



Diakoniewerk 

DRAE Reports

Group: 4 Year 2018

Austria: Ev. Diakoniewerk, Gallneukirchen (EDG)

www.diakoniewerk.at

Personnel

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.

Events/Celebrations

- October, 6, 2017; 80th Birthday of Deaconess Helga Sikora

Highlights

<http://www.diakoniewerk.at/de/presstexte-2017-presse-unternehmen/>

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France: Communauté des Diaconesses de Reuilly (CDR)

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 2017

175 years: Founding year

Events/Celebrations

- February is always the month for contemplation. The guest house is closed and there are no meetings of the Foundation. Instead, groups of 8-9 sisters meditated on the rule of our sisterhood for two days.
- May, 2017, Priorin S. Mireille spent 4 weeks with the community of Cameroon in Bafut.

Highlights

Theatre pieces in Paris and Strasbourg because of the 175 Anniversary of Foundation.

Publicity

“Les diaconesses à paysage découverts”

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Germany, Kaiserswerther Verband (KWV)

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 50,000 people are working within these institutions in every possible diaconal way. 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 2017

Several members of KWV celebrates impressive jubilees:

- 160 years: Diakoniewerk Halle
- 160 years: Augsburg, Ev. Diakonissenanstalt
- 150 years: Diakonie Görlitz, Hoyerswerda feiert 150 Jahre Kinderhaus Bethanien und den Beginn der Kinder und Altenarbeit in Görlitz
- 150 years: Hamburg, Ev. Luth. Diakonissenanstalt Alten Eichen
- 150 years: Bremen, Ev. Diakonissenmutterhaus
- 150 years: Bielefeld, v. Bodelschwingsche Stiftungen Bethel
- 150 years: Potsdam, Bethel
- 145 years: Eisenach, Ev.-Luth. Diakonissenhaus-Stiftung Eisenach und Diako Thüringen
- 100 years: Wülfrath, Ev. Diakonissenmutterhaus

Events/Celebrations

- September, 27, 2017; Change of Management KWV, festive service for adoption of KR Dr. Christine-Ruth Müller and introduction of Pfr.in Christa Schrauf, Berlin
- As usual, the members of KWV gathered in four regional conferences. In 2017 the conferences took place in Schwäbisch Hall, Oldenburg and Minden
- May, 3-5, 2017; Leading sisters gathered in Monastery Lehnin
- November, 22-23, 207; Kaiserswerth Association Administrative Directors Conference, Berlin

Highlights

- 550th anniversary of reformation
- October, 24, 2017, opening of the exhibition “Here I stand. Martin Luther, the Reformation and its Consequences” in the Lutheran Deaconess Hospital Leipzig

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.

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Poland: Diakonat Zenski “Eben-Ezer”

www.diakonat.luteranie.pl

Personnel

The Deaconess Motherhouse Eben-Ezer in Dziegiełków, Poland, was founded in 1923. It is the only deaconess motherhouse in Poland. They have close links to the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Poland.

Jubilees in 2017

160 years: Danzing / Genthin, Diakonissenmutterhaus

Events/Celebrations

- May, 2017; Visit in Lodz
- Diaconate tight
- Visit of the Bishop

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