

Appendix - Links to the monasteries

Cooperatives as "Future Impulse" in and with Monasteries

I Co-operatives as successors to monasteries

- o Schlehdorf: Co-haus Schlehdorf Monastery (Missionary Dominican Sisters)
- o Schlehdorf: Kloostergut cooperative
- o Rheda-Wiedenbrück Monastery (Franciscans)
- o Neusatzek Monastery (Missionary Dominican Sisters)
- o Wessobrunn Monastery Estate (Benedictines)
- o Ilbenstadt Monastery

Cohaus Monastery Schlehdorf



The **Missionary Dominican Sisters** sold the convent to the WOGENO Munich, a cooperative for self-managed, social and ecological living

<https://cohaus-schlehdorf.de/>

Monastery Estate Schlehdorf-Cooperative



The cooperative leased 50 hectares of grassland with a carp lake and an Icelandic horse farm, the farm building, and the former dormitory of the Missionary Dominican Sisters (2012) and later bought it (2021).

<https://kloostergut-schlehdorf.de/der-ort/>

Rheda-Wiedenbrück Monastery



The place of faith (Franciscan monastery) becomes in 2020 a place of civic engagement (monastery cooperative): Building, guest house and monastery garden.

<https://www.engagiert-in-nrw.de/kloster-wiedenbrueck-mit-leib-und-seele-engagiert>

<https://kloster-wiedenbrueck.de/>

Neusatzeck Monastery



The Neusatzeck Monastery of the Missionary Dominican Sisters will become the "Monastery Oasis" in the form of a monastery cooperative with housing, seminars, surgeries and agriculture.

<https://www.kloster-oase.de/>

Wessobrunn Monastery Estate



The former Benedictine monastery of Wessobrunn is facing a turnaround. The municipality commissions the "Maro Genossenschaft" to renovate the monastery buildings and build 44 flats and an art and culture centre in the monastery grounds in return for a ground lease.

<https://www.merkur.de/lokales/weilheim/wessobrunn-ort377060/maro-uebernimmt-das-klostergut-in-wessobrunn-91707290.html>

<https://www.maro-genossenschaft.de/maro/genossenschaftsmodell-mitmachen/>

Ilbenstadt Monastery



OEKOGENO wants to create affordable, barrier-free housing that is accessible to all with a new cooperative building

<https://www.oekogeno-swh.de/das-projekt/>

Hörbranz Monastery



The "Kloster 3000" association was supposed to lead the Salvatorian monastery and grounds into the future with a "monastery cooperative". A municipal investor, the Feldkirch real estate development company ZM3, intervened ..

<https://www.kloster-se.at/kloster-3000/>

<https://vorarlberg.orf.at/stories/3123306/>

II Cooperatives as part of monastic management

- o St. Lambrecht Monastery, biomass heating power plant (Benedictine monastery)
- o Ettal Monastery, show dairy (Benedictines)
- o Neustift Monastery (Augustinian Canons Regular)
- o Reutberg Monastery Brewery - largest cooperative without monastery participation
- o Monasteries abroad - missionary cooperatives

St. Lambrecht Abbey



Together with 15 farmers, the Benedictine Abbey has been operating the "Naturwärme St. Lambrecht", the "Bio-Masse-Heizwerk-Genossenschaft", since 1992.



<https://www.stift-stlambrecht.at/gemeinschaft/wirtschaft>

[https://austria-forum.org/af/Wissenssammlungen/Essays/Religion/Stift St. Lambrecht Nachhaltigkeit](https://austria-forum.org/af/Wissenssammlungen/Essays/Religion/Stift_St._Lambrecht_Nachhaltigkeit)

Ettal Monastery

Cheese dairy cooperative



The cooperative "Schaukäserei Ammergauer Alpen eG" was founded jointly by milk suppliers in the region and the monastery of Ettal. In addition, the monastery forest area is affiliated with the hunting cooperative.



