



The Christusträger Brotherhood



The Christusträger Brotherhood is a Protestant Community. "Christusträger" literally means "Carriers of Christ" or "Christ-Bearers". Our Name and guiding principles complement each another.

Carried by Christ – Carrying Christ.

Our brotherhood was established in the early 1960s, in parallel with the Christusträger Sisterhood. The message of Jesus Christ inspired our commitment and our willingness to dedicate ourselves entirely to him. Suddenly a live with God made sense!

Over time, a structured Community developed out of our shared life within a Christian community.

As Brothers

Along with all Christians we are called to follow Jesus Christ, and we do so as single men. Like Jesus, we want to become Brothers to all humankind, and to share the faith and talents with which we have been entrusted by God.

According to the Gospel

The Gospel is the source of our life. From its richness we draw the strength and inspiration.

Simple listening leads to serving in many different ways: the Gospel lived out with our hands and feet.



In Community

Together, we seek God's will: through listening to the Holy Scriptures; in the silence of prayer; by being attentive to our Brothers; and by remaining open to the challenges of our times.

We live as single men in fraternal companionship and in personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Our lives become creative and fruitful through our dedication to God and humankind.

We share one property, which provides us with firm foundation for our existence and gives us freedom. Full membership of the Community follows a period of probation, and is a mutual promise of lifelong commitment.

Deeply rooted, and branching out

We are committed to the scriptural heritage of the Reformation, and seek ecumenical co-operation with other Christians.

At present we Brothers live in five different locations. Our life and work are determined by the needs of the surrounding community. It is shaped through adapting to the given situation, and through the unique gifts of each Brother.

❖ Kabul, Afghanistan



From the very beginning, we have focused on the needs of the sick and the poor. Using our creativity and vitality, we seek ways of following Jesus in his love towards people on the margins.

We went to Afghanistan in 1969. At present we run two outpatient clinics in Kabul, where we treat skin diseases, tuberculosis

and epilepsy. Through our workshop, we provide technical support to urban hospitals, as well as training to local men. We currently have eleven trainees: our contribution to the future of Afghanistan.

Together with a committed circle of friends, we bear the financial responsibility for this work. In addition, some projects are supported by not-for-profit organisations.

❖ Vanga, Congo



The village of Vanga is located about 350 kilometres east of Kinshasa, and since 1980 we have been involved with a hospital run by the local Church.

Our Brothers are entrusted with the medical supervision of the children's hospital. They treat and support impoverished patients, as well as teach at the nursing school.

One of our greatest challenges in an unstable land such as the Congo lies in the maintenance of the necessary infrastructure. Together with many African friends, we seek appropriate ways of living as Christians in this difficult situation.

❖ Monastery Triefenstein



on the River Main has a long history of prayer and service. Augustinian Canons lived and worked here for seven centuries. It has been the home of our Community since 1986.

The sizeable property offers our Brothers, guests, helpers and volunteer workers much space – characterized by our community life and belief in the presence of the living God.

❖ House at Ralligen



Located on the shores of Lake Thun, Ralligen is a guesthouse of the Brotherhood. Since 1976 it has provided a beautiful and delightful environment for family holidays, and retreats for people coming as groups of colleagues, and similar groups.

The beautiful surroundings encourage the soul to unwind and become open to the message of the Gospel.

❖ Urban Community in Wilsdruff



Following an invitation from the Church in Saxony in 1999, a small group of Brothers moved to Wilsdruff near Dresden.

We have encountered new challenges in what was formerly known as East Germany.

Part of our answer to this is our involvement in the "Leben und Arbeit" [Life and Work] Foundation. Its aim is to enable life and work to be experienced on the basis of Christian values and democratic principles.

Share life with us as a guest

You may visit us in Triefenstein or Ralligen as a group, or as an individual guest. Our guests can find rest and refreshment here with God, the source of all life. If guests wish to visit us as a group, the Brothers will arrange the programme in consultation with the group leader.

Support as a helper

After consultation with us, men of 14 years and upwards are welcome throughout the year. Our helpers join us in our everyday life; you may come for a few days, weeks or months. A year of voluntary social service (or civilian service) is also possible.

Carry Christ as a Brother

We are a small community with a big vocation: To spread the news that there is a wonderful and good God who is worth living for. In this task we need help: Men with a desire for God, for meaningful and fulfilling work and fraternal companionship.

Contact us

**Christusträger Bruderschaft
Kloster Triefenstein am Main**

D-97855 Triefenstein

Tel. (09395) 777-0 · Fax 777-103

Reception: Tel. 777-110 · Fax 777-113

triefenstein@christustraeger.org

Christusträger Bruderschaft

Kirchplatz 1 · D-01723 Wilsdruff

Tel. (035204) 39 45 00 · Fax 40 77 20

wilsdruff@christustraeger.org

Christusträger Communität

Gut Ralligen am Thunersee

CH-3658 Merligen BE

Tel. (0041) 033 252 20 30

Fax (0041) 033 252 20 33

ralligen@christustraeger.org