

NIEDERALTAICH ABBEY...

... is an ideal venue for the conclusion of our Erasmus+ project »sustainable preaching«, after two years of intensive exchange. For its part, the Abbey - like the Orthodox Academy of Crete - is a role model with supra-regional appeal in matters relating to the preservation of creation and sustainability. Located in the heart of the diocese of Passau, it has been actively involved in the dialogue on spiritual approaches to current challenges for many years and mediates between theology, science and politics. Church services in the Byzantine rite and icon painting courses represent a closely practised connection between the Eastern and Western churches and thus become a complementary ecumenical accent within the framework of our project.

Niederaltaich Abbey is located on a section of the free-flowing Danube with lively riparian forests opposite the mouth of the Isar, the »Bavarian Amazon«. The surrounding landscape invites you to experience this beauty - mindfulness for creation and for an inspiring togetherness come naturally.

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REGISTRATION

LOCATION

Benedictine Abbey of St Mauritius, Niederaltaich

<https://www.abtei-niederaltaich.de/gaeste-tagungshaus>

COST PER PERSON

15. - 17.04.2024

Single room incl. all meals: 180,00 Euro

Double room incl. all meals: 160,00 Euro

Not included are the costs for travelling etc.

Upon application (informal), students and vicars can be granted a subsidy.

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PREPARATION AND MANAGEMENT

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The number of participants is limited for capacity reasons.

THE CONFERENCE LANGUAGE IS ENGLISH.

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IN HESSEN UND NASSAU





INVITATION

Come along - and stay part of our Erasmus+ project **»sustainable preaching«**! The conference at the Orthodox Academy on Crete in September 2023 is behind us, but memories, the encounters there and the intensive exchange have encouraged us to organize another conference as part of the project.

It is the concluding conference and yet is intended to be the beginning of something new that could already be surmised on Crete: The meeting of hopeful or even longing younger and older adults, Eastern and Western church faith and women and men from different European countries will help to rediscover Christian spirituality as a source of strength for climate protection, the preservation of creation and other current challenges.

Our conviction, reinforced once again by our experience on Crete, is that living networks to protect the climate and preserve the diversity of planet Earth and its beauty are only possible on this basis!

We would like to look at the »how« with you - as new or newly arrived participants - in Niederaltaich: How does effective action arise from Christian responsibility! We look forward to your approaches and ideas ...

Your

Dr. Hubert Meisinger, ZGV of the EKHN
Katerina Karkala, Orthodox Academy of Crete (OAC)



PROGRAMME

We have put together a varied and inspiring programme for you. The conference once again offers space for a European-ecumenical experience - community and acceptance of the ecological challenges!

- **MONDAY, 15.04.24**

Arrival in the afternoon
Executive Board meeting

18.15 Uhr Dinner

Elements in the evening

- Greeting and getting to know each other („Raison d’Être“)
- Preliminary reflection on the objectives and challenges of the days together

- **TUESDAY, 16.04.24**

Daily motto: »Where do we come from, where are we going?«

There is an inspiring element in every encounter! Coming from a „you-world“, a „face-to-face“, it is important to rediscover this abundance. In this way, the preservation of creation can be experienced anew as fulfilment and not as an exhausting duty.

Elements of the morning

- Introductory presentations:
 - The role of church services and monasteries in the church’s educational mission
Johannes Hauck OSB, Niederaltaich
 - Holistic approach as an essential feature of the preservation of creation
Antonis Kalogerakis, OAC, Greece
 - Plenary discussion

Lunch break

Elements of the afternoon and evening

- Impulse:
 - The role of religious approaches in the rejection or the acceptance of climate change
Klaudia Balog-Takács / Sámuel Balog, Budapest
- Exchange of experience in small groups
- Compilation and discussion of the results in plenary session

- **WEDNESDAY, 17.04.24**

Daily motto: »What do we want, what should we do?«

Preserving the integrity of creation challenges us. It invites us to be active - how can this be achieved in spiritual worship and everyday life?

Elements of the morning

- Spiritual impulse
- Workshop:
 - How can we prepare a „green“ bible study?
Understanding the basic concepts of ecohermeneutics, and writing a draft for a sermon / bible-study.
Dr. Tamás Kodácsy, Sárospatak
- Exchange of experience in small groups
- Conclusion in plenary session
- Travelling blessing

Lunch together and departure