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### Conference No.

62 05 11

### Registration

Please register no later than  
27 November 2011.  
You will receive a confirmation.

### Conference Fees

Conference fee	70,00 €
Full board, single room with shower and WC	170,70 €
Meals without accommodation and breakfast	69,90 €
Additional night with dinner (Arrival on 8 Dec)	65,30 €

VAT is included in all prices.  
Costs for meals not taken  
cannot be reimbursed.

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### Conference Languages

The Conference languages are  
English and German  
(simultaneous translation).  
The participants must speak  
and understand one of  
the two languages.

### Conference Location

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Evangelical-Lutheran Church  
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Christian humanity and tolerance.  
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of sustainability. It is certified  
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### Travel Directions

#### By car

Motorway A8 Stuttgart-Munich,  
exit Aichelberg. Follow the road  
towards Göppingen for about 5  
km.; turn right towards Bad Boll.  
After 300 metres take the  
second entrance on the right  
to the Academy.

#### By rail

Take the train to Göppingen.  
In Göppingen board a Number  
20 bus to Bad Boll (Bus station  
100 m. left from the Railway  
Station), Bus Platform K.  
After about 20 minutes get  
off at the stop: Ev. Akademie /  
Rehaklinik.

#### By plane

Plane to Stuttgart-Echterdingen  
Transfer with Hardy's Taxi  
(+49 7161 950023, within  
Germany 07161 950023)

### Target Group

Representatives of the churches  
in Europe, academic experts,  
scholars and participants  
interested in the dialogue among  
churches on human rights.

### Conference Chairmen

**Rev. Dr. Dieter Heidtmann**  
Programme Director for  
Economic Policies and Ethics,  
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**Rev. Wolfgang Wagner**  
Programme Director for  
Ecumenical Relations and Inter-  
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Academy Bad Boll

**Rev. Matthias Riemenschneider**  
Coordinator Religion and Values  
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### Speakers and Moderators

**Rev. Joachim L. Beck**  
Director, Protestant  
Academy Bad Boll  
**Very Rev. Philaret Bulekov**  
Deputy Chairman, Dept. for Ext.  
Church Relations, Moscow  
Patriarchate

**Very Rev. Vsevolod Chaplin**  
Chairman, Dept. for Church  
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Patriarchate

**Rev. Dr. Arsenij Chernikin**  
Director, Translation Service of  
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**Prof. Dr. Konstantin  
Delikostantis**

University of Athens (tbc)

**Rev. Prof. Dr. Stephanie  
Dietrich**

Co-President, CPCE,  
Diakonhjemmet University  
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**H.E. Metropolitan Emmanuel  
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President, CEC, Ecumenical  
Patriarchate, Paris (tbc)

**Archbishop Feofan**

Diocese of the Moscow  
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Germany

**Rev. Frank-Dieter Fischbach**  
Executive Secretary for Ethical  
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**Prof. Dr. Ingeborg Gabriel**  
University of Vienna

**Prof. Dr. Dagmar Heller**  
Ecumenical Institute Bossey

**Bishop Dr. h. c.**

**Frank Otfried July**  
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**Rev. Dr. Tomi Karttunen**  
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### Mag. Elizabeta Kitanovic

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Evangelical Church Augsburg  
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Swiss Protestant Federation

**Rev. Rüdiger Noll**

Director, CSC of CEC

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University of Strasbourg

**Bishop Porphyrios of Neapolis**  
Representative of the Church of  
Cyprus to the EU (tbc.)

**Prof. Dr. Radu Preda**

University of Cluj

**Very Rev. Philipp Ryabykh**

Representative of the Russian  
Orthodox Church in Strasbourg

**Bishop Martin Schindehütte**  
Evangelical Church in Germany

**Rev. Dr. Johann Schneider**

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**Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Thönissen**  
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# The Christian Understanding of Human Rights – Difficult Questions

Dialogue of the Churches in  
Europe on the Occasion of the  
International Day of Human Rights

9.-11. December 2011

Protestant Academy Bad Boll



In Cooperation with:

Community of Protestant Churches  
in Europe (CPCE)

Conference of European Churches (CEC)  
Moscow Patriarchate

Konrad Adenauer Stiftung e.V.

## The Christian Understanding of Human Rights

After the appalling experiences of World War II, the countries of the United Nations came together on December 10, 1948 and agreed on the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. At the core of this declaration is the foundation of Human Rights on respect for the dignity and the value of each person. Human rights are therefore regarded as universal, inalienable and indivisible.

From a Christian understanding, human dignity and human value are based on the Covenant of God's faithfulness to his people, as well as of his love for the world. In the light of this Covenant the churches get involved when human dignity is trampled on and when fundamental rights are disregarded. In acting so, the churches are motivated by the firm conviction that the entire "oikoumene", the whole inhabited earth is destined to live in the peace of the Lord according to God's plan of Salvation.

