



The Protestant Academy Hofgeimar

The Protestant Academy Hofgeimar is located in the northernmost part of Hesse, at approximately 200 km north of Frankfurt and about 30 km north of Kassel, the city renowned for the modern art exhibition „documenta“ and known as the temporary home of the Brothers Grimm.

The academy is integrated in a setting of baroque spa architecture. It was founded in 1947 and the Academy Act of the Protestant Church of Kurhessen-Waldeck defines its mission as follows: „The Academy is to contribute to a better understanding of the present times, to the continuing propagation of the gospel, and to the solution of problems church and society are confronted with. The academy bears sole responsibility for the fulfilment of its mission. It is to organize events that promote open, science-oriented discourse.“ In order to cope with this task the Protestant Academy Hofgeismar organizes conferences and discussion-panels and creates opportunities for professional exchange. These events attract attention far beyond the region, but at the same time it is the declared will of the academy to deal with local issues as well.

In all this the Protestant Academy Hofgeismar takes its specifically protestant educational mandate very seriously. It fosters language and communication competence in all strata of society. It takes part in on-going political, economic, scientific, and academic debates, it contributes to contemporary discourse in ecology, law, education, sociology, and theology, and it gets involved in interreligious dialogue. It also gives special attention to phenomena and developments in the arts and in culture in general, both being relevant seismographic tools. Arts and culture help uncover fundamental issues of present times.

It is a goal of the Protestant Academy Hofgeismar to advance the development of informed political opinion. At the same time it seeks, in a period of loss of certainty, to provide orientation - by way of dialogue - in problems of life and in issues of finding sense.

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