<https://www.kloster-ettal.de/betriebe/schaukaeserei/>

<https://www.schaukaeserei-ettal.de/>

<https://www.die-tagespost.de/aktuelles/forum/ettal-kloster-mit-brautradition-art-69282>

II Cooperatives as part of monastic management

Neustift Monastery, Brixen



Neustift Monastery is the founder (1961) and member (1964) of the "Wine Producers' Cooperative" WPG Brixen-Neustift, which processes and distributes the grapes delivered.

<https://www.kloster-neustift.it/stiftskellerei/geschichte/>

St. Ottilien Monastery



Monastery with biogas plant and modern energy concept - involved in a regional energy cooperative.

www.energievision-eg.de/

Reutberg Monastery

Brewery Cooperative eG



Reutberger Kloster-Biere
Klosterbrauerei Reutberg eG
Bodenständig - Echt - Gut



The Reutberg monastery brewery has been a cooperative since 1924, operating the monastery brewery of the Franciscan nuns and farmers from Sachsenkam and Reichersbeuern with 5,200 members.

<https://klosterbrauerei-reutberg.de/>

Missionary cooperatives

and development cooperatives



Some of the religious congregations founded in the 19th century (Franciscan missionary societies) or monasteries (e.g. Benedictus Missionary Cooperative of St. Ottilien) have founded missionary cooperatives in other countries or cooperate with MISEREOR, ADVENIAT, cooperative associations such as GEPA or FAIRTRADE and the DGRV.

With the help of the Kath. Landjugendbewegung Freiburg (KLJB), the International Rural Development Service (ILD) in cooperation with the "Social Service Society" of the diocese of Nalgonda, India, several rural cooperatives were established in the period after 1983

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- Young Farmers Rural Development Society
Young Farmers Rural Development Cooperative
- Farmers' Cooperatives in Nalgonda (FFA) with 876 members
- Mother Teresa Cooperative Society for Rural Development (MTRDS)
with now over 6,000 members in about 600 mostly women's groups



ADVENIAT

reports on cooperatives founded by church congregations and grassroots communities. "Fundacion Familia Salesina", a church-based agricultural cooperative, also sells the organic products through its radio station "Salinerito" and thus improves the income of small farmers.

Christian Worker Movement - CWM Uganda

Ernst Bodenmüller, Reutlingen, has been working in Uganda since 2009 with groups that grant micro-credits in a cooperative-like structure

<https://www.kab-drs.de>

DGRV supports cooperatives in South Africa, India, Latin America, Mexico

With the support of the Federal Ministry for Development Cooperation, the DGRV supports numerous cooperative projects, e.g. also a school competition "*Walk for a dream through cooperatives in schools*", which trains 30 schools in 3 provinces with around 900 pupils and 100 teachers in cooperative work.

<https://www.dgrv.de/walk-for-a-dream/> <https://www.dgrv.de/indiens-erster-raiffeisen-markt/>

III Ecclesiastical "cooperative" banks

Banking activities have been part of the tasks of confraternities, orders and monasteries since the Middle Ages.



▪ Confraternities as banks

Locally operating, permanent, i.e. institutionalised associations with predominantly religious - including charitable - functions - Own banking activities: Redistribution of money or goods in the care of the poor and sick, or customers of other banks (money-lending and money-depositing) - With permeable borders to the guilds.

- **Göttingen Georgs-Kaland** - multiplication of donated money on the local capital market - religious purpose: care for the souls of the founders and all deceased persons
- **Monti di pieta** (today: Monte dei Paschi) = "compagnia" = brotherhoods with banking functions - founded as a Christian alternative to Jewish pawnbrokers from 1462 - 1550, mostly by Franciscan Observants (also Marian, Corpus Christi and Sacramental brotherhoods) in cooperation with city governments, hospitals and individual princes: Small loans for people in need against pledge or moderate interest rate (around 5 %) - Supply of members (communal debtors, alms recipients) with money (or goods in kind, seeds, interest-free dowry) - Payment of an interest rate to lenders (pension) - Competition with churches, hospices, private banks.

