



HOUSE OF ONE

THREE RELIGIONS. ONE HOUSE.

Newsletter 10/2023

Dear friends of the House of One,

375 years ago, the Peace of Westphalia was concluded. Thirty years of war and devastation lay behind the people of Europe. The five-year negotiations achieved something that had not been thought possible: the former adversaries joined hands, and a sustainable peace order was established.

The world today is in danger of becoming unbalanced. What can we learn from the experience of several hundred years and carry it into our own time? How can we overcome conflicts? What role can religions play in this?

Looking back is extremely informative. It is especially useful for understanding the interreligious peace work that the House of One has begun in Berlin and does with its partner projects in Tbilisi, Georgia, Bangui, Central Africa, and Haifa, Israel. How can this work be continued in terms of content and method, namely as a highly professional art of peace, as it was in Westphalia almost 400 years ago.

Our Christian and Muslim partners from the Central African Republic have repeatedly and with great courage exemplified the peacemaking power of religions in the long-standing conflicts in their country. They will tell of this at an international conference in Osnabrück this week.

To draw attention to such extraordinary people, we have launched the House of One Peace Prize. With this award, we want to honor people who stand up for the coexistence of people of different religions in a special way. The first award winner was Bishop Malkhaz Songulashvili from Georgia, who is leading in an admirable way when it comes to defending the rights of minorities - be they Yazidis, Jews, Muslims or even LGBTQ people - in Georgia and the Caucasus region.

Another event shows how many bridges are growing between different communities in Germany. Together, Berlin's Muslim Cultural Week and the Jewish Festival of Resilience invited our podcasters for a live recording of "331 - 3 Women, 3 Religions, 1 Topic" this week.

You can learn more about this and all the other events in this newsletter.

May peace be with you!

Your House of One Team



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Preview



Interreligious Podcast live from the Sukkah

Berlin's Muslim Culture Week and the Festival of Resilience have jointly invited our podcasters: Rebecca Rogowski (Judaist), Kübra Dalkilic (theologian) and Maike Schöfer (pastor) will record an episode live from the Tabernacle set up on the occasion of the Jewish Feast of Tabernacles in Berlin-Kreuzberg. And what could be more apt than to talk about "What is my Heimat - and is there only one?" one day after the anniversary of Germany's reunification.

When? Oktober 4th, 7 pm

Where? Gelbe Villa in 10965 Berlin-Kreuzberg

More information and registration [here...](#)



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Religion's Peace Force

The international conference "The Peace of the Future" in the German town Osnabrück has invited, among others, Imam Abdoulaye Ouasselegue and Pastor Clotaire Siribi from our partner project in the Central African Republic. These representatives of the **Maison de la Paix et des Religions** in the capital Bangui will speak about "The interreligious force for peacemaking". Marie-Noelle Koyara, once Minister of Defense and now President of the National Council Active Nonviolence of the African state, will reflect on "Rethinking Peace and Security" at the opening event on Thursday.

When? Thursday 5th and Friday 6th, October

Where? University of Osnabrück

More information and registration [here ...](#)



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Prayer with our ancestors in mind

How did people live in the early years of Berlin? What did they believe? How did they organize togetherness?

Our Christian founding parish St. Marien-Friedrichswerder has invited archaeologist Claudia Melisch to City Prayer to tell us about it. Melisch, an expert on medieval Berlin, has led the excavations on Petriplatz for years and is currently back at work securing more traces of our ancestors there on the construction site of the House of One.

Pastor Michael Kösling will provide the liturgical framework together with organist Xaver Schult and a vocal ensemble under the direction of Marienkantorin Marie-Louise Schneider.

When? Thursday 12th, October 6 pm

Where? Marienkirche on Alexanderplatz, 10179 Berlin



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Tales of Creation

God is the creator of heaven and earth. This belief unites the Abrahamic religions. And beyond that? In our monthly event "Lesezeichen" (Bookmarks), Rabbi Andreas Nachama, Imam Kadir Sanci and Pastor Michael Kösling (standing in for Gregor Hohberg) take a look at the holy scriptures of their respective religions. They enter into conversation with each other - and with the audience. How are the stories similar and how do they differ? Your questions are very welcome.

When? Tuesday 17th, October at 6.30 pm

Where? Forum Dialog, Mohrenstraße 34, 10117 Berlin

Please registrate at info@house-of-one.org



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Our House of One-Box

On the construction site of our multi-faith house in the heart of Berlin, the House of One-Box has been open to visitors since June. An exhibition on the genesis of the project and the work of the foundation invites everyone who wants to learn more about our peace work.

The House of One-Box is open every Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday from 2 to 5 pm.

We look forward to your visit at Petriplatz in Berlin-Mitte. [More...](#)

