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INVITATION TO THE

EKvW/UCC Forum 2027

GERMANY PARTNERSHIP

Spiritual Practices in a Time of Fracture

April 25 – May 10, 2027
Germany

We warmly invite you to join us for the EKvW; UCC Forum 2027 in Dortmund, the heart of the Ruhr area.

In a time marked by political and social division, uncertainty, and growing fractures within our societies and churches, we will explore together how spiritual practices can help us remain grounded, connected, and hopeful.

As the Protestant Church of Westphalia (EKvW) and the United Church of Christ – Heartland Conference and Indiana-Kentucky Conference – we share a long-standing partnership. The Forum offers a space for emcounter, honest conversation, mutual learning, and fellowship.

Together we will talk about – and experience – spiritual practices such as prayer, worship, Scripture, silence, music, community, and more, and seek ways to live out our faith and partnership in a fractured world.

TRIP DATES AND CONTACT EMAILS

Dates: April 25 – 29: Tour
April 30 – May 1: Forum
May 2 – 4: Stay with Host Families
May 5 – 10: Kirchentag

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FORUM HIGHLIGHTS

FRI APR 30

- Guided city tour of Dortmund
- UCC Forum begins: keynote addresses and panel discussion on "Spiritual practices in a time of fracture"
- Stories and update portions, church partnership
- Evening prayer
- Brewery evening or "Dancing into May"

SAT MAY 1

- Morning devotion
- Workshops on spiritual practices
- Worship service in St. Petre Church
- Closing of the Forum (3:00 p.m.)

Registration: Please fill out our planning survey: UCC Forum 2027 – Registration and Planning



DORTMUND
GERMANY

After the UCC Forum, **we will attend and** participate in the German Protestant Church Congress **(Kirchentag)** from **May 5 – 9, 2027.** You can find all the information here: https://www.kirchentag.de/en/

We look forward to welcoming you to Westphalia!