

Dear Friends of the House of One,

The Month of May was very busy for us. There will also be some events coming up in June, further details can be found in this newsletter. But firstly, we would like to give you an impression on what was going on in the past weeks.

# Review

#### Young House of One, 11.-28. Mai

In cooperation with the FEZ-Berlin (Center for Children and families) and the architects of *raumlabor* we developed the project *Young House of One*. Children and teenagers with diverse social and religious backgrounds discussed the ideas of the House of One in different workshops on the Petriplatz.



On a few days the worshop space was open for the public and especially during the "Kirchentag" we welcomed many visitors.

#### House of One Garden

The House of One Garden has been planned for many months and just in time for the Young House of One project, we were able to realize it. Kuehn Malvezzi Architects and the landscape architects from atelier le balto designed a garden with the motto "Growing the House of One". The planted fields leave the spaces open that shape the footprint of the future building. This way, it is possible to envision the dimensions of the House of One already today. We have planted strawberries, raspberries and potatoes (amongst others), so we will start harvesting soon.

# House of One on the World Exhibition in Wittenberg, May 20 – September 10

On occasion of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, the World Exhibition in Wittenberg opened its doors on May 20.

The House of One presents itself with a pavilion, designed by our architects from Kuehn Malvezzi Berlin. The central room of the future building has been built model-like with wood in 1:1 scale. Thus, a version of the central room of encounter is already visible and can be experienced by the visitors of the World Exhibition.

On the opening day, we were honored to welcome the President of the Federal Republic of Germany, Mr. Steinmeier and the Minister of Interior of the Federal Republic of Germany, Mr. de Maizière.



In case you are travelling to Wittenberg before September 10, we would like to invite you to our pavilion – on the weekends House of One staff member Kristin Bohner welcomes you.

### House of One at the Kirchentag (Church Day)

This year's *Kirchentag* took place under the motto "You see me" – and the House of One could be seen at different locations: we had a stand at the Market of Innovations next to St. Mary's Church where we had a photobox that allowed visitors to take photos next to the House of One. We would like to thank Sharingbox for their support!

We also offered workshops on the Petriplatz with the Young House of One.



The highlight was the interreligious service on the evening of May 25 in St. Mary's Church with Pastor Hohberg, Imam Örs, Rabbi Nachama, Rev. Jage-Bowler and Imam Kobine Layama from the Republic of Central-Africa.



### Conference "Responsibility of Religions for Peace"

On May 22, the Federal Foreign Office organized the conference "Responsibility of Religions for Peace". Some representatives of the House of One were invited by Foreign Minister Gabriel to attend the opening event. It was very impressive to meet again with our project ambassador Prof. Dr. Malkhaz Songulashvili, Metropolitan Bishop of Tbilisi, Georgia and Imam Kobine Layama, who is in charge of our partner project "House of Peace" in the Republic of Central-Africa.

Together with the clerics and other representatives from Bangui, the GIZ and from the German Parliament, we organized several workshops for the "House of Peace Bangui". Imam Kobine was also elected Project Ambassador for the House of One.



# **Events**

### Lunch Prayer, International Garden Exhibition, Berlin, June 20 12noon

The International Garden Exhibition in Berlin (IGA) organizes daily lunch prayers from 12:00 to 12:30. On June 20, Pastor Hohberg, Imam Sanci and Rabbi Nachama will jointly hold the prayer.

### World Exhibition in Wittenberg

Until September 10, the House of One is participating in the World Exhibition with a unique pavilion (see above).

On June 26 at 5pm there will be a celebration of Eid ul-Fitr, which marks the end of Ramadan. There is no need to register and it is free of charge.

With kind regards, Team House of One