Evangelisch-methodistische Kirche

Ich bete für meine Kirche 2014

May 18 to 24 — Mission for senior men and women (Senioren)

They sing the song of Moses, God's servant, and the song of the Lamb, saying: Great and awe-inspiring are your works, Lord God Almighty Just and true are your ways, king of the nations. Who won't fear you, Lord, and glorify your name? You alone are holy! (Revelation 15,3-4a)

Taking a breath for our souls

My grandmother had a zither, an old black varnished instrument. Whenever she had a few moments of rest after a long day's work, she would bring the zither down from the board, take a seat at the large dinner table, where several of her numerous children, children-in-law, and grandchildren had been served in the afternoon, and take a deep breath for her soul. She would sing well known hymns and revival songs. For me as a young child some were unknown. But I could feel how much joy and satisfaction her singing gave her. And little did it matter, if the accords of the zither were not always the matching accompaniment. The singing came from the depth of her heart. She thanked God and felt blessed by him at the same time.
A similar situation is described in the midst of the tremendous happenings of the Revelation. People singing the song of Moses and the song of the Lamb are praising the great acts of God. In their songs singers, men and women, recall God's leading mankind through history. They assure themselves that God is still with them, and they anticipate the future promised by God for all the nations.

The Sunday Cantata reminds us: no matter how good or voice and how expertly our singing is, we can sing our songs to thank God; the music will touch our hearts, and when we sing, our soul takes a deep breath.

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I give thanks

- For all the hymns and songs I am most familiar with, and for new songs that touch my heart.
- For men and women who with organ and piano, brass and other bands initiate hymns and invite singers to join in.
- For creators of music and text to express faith and joy.

I am praying

- That all who conduct choirs and music groups will do it with joy and patience.
- That my respect of the taste and ability of others will always be greater than my love for my favourites.
- That the joy of praising God will fill many people's hearts and encourage them to let their voices or instruments be heard.

Mission for senior men and women (Senioren)

The number of older people in our country and among our church members is growing, and this makes our mission for them more and more important. We encourage seniors to enrich our world and our church with their competence, experiences, and wisdom. The elderly and the very old are most valuable partners for building the kingdom of God. They can make an indispensable contribution because they have been specially commissioned by Jesus Christ.
The Mission for Seniors is a special section within the Educational Mission of the UMC.

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