

## INVITATION

Since approximately two decades there has been an ongoing debate in Germany concerning the use and conversion of sacred spaces. In other European countries this debate has an even longer tradition. Despite numerous activities of diverse stakeholders one has not yet come much further with regard to lasting results. This is due to the complexity of the issue, but also has to do with a lack of methodological expertise in this field.

The Bonner Seminar of Liturgical Science concerns itself for some time now in cooperation with various other stakeholders on this issue. The book "Der sakrale Ort im Wandel" has just been published by us and documents two colloquia which were held in in 2013. The knowledge gained in recent years will be incorporated into a larger research application. The direct preparation of the project will be in the form of a symposium which will be held from January, 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> 2016 in Bonn, to which we cordially invite you, titled „Stakeholder synergies surrounding sacred space. Convergence of multi- and transdisciplinary approaches concerning sacred space sustainability“.

With this letter we would like to inform you about the possibility to actively participate at this conference. It is possible to make a poster presentation (Din A2). Here you can present your research, organisation, or project with a special focus on the topic of the future of sacred space. Concretely this can encompass a specific case,

for instance a reused church, or a concept to preserve churches. Special attention should be given to the cooperation with other stakeholders, as well as the difficulties and opportunities which can be experienced in this cooperation. Here the focus lies on mutualities and differences in the issue of the future of sacred space, as well as the question how the differing interests can be bundled.

We once again would like to ask you, if you have not done so already, to confirm your participation, preferably by Email to Kim de Wildt: [kdewildt9@gmail.com](mailto:kdewildt9@gmail.com). If you have any questions please contact Kim de Wildt.

Kindest regards,

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