



## 3<sup>rd</sup> European Conference of Churches in rural areas

11. – 13<sup>th</sup> of October 2023

Breklum, Germany

The countryside as a place for working and living is increasingly attractive especially for many young people. The growing awareness of the necessity to develop a more sustainable lifestyle fits well with the possibilities rural areas can provide. During the 3rd European Conference of Churches in rural areas we want to highlight the resources that local congregations and the church in total can contribute to a good and healthy life. The churches in rural areas have a lot to give to society:

- *Human resources*
- *Economical resources*
- *Cultural resources*
- *Resources due to a lot of buildings*
- *Resources to be inclusive*
- *a lot more....*

## *The countryside as a resource?*

*Christian, philosophical and cultural perspectives*

We will ask:

What do people in the countryside need?

How can we make ourselves as churches more attractive in rural areas?

Excursions to different local projects will be part of the conference.

Delegations from Denmark, Germany, England, Sweden, Poland and other European countries will learn from and with each other.

**Above all: We want to empower each other, pray, sing and think beyond our cultural borders...**



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## Program

### Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> October 2023

11 AM	Arrival and refreshments
12.30 PM	Welcome and introduction of delegations
1.45 PM	Keynote “Christian faith as a resource – and from a European perspective”, <i>Sr. Dr. PD Nicole Grochowina, University of Erlangen</i>
4.15 PM	Keynote “Who are the people who live in the countryside and why do they live there?”, <i>Associate professor Pia Heike Johansen, University of South Denmark</i>
6 PM	Dinner
7.30 PM	Presentations of European Delegations – Church life in rural areas
9 PM	Evening Prayer

### Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> October 2023

7.30 AM	Breakfast
9 AM	Morning prayer in the church
9.45 AM	Keynote “General introduction into the theory of resonance”
10.30 AM	Keynote “The countryside as a better place for resonance!?” <i>Prof. Hartmut Rosa, University of Jena</i>
12.00 PM	Lunch
2 PM	Excursions
6 PM	Dinner
7 PM	Evening prayer
7.30 PM	Keynote: “Resources in the countryside: Countryside – paradise or boring like hell?” <i>Prof. em. Viggo Mortensen, University of Aarhus</i>
9 PM	Concert

### Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> October 2023

7.30	Breakfast
9.00	Morning prayer
9.45	Keynote: “How can we make ourselves more attractive in the rural area?” <i>Bishop Marianne Gaarden, Lolland-Falsters Stift</i>
11.15	Evaluation “What do we take home?”
12.30	Lunch and departure

#### Conference fee:

220 Euro (including board and lodging / single room)

The conference language is English.

*If your church is not able to finance your participation, please contact us. We will try our best to help you!*

#### Registration:

Please register for the conference here: [info@christianjensenkolleg.de](mailto:info@christianjensenkolleg.de). Since we have limited places available apply as soon as possible!

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You can reach the conference centre by train to Bredstedt station, then 2 km by taxi (+49 4671 1425) to the conference centre. The nearest airport is Hamburg Airport.