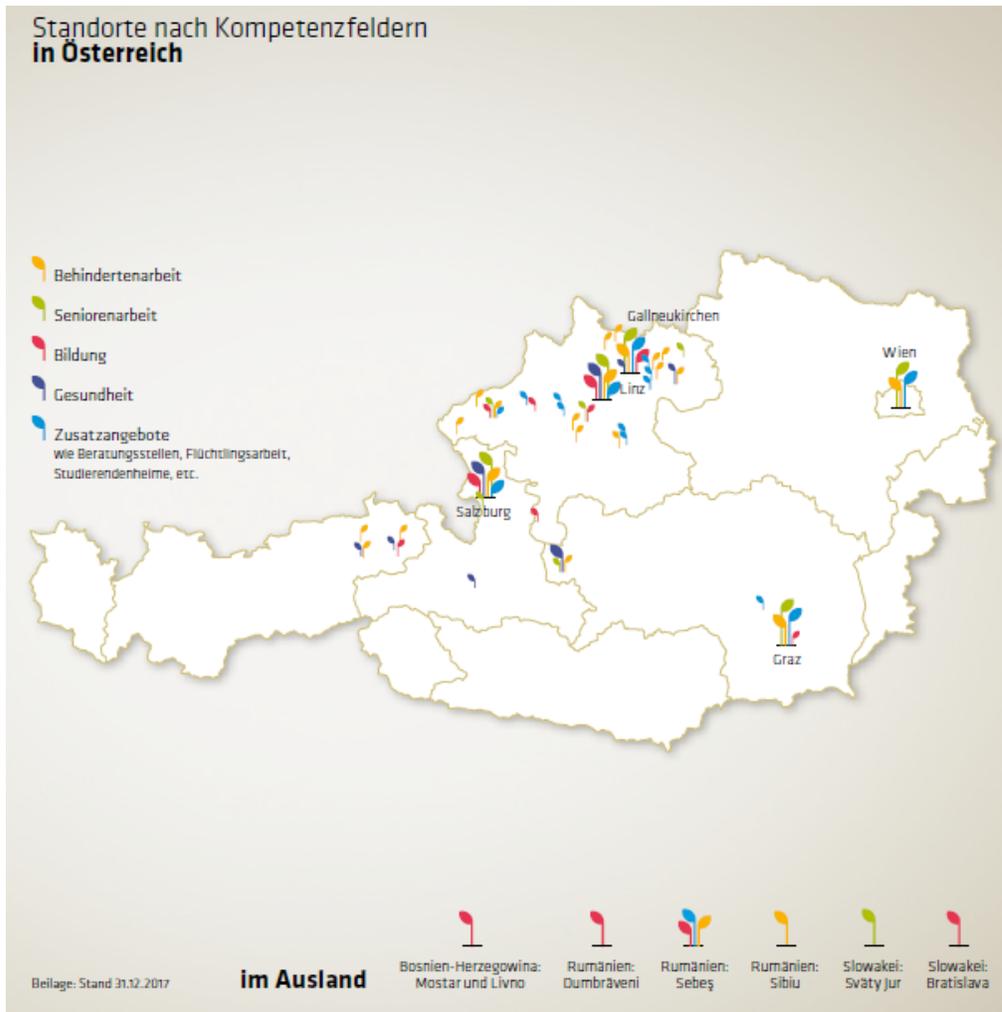
## Jubilees in 2018 / 2019

2. September 2018, Versailles

Prioress Soeur Mireille Golliez speaks during the Assemblée du Désert in commemoration of the persecution of Protestants.

31. October 2018, Versailles

Communauté des Diaconesses de Reuilly celebrates two 50<sup>th</sup> anniversaries of consecration.



Quelle: [Diakoniewerk.at/presse](http://Diakoniewerk.at/presse)

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The institution EDG is a major player in social work in Austria. They concentrated on the work with handicapped, especially mentally handicapped, and elderly people. In 170 institutions, like kindergarden, hospitals and schools, there work more than 3,800 people. Again, the EDG could expand its work during 2016.

Since 2010 all deaconess are living in house "Abendfrieden"

02 Feb 2019 Gallneukirchen

Austrian Federal Chancellor Sebastian Kurz informs himself about the household community model in the senior citizen relates activity of the Lutheran Diaconal Work.

## **Poland: Diakonat Zenski “Eben-Ezer”**

www.diakonat.luteranie.pl

### **Jubilees in 2018**

#### **Events/Celebrations**

In September 2018 was celebrated the 95<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the “Eben-Ezer” Deaconess Motherhouse in Dziegielow.

The motherhouse was founded in 1923 by Pastor Karol Kulisz (Born in Dziegielow on June 12<sup>th</sup> 1873). After World War I he became known as a preacher, as the leader of the pietist awakening movement, as a social activist and as a paatriach. Even as a vicar in Ligołka Kameralna (today in the Czech Republic) the “Betesda” Senior and Nursing Home.

Most of all he was very observant and his heart was sensitive to the misery which appeared in the aftermath of the war. Pastor Kulisz founded the “Eben-Ezer” Charity Work for the abandoned and homeless children as well as for the disabled and the unemployed.

This is what we would like to emphasize in a very special way today when Poland celebrates the centennial of its independence. His greatest wish was to be able to build and to work in a free country. He never asked about confession or ethnicity; he was only interested in the persons’ needs. At the time that the charity was founded, his helpers were women committed in the community, as well as young girls who were then formed to be deaconesses. The beginning was very difficult. There was absolutely no support except one’s faith.

With time, the number of deaconesses increased and they took up new tasks as hospital nurses and chaplains in the hospitals of Cieszyn and Bystra, as well as in kindergardens and parishes.

Dresden, June 2019

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