Since 1917, church "credit cooperative banks" have offered their services with a social-ethical claim as an expression of an economy of solidarity

ACREDOBANK

Bank for Orders and Mission (Idstein)

Bankhaus Schelhammer & Schattera (Austria)

BBE: Bank im Bistum Essen eG (Essen)

BKC: Bank für Kirche und Caritas eG (Paderborn)

DGM: Evangelische Darlehns-Genossenschaft eG (Münster)

DKM: Darlehnskasse Münster eG (Münster)

EDG: Evangelische Darlehns-genossenschaft eG (Kiel, Berlin)

EKK: Evangelische Kreditgenossenschaft eG (Protestant credit cooperative)

KD: Bank für Kirche und Diakonie eG (Duisburg)

LIGA Savings and Credit Cooperative eG

LKG: Landeskirchliche Kredit-Genossenschaft Sachsen eG (Dresden)

Oikokredit: ethical investment instrument

PAX-Bank e.G.

Savings and Credit Bank of the Federation of Free Evangelical Congregations (SKB)

Savings and Credit Bank of Evangelical Free Churches (SKB)

Steyler Bank in Sankt Augustin

Value Creation with terrAssisi® Fund

IV Ecclesiastical Housing-Building Cooperatives

- **Hilfswerk-Siedlung GmbH, Berlin**
Hilfswerk-Siedlung GmbH - HWS for short - in Berlin as the Evangelic Church's contribution to social housing construction and social housing provision.
<https://hws-berlin.de/>
- **Gemeinnütziges Siedlungswerk GmbH, Frankfurt**
Founded by the Catholic dioceses of Limburg, Mainz and Fulda (later Erfurt) and their Caritas associations for the purpose of social housing, housing management and project development.
<https://www.gsw-ffm.de/>
- **Rheinwohnungsbau GmbH, Düsseldorf**
Origin with the Steyl Missionaries, a Catholic missionary order (from 1930). Projects: Housing management and project developer
<https://www.rheinwohnungsbau.de/>
- **Cooperative Housing and Settlement Association**
des katholischen Werkvolks eG - Housing and Settlement Cooperative Werkvolk eG.

<https://www.ws-eg.de/ws-eg/ueber-uns/>

- **Non-profit housing cooperative "Schönere Zukunft" eG**
<http://schoenere-zukunft.de/ueber-uns/>
- **Baugenossenschaft Familienheim Freiburg**
Since 1930, 28 cooperative housing initiatives have been founded. Today, the cooperative also operates the "Solarpark Schutterwald" (annual savings of 1,300 T carbon dioxide), for example.
<https://www.genonachrichten.de/2021/03/25/genossenschaftlicher-solarpark-schutterwald/>
<https://www.bgfh.de/ueber-uns/engagement/bezahlbares-wohnen-in-baden/>
<https://siedlungswerk-baden-ev.de/ueber-uns/geschichte.html?L=0>
- **Baugenossenschaft Familienheim Villingen**
The St. Anna quarter with 130 flats and social projects was built by the building cooperative Familienheim Villingen, the Catholic church community, the Liebenau Foundation, the Ravensburg Building and Savings Association and the town of Tettnang.
www.bgwo.de
www.vbw-online.de/presse-und-information/aktuelles/artikel/gemeinschaftsprojekt-der-bgwo-in-tettnang-eroeffnet-st-anna-quartier-feierte-grosses-quartiersfest

V Cooperatives as sponsors of chapels

Chapel cooperatives in Switzerland



There are over 200 little churches and chapels in the canton of Lucerne; they are places of faith and spiritual refuge for many people. Some of them have been maintained, preserved and renewed for centuries by a "cooperative".

- **St. Wendelin Chapel**

After the abolition of the monastery in 1803, the "Kapellgenossenschaft" acquired the village chapel from Einsiedeln Monastery and maintained it until 2007.

