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Reutlingen School of Theology

People will come from east and west, north and south, and sit down to eat in God's kingdom.
(Luke 13:29 CEB)

Heavenly integration

Sitting down to eat in God's kingdom?! I must admit, this wasn't necessarily one of my dreams when I was growing up. But meanwhile this wonderful prospect has become one of the greatest hopes and joyful anticipations in my life. And I won't be alone with Jesus there. Although that would be quite nice: "Dinner for One with Jesus". But the number of those attending this heavenly feast (the Greek even talks about "lounging") will be inestimably large. What a gigantic banquet that will be! And like many people, I'll be so glad that Jesus will be with us, bringing us together in such a glorious community! They will be coming from all points of the earth under heaven.

They are already among us, the people from east and west, from north and south. The only difference is,

we're not yet in God's perfect kingdom, in heaven. This is why the people from all corners of the earth bring more than just unalloyed joy. There are many problems and challenges. But there is something else as well, and this is the main thing: Jesus' promise that his kingdom will integrate people from all over the world, regardless where they are from, how they think, live, feel - and even believe. We can and should already live this fact as far as possible, because our future host is already with us and in our midst now in the present.

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I GIVE THANKS

- that more people are studying at the RST than for many decades, with many of them coming from all corners of the earth.
- for the excellent collaboration and spirit of trust among the colleagues, those in the management bodies of the universities and those dealing with the students.

I PRAY

- for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in the question of setting up a further course which majors on "Theology and Social Work".
- for direction in planning the corresponding construction work.
- for academically and spiritually suitable candidates to take up the various professorships during the next few years.

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