

We invite you to the upcoming conference

## Empowering Mutually: Advocacy, Charity, Spirituality

The aim of this international conference is to bring various concepts of diaconic work worldwide into dialogue and reflect their position in the field of *advocacy, charity, and spirituality* from different contexts. The focus is on where and how forms of work and cooperation can lead to mutual enrichment and shared learning. Experts from diaconic institutions all over the world and representatives of diaconic science will report on current challenges and professional developments at their institutions. Students and alumni from the international MA Diaconic Management will present their research and respond to these questions:

- What is the role of human rights approaches in diaconic work?
- How are individuals, churches and communities empowered through diaconic work?
- What are the transformative aspects in diaconic work in different contexts?

## Programme

Time	Programme, Friday 12 May 2017
Arrival and Snacks	
10:00 am	<b>Welcome</b> Johanna Will-Armstrong, vBS Bethel, and message from Ulrich Lilie, President Diakonie Deutschland
10:10 am	<b>Devotion</b>
10:30 am	<b>Empowering Mutually: Advocacy-Care-Spirituality – Perspectives from Brazil</b> Speaker: Wanda Deifelt, Brazil
11:00 am	<b>Empowering Mutually: Advocacy-Care-Spirituality – Perspectives from Tanzania</b> Speaker: Stephen Munga, Tanzania
11:30 am – 11:45 am	<b>Coffee break</b>
11:45 am	<b>Empowering Mutually: Advocacy-Care-Spirituality – Perspectives from the Philippines</b> Speaker: Muriel Montenegro, Philippines
12:15 pm	<b>Learning Experiences from International Academic Programmes</b> Speakers: Martin Büscher, IDM and Angelika Veddeler, UEM
12:45 pm	<b>Overview of recorded questions observations</b>
1:15 pm – 2 pm	<b>Lunch break (Assapheum)</b>
2 pm – 2:45 pm	<b>Podium: Responses to the questions, reaction to the observations</b>

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2:45 pm – 3:45 pm	<b>WORKSHOP I</b> <b>Impulses from Alumni</b> of the International MA Diaconic Management
3:45 pm – 4 pm	<b>Coffee break</b>
4 pm – 5 pm	<b>WORKSHOP II</b> <b>Impulses from Alumni</b> of the International MA Diaconic Management
5:15 pm	<b>Observations and conclusions</b>
5:45 pm	<b>Closing words</b> Volker Martin Dally, UEM

Diner and informal get-together

For international guests there will be a programme around the conference:

- May 10** Arrival
- May 11** Insights into Diaconia in Germany
- May 13** Seminar with the lectures
- May 14** Service and farewell

## Speakers

### Dr Wanda Deifelt

Professor of Religion at Luther College, Decorah, Iowa, USA. Brazilian Theologian, educator, human rights activist, writer, Pastor

### Dr Muriel Montenegro

Professor of Feminist, Theology, Silliman University, Dumaguete, Philippines

### Dr Stephen Munga

Bishop, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania, North Eastern Diocese, Lushoto, Tanzania

### Dr Johanna Will-Armstrong

Deputy Chair of the Management Board, vBS Bethel

### Rev. Volker Martin Dally

General Secretary of the UEM, Wuppertal

### Rev. Janine van Wyk

Alumna, MA Diaconic Management, Research Assistant and Doctoral Candidate, IDM

### Tioria Sihombing

Alumna, MA Diaconic Management, Research Assistant and Doctoral Candidate, IDM

### Rev. Jenny Purba

Alumna, MA Diaconic Management, Doctoral Candidate, IDM

### Rev. Mathilde Umuraza, Rwanda

Alumna, MA Diaconic Management, Research Assistant and Doctoral Candidate, IDM

### Rev. Amnpony Godwin, Ghana

Student of MA Diaconic Management, Development and Relief Agency, EPC

### Kenneth Hui Fung Ku, Hong Kong

Student of MA Diaconic Management, China-Dolls Centre for Rare Disorders, Beijing, China

## Patronage

### Dr Ulrich Lilie

President of the Social Service Agency of the EKD, Berlin

## Responsible

### Prof. Dr Martin Büscher

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### Prof. Dr Beate Hofmann

Chair of Diaconic Science  
and Diaconic Management, IDM

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Head of the Public Relations Division  
and Commissioner for Ecumenism, vBS Bethel

### Rev. Matthias Börner

Head of the UEM Training Centre Bielefeld-Bethel

### Angelika Veddeler

Head of the Department Germany,  
UEM Wuppertal

## Fees

Conference Fees: **50 Euro** (25 Euro students)

Accommodation in nearby hotels: **70 Euro per night**

## “New major hardships require newer, bolder ideas”

(Friedrich von Bodelschwingh, Bethel)

In a globalised world, internationalisation-processes determine not only the economic environment, but also the settings of diaconia: people's social situation is increasingly influenced by global phenomena. Labour migration and refugee movements worldwide as well as the relocation of production facilities to countries with lower wage levels are examples of developments with an impact on people's lives. New challenges and needs are arising, presenting new challenges to the diaconic work of the churches. Global exchange and international diaconic cooperation are becoming more important.

## “The international exchange sharpens our view”

(Anneth Munga, Lushoto, Tanzania)

During the past years, international trainings and exchange programmes in diaconia have been established in cooperation between the v. Bodelschwingh Foundations Bethel (vBS Bethel), the Institute for Diaconic Science and Diaconic Management (IDM), Protestant University Wuppertal/Bethel, and the United Evangelical Mission (UEM). Their aim is to foster competencies for diaconic work in view of global developments. The perception of international diaconia is changing national perspectives. Diaconia worldwide can and must benefit from international experiences and concepts.



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## INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM Empowering Mutually: Advocacy, Charity, Spirituality

Date: 12 May 2017  
10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Location: Assapheum, Bethelplatz 1  
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