

What is it?

The “Global Young Reformers Network” is a global network of young, creative Lutheran people (approximately 18yrs to 30yrs old) who want to shape the life of the Lutheran church.

This program is facilitated by the Lutheran World Federation and created *by* young people, *for* young people. As we journey towards the 500th anniversary of the Lutheran reformation in 2017, we want to empower young people to be engaged in all aspects of church and communion life.

The Global Young Reformers Network will show what it means to be an “ecclesia semper reformanda” – a church in on-going reformation!



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Reflect-Connect-Act

Empowering Young People to be Reformers

Using social media, we will create a global network of youth to build relationships and dialogue among members of the LWF. We want to discover what it means to be Lutheran and Christian in a religiously pluralistic context. We encourage young people to participate in church and community life.

In observance of the 500th Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation the Global Young Reformers' theme is

“Freed by God’s Love
to Change the World”

In virtual and face-to-face encounters, delegates representing 142 member churches will meet, share, learn and work together. Connecting with active young people on local levels worldwide, we will share thoughts and ideas and support each other in “living reformation” projects.

On the way to 2017

2014 | Virtual process: Establish the Network, Online Catechism, Virtual Conference on Reformation Day

2015 | Wittenberg Conference of the Global Young Reformers

2015-2017 | Living Reformation Projects in all LWF churches

2017 | Local, regional and global presentations during Reformation Commemorations

Ways to Connect With the Network

All young members of the Lutheran church worldwide are invited you to take part in the Network. We offer social networking, virtual conferences, online working groups and much more.

Every LWF member church is asked to endorse two young reformers that will have a special role to coordinate and connect the young reformers in their church. They will network with young people in their church.

The brand-new Website www.youngreformers/lutheranworld.org and an App for Smartphones “LWF Young Reformers” will be available.

The Wittenberg Conference

22 August to 4 September 2015
Wittenberg, Germany

This global encounter will bring together 142 young reformers and a dozen of theology students from all LWF member churches. During a two-week program, they will share and learn, work on the themes and decide together on local and regional follow ups as “Living Reformation Projects”. They will also visit parishes in the hosting Evangelical Lutheran Church of Central Germany and social-diaconal projects.

Budget:

Estimated cost per participant: 2500€ (based on 150 participants)

Minimum participation fee per person asked from the sending church: 500€

How can you help?

- Spread the news and encourage young leaders in your church to join the Network
- Give space to hear from the young reformers in your church
- Support the Wittenberg Conference, e.g. with sponsoring one young participant from another church or top up your participants minimum fee to 1000-2000€

Regional Steering Group Members:

Central Western Europe: Ms Julia Braband (Evangelical Church in Central Germany)

Central Eastern Europe: Mr Gints Graudiņš (Evangelical Lutheran Church of Latvia)

Latin America and the Caribbean: Ms Carolina Huth (United Evangelical Lutheran Church, Argentina)

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