



Ich bete für meine Kirche 2019

September 15 to 21

Nuremberg District

When you have done it for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you have done it for me. (Matthew 25:40 CEB)

Change of perspective needed

Feeding the hungry, giving the thirsty something to drink; visiting the sick; giving clothes to the needy: done that. I've never taken in a complete stranger - only friends of my children who I didn't know at first. Nor have I been visiting in prison. Even so, "four to two". Not bad really, is it?

But it's not a case of some kind of performance record here. It's about how I live my life. Do I have eyes for the people who have no access to or have been deprived of the basic things in life? Do I have eyes for those with limited material and physical resources? Do I have eyes for them or do I perceive them at all? Do I accept it as my challenge to help these people? Do I accept that I should share my talents and possibilities in order to help others to live their lives? Am I willing to forego? To forego having unlim-

ited time to myself? To forego my material advantages, my social safeguards that prevent my own downward fall? To forego my standing if I spend time with people who don't bring me forward or to the top, who have nothing to offer and can't pave the way for me?

Christ says: "It is with these people that you will find me". If you are looking for Christ, if you are following Christ, you will find Him and yourself with these people. Time for a change of perspective!

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WE GIVE THANKS

- for the lunch clubs, garment hand-out facilities and cafés;
- for the Bethanien diaconal foundation and the Martha Maria diaconal work that offers care for people in all situations and circumstances;
- for pastoral ministry, for grief counselling and for support when things go wrong.

WE PRAY

- for the new church being founded this October in Bamberg. We pray for ideas and people to implement them, we pray for liberated minds, for open hearts and doors;
- for unity among those who follow Christ, and for unity in our church here in Germany and worldwide;
- for the upcoming changes and talks ahead of us on our journey after the General Conference.

Nuremberg District

The 25 circuits in the Nuremberg District are comprised of 43 churches. Altogether nearly 6200 Methodists belong to the district which is made up of cities, conurbations and rural regions in Bavaria and North Württemberg. It brings together a positive mix of innovation and tradition. Work to found a new church community will begin this October in Bamberg.

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