



# HOUSE OF ONE

THREE RELIGIONS. ONE HOUSE.

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## Dear Friends of the House of One,

Over the past month, the terrorist attack of Christchurch has cast its shadow. Fifty people died because they wanted to pray in a mosque. "The world is trapped in a vicious circle of extremism that produces even more extremism. This must end. We cannot do this alone. The answer lies in our humanity," said Jacinda Ardern, New Zealand's Prime Minister, during the funeral service two weeks after the multiple murder. A meaningful message.

Hate is destructive no matter from which direction it comes. To counter this hatred, whether it appears as anti-Semitism, Islamophobia, Christian hatred or under any other name, the people in the House of One also see this as their central task. Encounter, dialogue and trust are the paths we have chosen to take for this purpose. "We - Jews, Christians and Muslims - stand side by side, because all people, regardless of what they believe, are part of a human family", said Pastor Gregor Hohberg during the prayer for peace on 20 March 2019

in Berlin, to which we had invited in memory of the victims and those left behind by the assassination of Christchurch. Defending humanity requires all of you. We cannot do this alone.

Further news from the House of One's work can be found in this newsletter. This week for example we invite you to the event "What unites us humans?" with the philosopher and bestselling author **Wilhelm Schmid, Wednesday, April 10**, in Berlin. Learn more below.

Enjoy reading!

Your House of One Team

Of course we continue to be happy about your contribution to peace - in the form of [symbolic stones for the House of One](#).

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## Review

### Peace prayer for Christchurch

Five days after the assassination attempt in New Zealand, the House of One invited to an interreligious prayer for peace in the Parochial Church in Berlin. No candles were lit in the austere, unadorned room, and instrumental music was also dispensed with as muslim tradition demands. Only from the tower of the church the glockenspiel with "Oh Haupt voll

Blut und Wunden" sounded at 6 pm. As soon as the music had stopped, Imam Kadir Sanci, Rabbi Andreas Nachama and Pastor Gregor Hohberg appeared before the sixty or so people who had gathered to commemorate and comfort each other. Safiyye Aydin, a visitor, said it was very relieving that other religions showed sympathy. "We share the grief. And if we share the sorrow, it will become less", said the young Muslim woman to Deutsche Welle. [More...](#)



Rabbi Andreas Nachama, Imam Kadir Sanci and priest Gregor Hohberg

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**Cardinal Nzapalainga at the House of One:** Together with Imam Layama Kobine and the Protestant pastor Philippe Sing-Na the two other leaders of the great religions in the Central African Republic, Cardinal Dieudonné Nzapalainga visited the House of One, whose project ambassadors are also the clergy. For years the clergy have been working together for peace in their country, which has been repeatedly shaken by armed struggles. In Berlin, the

House of One mediated talks with politicians such as the Federal Commissioner for Religious Freedom, Markus Grübel (CDU), State Secretary Dr. Maria Flachsbarth (SPD) in the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development or the organisation of a parliamentary breakfast in which parliamentarians of almost all parliamentary groups took part. [More...](#)

### **Thanks to entrepreneur Catherine Dussmann**

Catherine von Fürstenberg-Dussmann has actively supported the work of the House of One over many years - and has besides that delighted employees and guests at events with one or the other song contribution. All the more reason to regret Dussmann's decision not to support the interreligious work of the House of One any further at the moment. "We would like to thank you for the long period of trusting and beautiful cooperation," said Roland Stolte, Administrative Director of the Foundation. [More...](#)

### **Berlin leaves building site to House of One for one euro**

At the beginning of March, the Senate decided to give the House of One Foundation the building plot in the heart of the capital for a symbolic annual ground rent of one euro for 99 years. In addition, the Governing Mayor Michael Müller (SPD) has promised to chair the future Board of Trustees of the Foundation. "With this decision, the Senate acknowledges the great importance of the House of One," said Senator of Culture Klaus Lederer (Die Linke). "It will stand as a worldwide role model for tolerance, openness, successful dialogue and constructive coexistence of religions in a pluralistic city. The contract is currently being drawn up. [More...](#)

### **Arabic - Door opener to muslim culture**

The House of One Foundation has expanded its interreligious education work to include Arabic lessons as part of its dialogue mandate. So far, the two Arabic teachers, who have been working since November, offer weekly language classes to pupils of the 5th and 6th grades of the Evangelische Schule Berlin Mitte (ESBM). Language is an important entrance to humans as well as to religion. [Mehr...](#)

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**Next event in our series**  
**"House of One invites..."**

Mittwoch, 10. April um 19 Uhr:

**... Philosophen Wilhelm Schmid**

The three clergymen of the House of One discuss with the art of living philosopher and best-selling author Schmid what unites us people within and outside religious communities in the search for the happiness and meaning of life that is common to them.

