

What We Offer

consultation – mediation – intervention

We offer:

- Networking and consultation within and outside of the Church
- Facilitation of on-site contacts
- Discussions about racism, rightwing extremism and group-focused enmity
- Contextual examination of political topics
- Theological work on the Bible and faith
- Publication of texts and handouts
- Exchange of experiences at meetings, seminars and events
- Website with texts and material

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**ACTIVE FOR
DEMOCRACY AND
HUMAN RIGHTS**



Who We Are

The National Working Group on Church and Right-wing Extremism (BAGKR) was founded in Dresden on February 12, 2010 – in anticipation of the largest neo-Nazi march in Europe.

We are now a consortium of three dozen initiatives, organizations and workgroups striving to constructively oppose group-focused enmity (GMF) in and outside of the Church.

We are democratically constituted. We convene once a year, are represented by an elected speaker's council, maintain an updated online portal at www.bagkr.de and can be reached at any time at our offices at Action Reconciliation Service for Peace.

The BAGKR advocates for churches to become more visible as sites of everyday democratic culture and defenders of the universal validity of human rights.

In recognition of a historical responsibility, the BAGKR encourages a discussion of the different forms and content of rightwing extremism and group-focused enmity.

The BAGKR works in broad alliances and is actively involved in shaping an inclusive society.

What We Want

We want churches and church institutions to become sites of democratic culture and uphold human rights. We want to build on the ideas of an international ecumenical movement for a just and inclusive Church.

We want to work against the inclination to trivialize rightwing extremism and everyday racism in church and society and identify and overcome racial prejudice and racist attitudes within our churches and their structures.

We seek alliances with other initiatives opposing rightwing extremism and regard this as an investment in credible churches and democratic culture in Germany.

We support sustainable work against hatred and prejudice in churches, their organizations and society. We use the resources of the churches and their parishes to achieve this. We are aware of the limited strength of individuals and initiatives and therefore support a broad exchange of experiences and networking.

We are eager to engage in an intensive dialogue with the boards of the Protestant and Catholic Church as well as with other churches, and call upon church agencies, church parishes and workgroups to become involved in this long-term task of civil society.

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What We Believe



“Group-focused enmity” (GMF) is incompatible with Christian faith. This faith does not allow for biologically or ideologically constructed inequality of humans. Christians who spread such views are acting against God’s commandments.

We see the Church as a place to proclaim and experience God’s love for the people of Israel and for all nations through Jesus Christ. The Church is thus a place of genuine resistance against nationalist, antisemitic, xenophobic and racist views of the world.

We feel strongly that the Church should play a part in shaping a lively democracy that respects human rights. The church lives and proclaims the promise of peace, reconciliation and justice.*

“You shall neither mistreat a stranger nor oppress him, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt.”

(2nd Book of Moses, 22:20)

* Excerpt from the BAGKR’s profile paper of January 29, 2011

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