



## Local Church



## Mülheimer Verband

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## The Mülheimer Verband

### Protestant **Free Church**

The Mülheimer Verband - MV (full title: The Mülheimer Verband of Free Church Protestant Congregations) is a Protestant **FREE CHURCH** denomination in Germany.

As an **ACTIVE** denomination we form a closely connected and growing **NETWORK** of independent churches. We **SUPPORT** each other in order to strengthen the tangible work of the local church and because **RELATIONSHIPS** are important to us.

Being a denomination of free churches, all members of our congregations have **ACTIVELY** chosen to become part of their church. We warmly welcome **GUESTS**.



## Desire

The formation of the MV dates back over 100 years. The **BEGINNINGS** of our church movement were marked by a worldwide **DESIRE** for “more” of God and a tangible spiritual **AWAKENING** in Mülheim an der Ruhr, Germany, at the turn of the 20th century.

## Relationships

As a Protestant free church we are **CONNECTED** with other Christians. We **INVEST** in good and **GROWING** relationships with other denominations locally, nationally, and internationally. As the MV we are part of the Vereinigung Evangelischer Freikirchen (VEF - Coalition of Protestant Free Churches) and are **CLOSELY** connected with the German Evangelical Alliance (DEA).

## Diverse Community

We are a **HOME** to all generations. The mix of different personalities and generations creates a **COLOURFUL** picture in multiple locations. We especially invest in **CHILDREN** and **YOUTH** ministries. Our **MUSIC** is contemporary, our sermons are clear and **RELEVANT** for everyday life, and our interactions with each other are sincere. We form a diverse **COMMUNITY** that reflects God's unending riches and surprising **CREATIVITY**.

## Voluntary

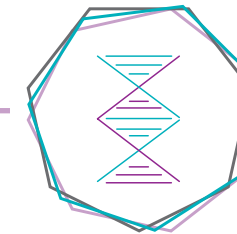
We do not collect membership fees. We are not **FINANCED** through church taxes. The local church budgets are covered through their members' and friends' **VOLUNTARY** donations. Likewise, the local churches support the ministry of the MV.

## International

Our churches are **INTERNATIONALLY ACTIVE** in many locations. For example, over the years, the MV has grown relationships to **PARTNER CHURCHES** in Indonesia and Zambia. In Zambia, the MV also runs a large social-missionary **HIV-ORPHAN** and **SCHOOL PROJECT**.

## Guided

The MV is **GUIDED** by a board of Elders. The current **PRÄSES** (Chairman) of the MV is Pastor Ekkehart Vetter (Mülheim an der Ruhr).



## DNA of the Mülheimer Verband

### OUR CALLING

We honour God by seeking to serve the people and communities of our country.

### OUR VISION

We aim for healthy churches that

- allow continuous self-renewal;
- grow primarily through the addition of new believers;
- commit to the planting of new churches;
- engage actively in their community and society.

### OUR CULTURE OF FAITH

We ask God for:

- faith in God, our Father
- passion for Jesus Christ
- the filling of the Holy Spirit
- love for our neighbours

- growth in our likeness to Christ
- excitement in sharing the Gospel
- expectation of signs and wonders
- a longing for the Kingdom of God

### OUR VALUES

We choose to:

- believe the trustworthiness of the Bible
- take responsibility in all areas of our lives
- be committed in our relationships
- appreciate our staff, volunteers, and leaders
- be committed to unity and diversity
- be inspired by our spiritual inheritance
- collaborate with other partners

### OUR KEY MINISTRY FOCUS

We are committed to the advancement of healthy leaders.