The discussion takes place at Berlin-Saal, 2nd floor of Zentral- und Landesbibliothek Berlin, Breite Straße 30-36 in Berlin Mitte.

Entrance is free of charge - donations are very welcome.

Please register under [info@house-of-one.org](mailto:info@house-of-one.org).

**Next event in our series**  
**"House of One as guest at ..."**

In this series, 2019 multi-religious prayers or worship services will take place in liturgical hospitality at places of the three religions. The House of One invites all those interested to get to know the religious traditions of its three founding congregations.

**... Marienkirche**

Wednesday, April 17th, 6.30 p.m.

On the eve of Maundy Thursday, the congregation of St. Petri-St. Marien together with the Anglican congregation St. Georg and the Church of Sweden invites you to attend

the old Christian ritual of washing your feet. [Mehr...](#)

The protestant Marienkirche is located on Karl-Liebknecht-Straße at the foot of the television tower on Alexanderplatz in Berlin-Mitte.

Please register under [info@house-of-one.org](mailto:info@house-of-one.org).

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## Save the dates

### **GUIDED TOUR INTO MEDIEVAL PETRIPLATZ**

The archaeologist Claudia Melisch will show you the last part of the last Petri church, completed in the 19th century, hidden under the sidewalk and take you back in time to the history of the five houses of worship that were built and destroyed here one after the other. The journey will take us to the medieval city when the Petrikirche was the centre of Cölln, one of the two parts of the later twin city Berlin-Cölln.

**When?** Friday, May 3rd, 5 p.m.

**Meeting point?** Petriplatz vis-à-vis Caprihotel, Berlin-Mitte

**Please register under [info@house-of-one.org](mailto:info@house-of-one.org).**

### **DAY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

Nationwide, urban development funding shows how they help to design urban space in order to make it worth living for its inhabitants. The House of One has also benefited from urban development funding and is therefore inviting everyone interested to learn more

about the building project on this day. Our architects answer questions about construction progress, architecture or talk about the challenges of constructing a sacred building together with three clients of different religions. The exposed foundations of the Petri Church can also be inspected for the last time.. [Mehr...](#)

**When?** Saturday, May 11th, 2 to 5 p.m.

**Meeting point?** Petriplatz at the corner of Scharrenstraße, 10178 Berlin

## **SUMMER PARTY 2019**

On 15 June 2019, we invite you to the summer party in the garden of the Flußbad Berlin - NOT on Petriplatz, which is now a construction site. In addition to music from various traditions or a programme for children as well as food and drink, you can find out about the work of the House of One.

**When?** Saturday, June 15th, 1 to 6 p.m.

**Where?** Garden of the Flußbad Berlin at the Spree channel near the European School of Management and Technology (ESMT). Just continue Friedrichsgracht along the canal bank in direction of the rebuilt castle.

**Come and celebrate with us!**

## **LONG NIGHT OF RELIGIONS**

The summer festival in the evening will pass into the Long Night of Religions, in which the House of One participates again this year. You can find out more about the programme on our website shortly.

**When?** Saturday, June 15th, 6 to 9 p.m.

**Where?** Friedrichsgracht 53, 10178 Berlin

**For better planning please register under [info@house-of-one.org](mailto:info@house-of-one.org).**

## **FIRST STONE LAYING ON 14 APRIL 2020**

With large drilling machines, excavators and also partial excavations, we have been working towards laying the foundation stone for 2020 at Petriplatz since this spring. On 14 April, the anniversary of the world premiere of "Nathan the Wise" in Berlin, we want to lay the first stone of the House of One framed by a festival. [More ...](#)

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**With kind regards,**

**Your House of One-Team**

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