Nevertheless the ecumenical dialogue in recent years showed some diverse positions on the understanding and application of the human rights concept. This is a dialogue that is also influenced by different theological and cultural approaches. The conference in Bad Boll will provide an opportunity for an ecumenical exchange on the Christian understanding of Human rights. It shall as well pave the way for joint activities of the churches in Europe to protect human dignity and human value in the challenges of today's world.

The Conference will provide the opportunity to participate in the farewell service for Rev. Prof. h. c. Manfred Wagner in Reutlingen on Saturday.

Cordial invitation to the Protestant Academy Bad Boll.

Rev. Dr. Dieter Heidtmann  
Rev. Matthias Riemenschneider  
Rev. Wolfgang Wagner

## Friday 9 December 2011

- 9:00** **Welcome**  
Director Joachim L. Beck
- 9:15** **Churches and Human Rights**  
H.E. Metropolitan Emmanuel of France (tbc)  
Archbishop Feofan  
President Rev. Dr. h. c. Thomas Wipf  
Moderator: Rev. Wolfgang Wagner
- 10:30** **Coffee/Tea**
- 11:00** **Human Rights from Confessional Perspectives**  
Very Rev. Vsevolod Chaplin  
Prof. Dr. Ingeborg Gabriel  
Prof. Dr. Stefan Tobler  
Buzz groups and Plenary debate
- 13:00** **Lunch**
- 14:30** **Concepts of Human Rights**  
Very Rev. Philaret Bulekov  
Prof. Dr. Konstantin Delikostantis (tbc)  
PD Dr. Frank Mathwig  
Plenary Discussion  
Moderator: Rev. Dr. Tomi Karttunen
- 16:00** **Coffee/Tea**
- 16:30** **Human Dignity and Human Value: Theological Perspectives**  
Prof. Dr. Dagmar Heller  
Very Rev. Philipp Ryabykh  
**Human rights in relation to state and nation**  
Very Rev. Vsevolod Chaplin  
Dr. Peter Krömer
- 17:15** **Discussion in groups**  
Moderation: Rev. Dr. Dieter Heidtmann and Rev. Dr. Johann Schneider
- 18:30** **Dinner**
- 19:30** **Human Rights and Morality**  
An Evening Talk with  
Rev. Dr. Arsenij Chernikin  
General Bishop Milos Klatik  
Prof. Dr. Elisabeth Parmentier  
Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Thönissen (tbc.)  
Moderator: Rev. Donald Watts (tbc)
- 21:00** **Evening Prayer**
- 21:15** **Social Evening at the Café Heuss**

## Saturday 10 December 2011

- 8:00** **Morning Prayer**
- 8:20** **Breakfast**
- 9:00** **The Joint Commitment of the Churches for Human Rights Freedom of Religion and Freedom of Conscience**  
Bishop Dr. h. c. Frank Otfried July  
Bishop Porphyrios of Neapolis (tbc.)  
Bishop Martin Schindehütte  
Rev. Alexander Vasyutin  
Moderator: Mag. Elizabeta Kitanovic and Rev. Matthias Riemenschneider
- 10:30** **Coffee/Tea**
- 11:00** **Economic and Social Rights**  
Prof. Rev. Dr. Stephanie Dietrich  
Mr. Vakhtang Kipshidze  
Prof. Dr. Radu Preda  
Working Groups, followed by a feedback to the plenary  
Moderator: Rev. Wolfgang Wagner and Rev. Frank-Dieter Fischbach
- 13:00** **Lunch**
- 14:30** **Transfer to Reutlingen**  
Opportunity to visit the Christmas Fair
- 16:00** **Worship Service in the Marienkirche Reutlingen**  
Rev. Prof h. c. Manfred Wagner
- 17:00** **Reception**  
**19:30** **Transfer to Bad Boll**  
**20:30** **Arrival in Bad Boll**  
Social Evening in the Café Heuss

## Sunday 11 December 2011

- 8:20** **Breakfast**  
(for those who will not join for the Eucharist)
- 9:00** **Worship (Divine Liturgy)**
- 10:00** **Coffee break with breakfast**
- 10:45** **Perspectives for Joint Action How to Advocate for Human Rights**  
Mag. Elizabeta Kitanovic  
**Proposals for Joint Activities from the Saturday Sessions: Next steps in the dialogue**  
Very Rev. Vsevolod Chaplin  
Prof. Rev. Dr. Stephanie Dietrich  
Rev. Rüdiger Noll  
Moderator: Rev. Dr. Dieter Heidtmann
- 13:00** **End of the Conference with Lunch**

## The Christian Understanding of Human Rights

Registration: 9.-11. December 2011 Conference No. 62 05 11

Title  Ms  Mr

Name, first name	
Street (private)	
Postcode, Town (private)	Country (private)
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### Name and address of your home church

Name	
Street	
Postcode, Town	Country
Date of arrival	Date of departure

I will travel by  car  public transport  plane

SR with shower/WC, full board  DR with shower/WC, full board

I would like to share the room with:

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Meals without accommodation and breakfast

I need a room which is handicapped accessible

Profession\* \*voluntary information

Date of birth\*

Date, Signature

I would like to sign up to the Email-Newsletter "Themenüberblick"

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