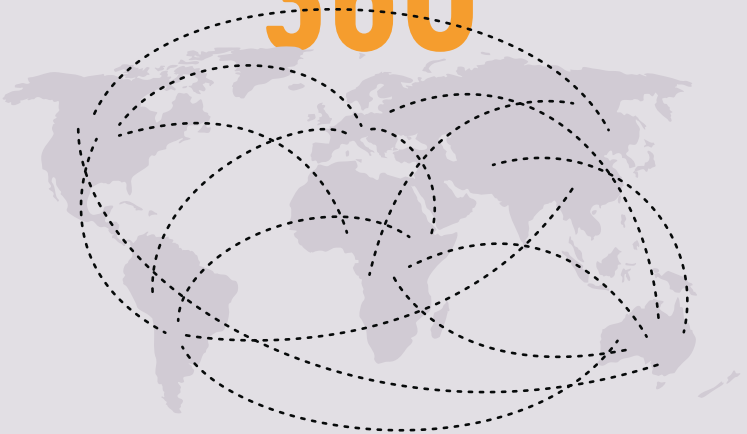
HEKO
2026

MISSION 360°

English Version



from everywhere to everywhere - and we are part of it

Programme

FRIDAY, 9 OCTOBER

18:00	**Dinner**
20:00	**Mission 360°** Guests share their experiences of mission

SATURDAY, 10 OCTOBER

09:15	**Global, multiform, paradoxical: Christian mission(s) in the 21st century** Talk by Prof. Dr Henning Wrogemann
Afterwards	**Coffee break**
10:40	**Bible study** with Alice Atkins
11:25	**Panel discussion** with the speakers
12:30	**Lunch**
14:00	**Lunchtime activities** (see pages 4-5)

Programme

14:30	**Coffee and cake** (until 15:30) (Marburg-Halle)
16:00	**Seminars**
18:00	**Dinner**
19:30	**From everywhere to everywhere** Celebrating cultures - enjoying the highlights
Afterwards	**To sing is to pray twice** - Late Night with the Heko band

Seminar rooms

SUNDAY, 11 OCTOBER

09:00	**Prayer for SMD** (Landeck-Center)
10:00	**And we are part of it** Worship service with a sermon by Dr Jonathan Armstrong on Acts 11:19-26
Afterwards	**Commissioning service**
13:00	**Lunch** followed by coffee and cake

Interpretation

The Heko plenary sessions are interpreted from German into English and from English into German. To listen during the sessions, scan the QR code with your phone camera or visit **uebersetzung.smd.org**.

_What you will need

Please bring headphones and a smartphone with internet access. Wi-Fi is available in the Evangeliumshalle.

Network: GASTSONNECK / Password: EireeF9p



Lunch break

Heko Cup

13:30-15:20

Meet at the cinder pitch by the swimming pool

All football fans are welcome at the tournament, as players or spectators. After the games, women can use the showers on the first floor of Haus Sonneck (near the conservatory); men can use those in the Jugendheim. Please bring a towel. **Register at the conference office by Saturday morning.**



Do visit our bookstall in the LahnLounge and the exhibition area in Wehrda-Halle.

Meet-ups

+ Markustheater - for anyone interested in learning more about this theatre project or planning a performance. **Meet at 14:00 at the Markustheater stand.**

+ FuLNet - networking for those working in research and teaching. **Meet at 14:00 at the IGUW stand.**

+ Discover world mission
Meet mission organisations and find inspiration. **Meet at 14:00 in Wehrda-Halle.**

