Wednesday (Maria Laach) June 4

07.45 Departure to Maria Laach 09.30 Mass in the Crypt, Visit of the Abbey, Midday Prayer 13.45 Transatlantic Connections

 "Here is what I am looking for." (William Busch). Maria Laach, Romano Guardini und die Anfänge Liturgischer Bewegung in den USA vor 1926 im Licht der Laacher Archivquellen

Stefan K. Langenbahn (Burgbrohl)

 Connections between Collegeville and Maria Laach after 1926

Jacob Lapre (Collegeville)

15.45 The Spreading of the Liturgical Movement

- The Spreading of the Liturgical Movement in the US (Orate Fratres, Liturgical Conference)
 Martino Choi (Washington)
- The Contribution of Journals to the Spread of the Liturgical Movement in the German-Speaking Countries and Lay Responses in "Bibel und Liturgie" Janosch Dörfel (Trier)

Thursday

June 5

08.45 Morning Prayer

09.00 Liturgical Movement and Reform of the Liturgy

- Balthasar Fischer: Engagement in the Notre Dame Liturgy Program in the 1950s and his Exchange with the US during the Liturgical Movement and Reform Marco Benini (Trier)
- Advocate for Reform: Frederick R. McManus and the American Liturgical Movement James Bradley (Washington)

11.00 Ecumenical Dimensions of the Liturgical Movement

 Worship in Transition. Annotations on the History of Worship Theologies and Liturgical Movements in German Protestantism in the 19th and 20th Century Konrad Müller (ev. Gottesdienstinstitut Nürnberg) Wilhelm Löhe's Biblical-Liturgical Imagination for the Renewal of Churchly Life: A Nineteenth-Century Lutheran Precursor to Liturgical Reform in Germany and North America

Thomas H. Schattauer (Wartburg Seminary, Iowa)

14.00 Bringing the Insights Together

 (Re)discovering the Liturgy-Justice Relationship as a Key Dimension of the Christian Life – An American Perspective

Anne Koester (Washington)

14.45 The Influence of the Liturgical and the Biblical Movement on Preaching

- "...a new phase in the development of homiletics..." Paul Wilhelm von Keppler as Homiletician and Preacher Christian Handschuh (Passau)
- We are All Ears: Sunday Preaching in the US 1900–1963 Guerric DeBona (St. Meinrad)

16.45 Conclusion: Historical Insights and Implications for Today

Pannel discussion

Location: Deutsches Liturgisches Institut

Weberbach 72a | 54290 Trier

Participation via livestream is possible

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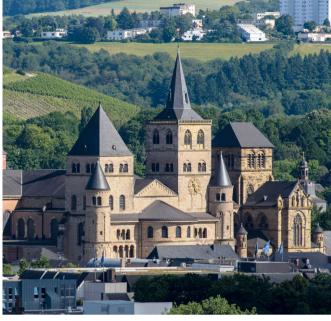
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The Liturgical and the Biblical Movement in the German Speaking Area and the US in Comparison

International Conference in Trier and Maria Laach, Germany **June 2 - 5, 2025**

Conference Program

In the late 19th century and the first half of the 20th century, the Liturgical Movement and the Biblical Movement pursued the goal of bringing about a renewal of Christian life based on the liturgy and the Bible. The Liturgical Movement was not controlled centrally, but was promoted by men and women in the individual countries, who influenced each other across national borders. However, especially their transatlantic relations and contacts as well as the functioning of the international networks, are largely unknown because American and German research on the Liturgical Movement hardly perceive each other.

For this reason, central topics will be addressed from both the American and German-speaking sides and then discussed together, so that common lines and countryspecific characteristics emerge and form an overall picture. The conference mainly focuses on these research questions:

- What transformation did the Liturgical Movement undergo in its reception to the USA and why?
- How did the Liturgical and Biblical Movements relate to each other (e.g. preaching)?
- What contribution did women make to the Liturgical Movement on both sides of the Atlantic, in what areas and how?

The individual aspects are examined against their political, social and cultural backgrounds, as well as being placed in an ecumenical context.

The "Deutsches Liturgisches Institut" in Trier and Maria Laach Abbey provide the academic framework for exchange and research.

Monday

13.00 Getting started

• Registration and coffee

14.00 Introduction

 Transatlantic Perspectives on Studying the Liturgical and Biblical Movements
 Marco Benini (Trier)

June 2

14.15 Historical Background

 The Liturgical Movement in Germany in the 20th century: Political, Social, and Cultural Contexts – Exemplified with Romano Guardini

Julie Adamik (Paderborn)

 The Liturgical Movement Reaches the US: Virgil Michel and Social Implications for Worship in the Mystical Body of Christ

Keith Pecklers (Rome)

16.15 Key Figures in Theological Perspective

- Lambert Beauduins liturgische Theologie und ihre Rezeption bei Virgil Michel Martin Klöckener (Fribourg)
- Liturgische Theologie bei Pius Parsch Andreas Redtenbacher (Klosterneuburg)

19.00 Women in the Liturgical Movement

- Women in the German and Austrian Liturgical Movement Isabelle Sauer (Trier)
- US-Women in the Liturgical Movement Katharine Harmon (Collegeville)
- Evolving Liturgical Spirituality A Case Study with the Benedictine Sisters of the Perpetual Adoration Julia Conico (Notre Dame)

Tuesday

June 3

08.45 Morning Prayer

09.00 Lesser-Known Figures I

- Bishop Simon Konrad Landersdorfer as Mediator in the Controversy over the Liturgical Movement Stefan Geiger (Rome)
- H. A. Reinhold: A Pastor from Hamburg Impacts the Liturgical Life of the US Julia Upton (New York)

11.00 Lesser-Known Figures II

- The Rhine flows into the Mississippi: Martin B. Hellriegel & the German Liturgical Movement in St. Louis, Missouri James Bradley (Washington)
- Franz Weiser Francis X. Weiser, SJ: Promoting Liturgy and Popular Devotions, from Austria to New England Teresa Berger (Yale)

14.00 Women and Music in the Liturgical Movement

- Der Einfluss der Liturgischen Bewegung auf deutsche Gesangbücher (Kirchenlied 1938; Einheitslieder 1947; Diözesangesangbücher der Nachkriegszeit)
 Ansgar Franz (Mainz)
- Women Musicians in the American Liturgical Movement Anthony Ruff (Collegeville)

16.00 Biblical Movement

- The Catholic Biblical Movement in Germany and its Relationship to the Liturgical Movement Christian Handschuh (Passau)
- The Impact of Catholic Biblical Scholarship on the Church in the United States
 Felix Just (Los Angeles)

19.00 **Public lecture**

• The Spirituality of the Liturgical Movement Michael Witczak (Mercator-Fellow: Washington/Trier) Followed by Reception