Evangelisch-methodistische Kirche

Ich bete für meine Kirche 2014

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The Lord God took the human and settled him in the garden of Eden to farm it and to take care of it. (Genesis 2, 15 CEB)

Minimal Exercises

Scene 1: On the first night of the bike tour one of the youngsters opens the bag containing his tent and starts to pitch the tent. But, what a shock: The tent skin is covered with foxing, and three of the ten rubber clamps are broken. – Scene 2: A Kindergarten teacher casually mentions that most of the kettcars and the trucks in her Kindergarten have defects. And when the caretaker has repaired them, some of the kids demolish them again right away. – Scene 3: A friend has borrowed my bike and returns it caked with dirt. His excuse: The tracks through the woods had been very muddy.
All three scenes are only concerned with material things. But it is obviously not normally self-evident to handle material things with care and consideration. And it becomes much more difficult in case of effects which are not immediately noticeable: Traumata of the soul caused by abuse and violence, or environmental pollutions causing health damages which are not immediately noticeable, and, therefore, greed will not listen to warnings. And it is even more difficult to win nations and national groups for living peacefully together, when they think they should fight (with weapons) for their rights.
God has given a clear order: Farm and take care of. God has lovingly created the habitat for the human, and we are supposed to use it just as carefully and lovingly. And that must be heeded beginning with small acts: The tent is repaired and dried before packing; children are taught at home at an early age to handle things carefully; a borrowed bike is returned clean. – Taking care means being attentive in minor handlings.

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I GIVE THANKS

- For all those persons who are quite unobtrusively loving and thereby help create a friendly atmosphere.
- For far sighted persons who remind us of our responsibility for humanity and nature – even if we sometimes don't like it.
- For the possibilities of modern media by which faith and our church become a topic worth talking about.

MY PRAYER IS

- That the persons in our congregations will contribute in their environment to an encouraging dealing with one another.
- That a healing fraternity will be found in our congregations and will "get around".
- That our church will speak up in public "for people", and that people will thereby become interested in our faith.

"We want to bring our faith to others" is Media Mission's motto. Finding the best ways and means for presenting and bringing faith to people. This is the commission of Medienwerk / Media Mission of the Evengelisch-methodistischen Kirche /United Methodist Chuch in Germany located in Frankfurt.

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