<https://krj.ch/wp-content/uploads/st-wendelin-wagen.pdf>

- **Krumbach Chapel Cooperative**

The little church, built in 1576, was donated by a large farmer. Today it is maintained by the families of the six farms into which the former estate was later divided. The obligation is recorded in the land register and is inherited

<https://www.lukath.ch/blog/besondere-kirchliche-besitzesverhaeltnisse-oder-ihnen-gehoert-auch-eine-kapelle/>

https://www.pfarreineuenkirch.ch/wp-content/uploads/sites/174/2021/07/14_2021-August-2021_WEB-002.pdf

- **Elisabeth bona - Chapel**

The voting Catholics of Wallenwil are members of the chapel cooperative. They take care of the upkeep of their pretty chapel and help to build up church life in their village.

<https://www.pastoralraum-hinterthurgau.ch/de/gruppen-und-vereine-11/kapellgenossenschaft>

<https://www.pastoralraum-hinterthurgau.ch/de/portraet-10/kapellen/elisabetha-bona-kapelle-wallenwil>

- **Grapevine Chapel**

Instead of a cross, a chapel is built in 1762. In 1962, a "Weinrebenkapelle cooperative", 13 "Chäppeli-Genossen" from Hünenberg, takes over the chapel and has to invest about Fr. 150,000 in a major interior and exterior renovation for the 200th anniversary celebrations.

<https://www.weinrebenkapelle.ch/weinrebenkapelle>

- **St. Wendelin Chapel, Oberschönbach**

According to legend, the church saint Wendelin from Oberschönbach lived as a hermit and pilgrim in the Saarland in the area around Trier and did services as a shepherd. This is said to have been around 600. Later, he was the superior of a hermit's cooperative, from which the Benedictine Abbey of Tholey arose soon afterwards.

<https://bistum-augsburg.de/Pfarreiengemeinschaften/Kuehbach/Kirchen-und-Kapellen/Kapelle-Oberschoenbach>

VI Sale of monasteries to ... Examples

Monasteries are sold to private companies, municipalities and housing cooperatives after the dissolution of the convent in recent years.

Calvarienberg Convent, Ahrweiler



Sale of the convent of the Sisters of the Ursuline Congregation to Calvarienberg GmbH, archicult gmbh-breunig architects.

<https://www.blick-aktuell.de/Berichte/Ahrweiler-Neuer-Eigentuermer-fuer-das-Kloster-Calvarienberg-499703.html>

Bernried Monastery



Mayor Georg Malterer, Bernried
(Photo: Arlet Ulfers)

Purchase agreement between Missionary Benedictine Sisters and the municipality with a new primary school - and the nuns keep their home

<https://www.sueddeutsche.de/muenchen/starnberg/kloster-bernried-kauf-grundschule-nonnen-1.5486713>

Mindelheim Monastery



Congregatio Jesu sold to Wohnungsgenossenschaft Mindelheim eG. New use: health office, lawyer's office, municipal library.

<https://www.merkur.de/bayern/schwaben/mindelheim-kurier/maria-ward-kloster-mindelheim-weitere-neue-mieter-stehen-fest-91402147.html>

VI Sale of monasteries to ... Examples

Steinfeld Monastery



Since 2014, the Salvatorian monastery in Steinfeld has been renovated by entrepreneur Scheidtweiler under a leasehold agreement and transformed into an educational hotel of tranquility.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZoIAM9ILXAw>

Mariawald Abbey



An entrepreneur (Scheidtweiler) buys the former Trappist abbey. The new "Kloster Mariawald GmH & Co.KG" renovates catering, (new: beer production), bookshop, liqueur production and online shipping and is building a seminar centre with a guest house. In preparation: employment of a priest, new settlement of a religious order (as tenant).

<https://eifelon.de/heimbach/mariawald/mariawald-bleibt-ein-ort-mit-spiritueeller-strahlkraft.html>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v9dTopgtlzQ>



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