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LWF Thirteenth Assembly 2023

The Lutheran World Federation (LWF) will hold its Thirteenth Assembly from 13 to 19 September in Krakow, Poland. The host Evangelical Church of the Augsburg Confession in Poland (ECACP) has organized pre- and post-Assembly visits, as an opportunity to learn about the historical context of ECACP, its work in society including the contribution to peace and reconciliation, and about the country's rich history. The visits are open to all assembly participants.

The itinerary includes the church's diaconal work in parishes and local communities, ECACP's collaboration with the LWF in supporting refugees from Ukraine and Poland's historical sites.

The cost for each package or 'Option' includes local travel, accommodation and meals.

A magnifying glass with a wooden handle is positioned over a map, focusing on the text 'Pre- and Post-Assembly visits'. In the bottom right corner, a camera lens is visible, with 'SOLIGOR WIDE-AUTO' and 'No 17140447' printed on it. The map background shows various geographical features and the word 'MISSOURI' in large letters.

**Pre- and Post-
Assembly visits**

WELCOME TO POLAND

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Southwestern Poland



Option A

The Lutheran Church in southwestern Poland – – Peace and reconciliation

The places you will visit reveal the complex history of the Silesian microcosm: a melting pot of nations, cultures, religions and languages. It is an opportunity to witness how a minority church plays an important role in society by doing good among the people and actively co-creating good spaces.

Visitors will meet with representatives of parishes and diakonia work in Wrocław and Świdnica, and facilitators of projects implemented in collaboration with the LWF in its global response to the needs of those who fled from the war in Ukraine. The list includes the Four Denominations District in Wrocław, a unique place with four houses of worship in close proximity for Protestants, Catholics, Jews and the Orthodox.

These are a few of the many interesting and beautiful places that serve different people, ranging from kindergarten children and children with disabilities, to senior citizens, parishioners, tourists and refugees. Visitors can also take in the beauty of the historic Holy Trinity Church of Peace in Świdnica, a UNESCO World Heritage site.

Option A1

Pre-Assembly

**Kraków – Katowice – Wrocław – Świdnica –
Jelenia Góra – Bytom-Miechowice – Kraków**

Dates 9-12 September 2023

Cost

EUR 572 per participant. The estimate is based on a group of 20 participants, the amount may increase if the number of participants is lower. The fee includes:

- English-speaking guide
- 3 nights' accommodations with breakfast
- Meals (4 dinners and 3 lunches, bottled water)
- Admission tickets
- Airport transfers
- Transportation (comfortable bus)

Registration: up to May 26. through the LWF registration form. Signing up requires 15% of prepayment. You will be directly contacted via email when you declare your participation. Cancellation: no costs cancellation till June 30.

Schedule

09.09.23

Arrival in Kraków, transfer to hotel, check in, dinner

10.09.23

- Breakfast and departure for Wrocław
- Participants join worship in Katowice congregation and visit the parish
- Travel to Wrocław, visit the parish and the Four Denominations neighborhood
- City tour of Wrocław and visit to the Cathedral Island
- Conclude the day with a boat trip on the Odra River
- Dinner and overnight stay in Wrocław

11.09.23

- Breakfast followed by a visit to the Diakonia and Integration Center of LWF Poland (Fundacja LWF w Polsce) including discussions on the church's social commitment
- Excursion to Lower Silesia and visit to the Holy Trinity Church of Peace in Świdnica (UNESCO World Heritage site)
- Drive to Jelenia Góra Cieplice and visit to project for refugees from Ukraine
- Return to Wrocław, dinner, and overnight stay in Wrocław

12.09.23

- Breakfast at the hotel, then check out
- Drive to Kraków for accommodation in the hotel or Assembly hostel (depending on the prearrangements with LWF)
- Visit the Integration Center of LWF Poland in Bytom-Miechowice, and learn about the children's home „Ostoja Pokoju” and the community's activities
- Visit the miners' quarter Nikiszowiec, and lunch
- Afternoon drive to Krakow for dinner and accommodation in the Assembly hostel

A2



Southwestern Poland

Option A2

Post-Assembly

**Kraków – Wrocław – Świdnica –
Jelenia Góra – Kraków**

Dates

20-22 September 2023

Cost

EUR 375 per participant.

The estimate is based on a group of 20 participants, the amount may increase if the number of participants is lower.

Registration: up to May 26. through the LWF registration form. Signing up requires 15% of prepayment. You will be directly contacted via email when you declare your participation. Cancellation: no costs cancellation till June 30.

The fee includes:

- English-speaking guide
- 2 nights' accommodations with breakfast
- Meals (2 dinners and 2 lunches, bottled water)
- Admission tickets
- Airport transfers
- Transportation (comfortable bus)

Schedule

20.09.23

- Breakfast followed by departure for Wrocław
- Visit the Wrocław Lutheran congregation and neighborhood of the Four Denominations
- Lunch followed by a visit to one of the Integration Centers run by LWF Poland, and discussion about the church's social commitment
- A city tour of Wrocław and visit to the Cathedral Island
- Conclude the day with a boat trip on the Odra River
- Dinner and overnight stay in Wrocław

21.09.23

- Breakfast at the hotel and check-out
- Excursion to Lower Silesia: Visit to the Peace Church in Świdnica (UNESCO World Heritage Site)
- Drive to Jelenia Góra Cieplice and visit project for refugees from Ukraine
- Drive to Krakow for dinner at the hotel and overnight stay

22.09.23

Breakfast at the hotel, check out and transfer to Krakow airport





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Cieszyn Silesia



Option B **The Lutheran Church in Cieszyn Silesia –** **– One of a kind**

Lutherans live in a relatively small area in Cieszyn Silesia. It is one of a kind not only for its beautiful mountainous region in the Beskids with nature reserves, but above all, its people, known for the expression “As tough as a Lutheran from Cieszyn.”

