

SEPTEMBER IN GERMANY

Every fall folks from both the Indiana-Kentucky and Ohio Conferences are invited to participate in the UCC Forum, sponsored by the Church Synod of Westphalia in Germany. A theme for the symposium is selected by our German partners and we respond with a presentation addressing their theme. The discussions are stimulating, and the friendships created are deepened by our shared experiences.

The UCC Forum this fall will take place at the wonderful Conference Center Haus Villigst near Schwerte, south of Dortmund. The working theme is “Making Room,” exploring the opportunities and challenges of changing congregational worship and mission. Our own Conference Minister, Chad Abbott, will present a paper, reflecting his perceptions regarding this theme in relation to our conference.

The Forum begins on Friday, September 6, ending Saturday afternoon. Our participants usually spend the weekend in various church communities in Westphalia, with optional travel available. This fall we would like to organize a trip to Berlin before returning to the States. We now need to know if there are folks in the conference who would like to explore the potential of an organized trip, to the Forum and to Berlin. Contact John Krueger, 317-467-1529, or john_krueger425@comcast.net, to express your interest or for more details.

POSSIBLE SCHEDULE

Leave Indianapolis September 4 for Dusseldorf, arriving September 5

Participate in UCC Forum September 6-7

Hosted in Westphalia churches and communities, September 7-9

Train from Bielefeld to Berlin the morning of September 10

Flights home from Berlin September 14

COSTS

Using Delta Vacations offer, round trip air, 4 nights at Berlin Indigo at Alexander Platz:

\$2,646 per couple with travel insurance

Contact Debbie Hanauer, Grueninger Travel Service, 260-482-8251