



**World Council
of Churches**



BAPTISMAL ECCLESIOLOGY

Harvesting the fruits of the Sixth World Conference on Faith and Order

Conference organized by the Moehler Institute for Ecumenism
in collaboration with the Faith and Order Secretariat

Paderborn (Germany) | 22 – 23 October 2026

Thursday, 22 October 2026

12:30

Lunch (for those who already arrived) and
Check-in at "Haus Maria Immaculata"

14:00

Coffee/Tea and Cake
at Moehler Institute

14:30

Welcome and Opening of the Conference
Johannes Oeldemann, Moehler Institute, Paderborn
Martin Illert, World Council of Churches

14:45

**The Sixth World Conference on Faith
and Order "Where now for Visible
Unity?" in Egypt**

Report on the World Conference – *Martin Illert*
Report on GETI 2025 – *Ani Ghazaryan (online)*
Statements by three GETI participants – *Melina Glass*,
Georgios Kakouris, *Paulien Wagener*

Moderator: *Johannes Oeldemann*, Paderborn

16:00

Coffee break

16:30

**Mutual recognition of baptism as an
ecumenical challenge – an Orthodox
perspective**

Assaad Elias Kattan, Münster

**Mutual recognition of baptism as an
ecumenical challenge – a Baptist
perspective**

Jochen Wagner, Frankfurt a.M.

Moderator: *Cornelia Dockter*, Paderborn

18:15

Dinner

19:30

**Panel discussion: What does the
recognition of baptism mean for me and
within my church/parish context?**

**Voices of Faith and Order Youth
Commissioners and GETI participants**

Mawuli Assimadi, Église évangélique presbytérienne
du Togo

Georgios Kakouris, Orthodox Church of Greece

Jackie Makena, Methodist Church of Kenya

Shella Vennya, Gereja Kristen Pasundan (Indonesian
Reformed Church)

Paulien Wagener, Anskar Church, Germany

Moderator: *Martin Illert*, World Council of Churches



Friday, 23 October 2026

07:30

Breakfast

08:30

Morning prayer (in the chapel of
Haus Maria Immaculata)
prepared by Burkhard Neumann and Cornelia Dockter

09:00

**The relationship between baptism and
ecclesiology in Lutheran – Roman
Catholic dialogue, with a particular
focus on “Baptism and Growth in
Communion”**

Johanna Rahner, Tübingen

**Baptismal ecclesiology in the work of
Faith and Order**

*Sotiris Boukis, Thessaloniki (Faith & Order
Commissioner, online)*

**Baptismal ecclesiology and a
“hermeneutics of unity”**

*Johannes Oeldemann, Paderborn (Faith & Order
Commissioner)*

Moderator: Dominique-Marcel Kosack, Paderborn

10:30

Coffee break

11:00

**Concluding panel: The relevance of
baptismal ecclesiology for the
Faith & Order Commission and within
the German ecumenical context**

*Mercedes Bachmann, Buenos Aires (Faith & Order
Commissioner)*

*Bishop Oliver Schuegraf, Council of Christian
Churches in Germany, Bückeburg*

*Kai Funkschmidt, Institute for Ecumenical
Research, Bensheim*

Burkhard Neumann, Moehler Institute, Paderborn

Moderator: Johannes Oeldemann, Paderborn

12:30

Lunch

13:30

Departure

Venue

Moehler Institute, Leostr. 19 a
33098 Paderborn, Germany

Accommodation

Haus Maria Immaculata, Mallinckrodtstr. 1
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Registration

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