There are many places with a rich history and ongoing development waiting to be discovered: Bielsko, with the only Luther monument in Poland; Cieszyn, the oldest town in Poland, with the largest Lutheran congregation; and Dziećielów, where ECACP runs its Center for Mission and Evangelism and the only deaconess institution in the country. In all these places and others, you will see how the local congregations actively support refugees from Ukraine and the collaboration with LWF in this work. These green, familiar and spiritually special places are open to all. Come and see for yourself.

Option B1

Pre-Assembly:

**Kraków – Bytom-Miechowice – Gliwice –
Pszczyna – Bielsko – Cieszyn –
Dzięgielów – Zabrze – Kraków**

Dates 8-12 September 2023

Cost

EUR 550 per participant. The estimate is based on a group of 15 participants, the amount may increase if the number of participants is lower. The fee includes:

- English-speaking guide
- 4 nights' accommodations with breakfast
- Meals (4 dinners, bottled water)
- Admission tickets
- Airport transfers
- Transportation (comfortable bus)

Registration: up to May 26. through the LWF registration form. Signing up requires 15% of prepayment. You will be directly contacted via email when you declare your participation. Cancellation: no costs cancellation till June 30.

Schedule

08.09.2023

Arrival in Kraków, transfer to hotel, check in, dinner

09.09.23

- After breakfast, departure for the Lutheran congregation in Bytom-Miechowice
- Visit the Integration Center of LWF Poland and learn about the children's home „Ostoja Pokoju” and about the community's activities
- Drive to Gliwice and visit the Lutheran congregation project for refugees supported by the LWF
- Visit the old town in Gliwice and a famous radio station
- Dinner and overnight stay in Zabrze/Katowice

10.09.23

- After breakfast, travel to Pszczyna for worship in local congregation, and visit the castle
- Departure for Bielsko and visit to one of the Integration Centers of LWF Poland and other projects for refugees from Ukraine
- Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight stay in Zabrze/Katowice

11.09.23

- After breakfast, travel to Cieszyn and visit the largest Lutheran congregation in Poland and learn about how it works in the local environment
- Visit the Old Town in Cieszyn, a city divided between two countries: Poland and Czech Republic
- Travel to Dzięgielów and visit the Center for Mission and Evangelism, and discuss a project: Church on the Web
- Meeting with the Diaconate Eben Ezer in Dzięgielów
- Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight stay in Zabrze/Katowice

12.09.23

- After breakfast, visit the “Queen Luiza” Mining Heritage Park in Zabrze
- Drive to Kraków for accommodation in the hotel or Assembly hostel (depending on the prearrangements with LWF)

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Cieszyn Silesia

Option B2

Post-Assembly

**Kraków – Bytom-Miechowice – Gliwice –
Pszczyna – Bielsko – Cieszyn –
Dzięgielów – Zabrze – Kraków**

Dates

20-23 September 2023

Cost

EUR 495 per participant.

The estimate is based on a group of 15 participants,
the amount may increase if the number of participants is lower.

Registration: up to May 26. through
the LWF registration form. Signing
up requires 15% of prepayment. You
will be directly contacted via email
when you declare your participation.
Cancellation: no costs cancellation
till June 30.

The fee includes:

- English-speaking guide
- 3 night's accommodation with breakfast
- Meals (3 dinners, bottled water)
- Admission tickets
- Airport transfers
- Transportation (comfortable bus)



Schedule

20.09.23

- After breakfast, departure for Bytom-Miechowice Lutheran congregation
- Visit the Integration Center of LWF Poland and learn about the children's home „Ostoja Pokoju” and the community's current activities
- Drive to Gliwice, visit the Lutheran congregation and its LWF-supported project for refugees from Ukraine
- Visit the old town in Gliwice and a famous radio station
- Dinner and overnight stay in Zabrze/Katowice

21.09.23

- After breakfast, travel to Pszczyna and visit the castle
- Departure for Bielsko to visit one of the Integration Centers of LWF Poland and other projects for refugees from Ukraine
- Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight stay in Zabrze/Katowice

22.09.23

- After breakfast, travel to Cieszyn and visit the largest Lutheran congregation in Poland and learn about how it works in the local environment
- Visit the Old Town in Cieszyn, a city divided between two countries: Poland and Czech Republic.
- Travel to Dziegiełów and visit the Center for Mission and Evangelism, and learn about a project: “Church on the Web”
- Meet with the Diaconate Eben Ezer in Dziegiełów
- Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight stay in Zabrze/Katowice

23.09.23

- Breakfast at the hotel, check out and transfer to Krakow airport



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