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## Grußwort

We have arrived in the green heart of Germany, in the gorgeous State of Thuringia, and we are being friendly received.

Bishop Dr. Joachim Wanke, church workers, a powerful group and parishes gave us substantial support.

We encounter the Protestant Church fraternally in parishes and in the Augustinian Monastery.

The University generously opened gates for us.

We are privileged to get to know the unique city of Erfurt.

Many things can be visited here; for example the **Predigerkirche – Preacher's Church**, 700 years ago the clerical home of the Dominican monk Meister Eckhart – one of the most important thinker of the European medieval times. His scriptures resounded throughout the land. Modestly, he shook his head:

We do not need *MASTERS OF READING*, rather we need *MASTERS of LIVING*.

Life has to be experienced – Life happens while we listen, while we watch, while we communicate – and that is, during a colloquium. You have left everything behind, important and beautiful things, work and recreation. Now, we live these days together.

And I welcome you,

- From Hungary, Russia, and Portugal,
- From Ukraine and Spain,
- From Lithuania and France,
- From the United Kingdom and Romania,
- From Italy and the Czech Republic,
- From Slovakia and Switzerland,
- From Belgium and Austria,
- From Poland and Germany.

We welcome you most heartily, my dear sisters and brothers from the eastern and middle European countries. Yours is our applause.

Meister Eckart talks about the  
Birth of God in our soul  
Man shall be an "Image of Piece"

May the Holy Ghost be with us while we work and pray, while we celebrate, so that something happens within ourselves, in our cooperation – good, perhaps even valuable things.

Thank you for listening.

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