

Greeting from State Premier Dr. Reiner Haseloff for the Global Network of Young Reformers



The Reformation was of global significance. It characterized the history of faith and ideas of the centuries that followed. That is why the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther's publicizing his 95 Theses, which we will mark in 2017, is of international importance. Saxony-Anhalt, that understands itself particularly as Luther country, is intensively preparing for this anniversary, focusing particularly on the Luther memorial sites in Eisleben and Wittenberg. UNESCO has listed them as World Heritage sites, which underlines the significance of this historical upheaval at the beginning of the Modern Age.

The Global Network of Young Reformers constitutes a very important facet in the series of events and projects taking place in the current Luther decade. Young people will be responsible in their turn for passing on the Reformation legacy so that it bears fruit in every generation. Your global network impressively demonstrates that the Reformation can bring together people of different peoples and cultures, and heighten their feeling of responsibility for our one world. With your initiative, you are setting a good example to very many people.

My particular thanks go to The Lutheran World Federation for having initiated this project. It has given young people the world over an opportunity to communicate with one another and to meet in 2015 in Wittenberg – the place where this great intellectual and spiritual movement came into being. I am quite certain that your gathering will deepen the conviction of all participants that we absolutely must recall and reflect on our common heritage. Historical awareness and strength of faith are two fundamental factors in the formation and preservation of the human character. It is great that you are taking up these challenges!

The Luther City of Wittenberg and the State of Saxony-Anhalt are delighted to be your hosts.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Reiner Haseloff". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dr. Reiner Haseloff
Premier of the State of Saxony-Anhalt