

**Radicalizing Reformation:
Provoked by the Bible and Today's Crises**

Dear friends,

our First International Conference in Nürnberg is over. The echo of the participants is very positive. This letter with attachments is to share the results with all of us including those participants in the project who unfortunately could not come. One very important result is the new title of the project, another the rearrangement of the working groups. We decided to reduce them to five. The facilitators are:

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Their *first task* will be to approach the members of the working groups to write *one paragraph* on their planned research describing the focus in relation to the new title of the project: “Radicalizing Reformation: Provoked by the Bible and Today's Crises”. This information we need *by May 15* for formulating a provocative programmatic text as an electronic invitation to interested people asking them for critical questions and contributions to the project, particularly from the perspective of the suffering-protagonists in the crises.

The following *documents* you find as attachment:

1. The new project description
2. The summaries of the conference presentations: a. the introductory part, b. the working groups
3. The participants list
4. The working groups with partly new titles and all members

We also look for *additional researchers* (preferably women), especially from Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the Radical Reformation. Please, make suggestions including the information which working group might best fit. The proposed procedure for decision making about the suggestions is to send them to all facilitators.

Please, think about middle and long range possibilities for *financing the project*. Any suggestion is highly welcome. We thank the Protestant Mission Agency (Evangelisches Missionswerk/EMW) and Mission/Eine Welt (MEW) Bavaria for subsidies to our conference.

Further steps and proposals you find in the new project description.

With best wishes and regards

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