

COUNTRY LIVING WITH A SOCIALLY SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

Contributions of a socially conscious Church towards sensible living conditions in European country areas.

Profound changes have seriously affected country life. Hardly any gainful employment is to be found in farming any more: those who remain on the land are obliged to travel considerable distances to work, school, musical or sports events, cultural activities – even to church or social services. What is it like to “grow old” in the country nowadays, especially when the children and grandchildren don’t live nearby? Those who depend upon the support of others have difficulty accessing social services. These people include the handicapped, refugees or migrants seeking care, poor or disadvantaged people. Local public transport is “uneconomic” and therefore unavailable!

These and other challenges are left to charitable and pastoral care in rural areas – not only in Germany but in other European countries. How may rural living areas be developed in future with pressing social needs in mind? How may a welfare conscious church contribute toward socially viable, rural living conditions in the immediate future? How are the benefits of the welfare state to reach European rural areas in the future?

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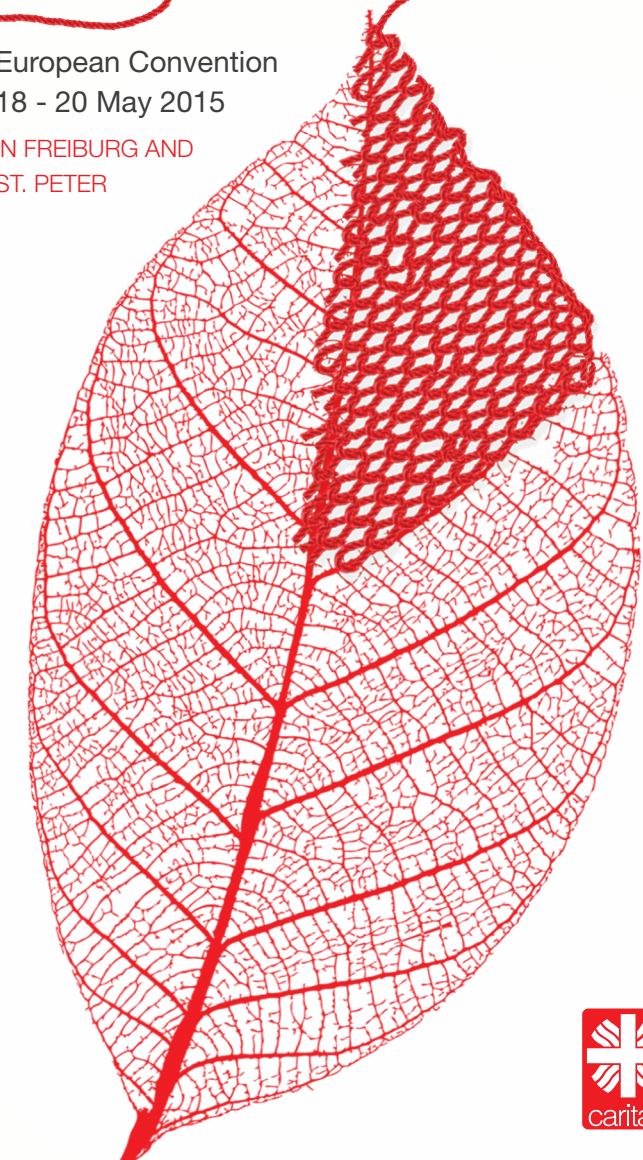
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LOCATION



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14:00	Welcome / Introduction Dr. Eugen Baldas
14:15	Role-play: "My village and me." Intro- ducing the Convention concepts.
15:00	How social patterns and poverty came to be in the country. Prof. Dr. Stephan Beetz Mittweida, Saxony
16:00	Coffee break
16:30	Greeting Dr. Peter Neher, Prelate President of the German Caritas Association
16:45	World Café Round table discussions with instructors
18:00	Dinner
19:00	European Insights: Pastoral social welfare challenges in the countryside. Wolfgang Scharl Würzburg, President of firmac Jorge Nuño Mayer Brussels, General Secretary of Caritas Europa

TUE

9:00	Introduction to the day
9:05	Results and ramifications of the study, "The Ecclesiastical Presence in Coun- try Districts – A comparison of practical projects in the Protestant Church" Prof. Dr. Eberhard Hausschildt Bonn
9:45	Socio-political stance regarding the future for country districts Prof. Dr. Georg Cremer General Secretary of the German Caritas Association Nicole Podlinski KLB, Chairperson
10:30	Coffee break
11:00	Panel Discussion: On German Caritas' 2015 Annual Campaign: stadt.land.zukunft.de Moderator: Barbara Fank-Landkammer German Caritas Association
12:00	Introducing this afternoon's Workshops
12:30	Lunch
13:30 - 15:00	Workshops address the subject: "Confronting challenges – what makes life in the countryside viable or worth living – what are the difficulties that must be overcome?"
15:30	Coffee break
16:00	Departure to St.Peter
17:00	Country life locally Practical experience and insights into projects in St. Peter Black Forest
18:00	Holy mass in St. Peter's Abbey Church
from 19:00	Dinner and cultural evening in St Peter

WED

9:00	Pick-up from yesterday
9:05	Coming to grips with social realities in the countryside: Towards a New Social Order in the Church Prof. Dr. Martin Lörsh Trier
9:40	Challenges for volunteers and staff in leadership position within caritas and pastoral care in the countryside. Prof. Dr. Richard Hartmann Fulda
10:30	Coffee break
11:00	Roundtable discussion: Summari- zing impressions on the Theme
11:30	Expressions from: Katharina Knierim KLB Prof. Dr. Udo Schmälzle Münster and from Convention attendees Moderator: Dr. Klaus Ritter
12:00	Closure and farewell
13:00	Lunch, followed by departure