SEMINARS

Scan the QR code for the seminar rooms



1. **Begegnungen mit Muslimen** — *Dr. Reinhold Strähler und Yannic Eppler*
2. **An effective way to witness to Indians** — *David Boricha*
3. **Friends for Dinner — mit Internationalen und Jesus am Tisch** — *Isabel Weber und Benjamin Pfitzer*
4. **How living abroad has shaped my walk with God** — *Macjonathan Okereke*
5. **Gemeinden interkulturell entwickeln** — *Szu-Chin Chen & Tianji Ma, Fred Eick*
6. **Vielfalt als Stärke — sonderpädagogische Arbeit im interkulturellen Umfeld** — *Elaheh Hoppe*
7. **Mit Gott ins Ausland? Berufliche Orientierung mit Auslandsperspektive** — *Simon Tschunko und Angelika Keppler*
8. **Unseen Influences: Understanding and addressing cultural bias and blind spots** — *Alice Atkins*
9. **Deutsch lernen mit der Bibel**

Kids/Teens

Dear parents,

The programme for children is split into two age groups: 3-6 and 7-12. Please drop off and collect your children outside the Evangeliumshalle just before and after the programme. We look forward to a wonderful time with the children!



Best wishes, Lindi

Lindi Kimani,
Programme leader for children

Dear teens,

It is great to have you at Heko! If you are 13 or older, I warmly invite you to join the teen programme. It runs alongside the plenary sessions in the parish rooms at Martinskirche. We all meet in the foyer of the Evangeliumshalle before each session. We look forward to seeing you!

Best wishes, Leonie

Leonie Töws,
Youth programme leader



Care and Stillness

_Room for stillness
The room for stillness is in the chapel on the ground floor of Haus Sonneck. Come here to pause, find some peace and spend quiet time with God.



_Team Ansprechbar: pastoral care
Our pastoral care team is here to listen, pray for you, offer a blessing, and provide comfort and encouragement. You can talk about whatever is on your mind. All conversations are confidential. You can find introductions to the team on the information board. Scan the QR code to book a Saturday appointment anonymously.

Book a time:

_Volunteering
If you have questions about your volunteer role, or would like to lend a hand at short notice, please contact Rebekka Roschy at the conference office or on 01776845258.

_Name badges
Please return your name badge after the conference. Collection boxes are provided at the exits of the Evangeliumshalle.

_Conference contribution
There is no fixed fee for the Autumn Conference. Venue hire, technical services, equipment and logistics cost around 115 euros per guest. You can help by feeding the Heko piggy bank in the conference office, making a donation there (a donation receipt is available on request), or using your banking app to donate via the QR code below.



Good to know

_Finding your way
A map of the conference site is provided on the back cover of this booklet. For public transport information, visit **rmv.de**.

_Heko with young children
Parents are responsible for children aged two and under. Room 2 in the Evangeliumshalle is available, with a live feed of the plenary sessions.

_Lost property can be handed in or collected at the conference office.

_Conference office opening hours
Friday: 16:00-22:00
Saturday: 08:45-16:00
Sunday: 09:00-14:00

The conference office is closed during sessions, except on Friday evening.





Meals

_Meals
Breakfast is served at your accommodation. Guests staying on Hebronberg can have breakfast at Sonneck from 07:30 to 09:30. For those in group accommodation, breakfast is served from 08:00 to 09:00 in the dining hall of the Diakonissen-Mutterhaus.

All other main meals are served in the Mutterhaus dining hall. Your **name badge** shows which meals you have booked. Additional meals can be purchased at the conference office.

Coffee, tea and cake are available in the **Marburg-Halle** on Saturday from 14:30 to 15:30. Donations are welcome and can be left at the cake buffet. On Sunday, coffee, tea and cake are served after lunch.

Connecting

_Places to meet

The **LahnLounge** is a welcoming place to chat and relax, with drinks, snacks and ice cream. The **Marburg-Halle** is another place to spend time together.



Giving

_Collections will be taken:

- Saturday evening for IFES
- Sunday morning for SMD

You can receive a donation receipt for your gift. Take an envelope from the conference office, write your name and address on it, enclose your donation and put it in the collection.

_Donations

We are also very grateful for any further donations. Please use the following bank details for bank transfers and standing orders.

Evangelische Bank, Kassel
IBAN: DE75 5206 0410 0000 8004 57
BIC: GENODEF1EK1



Media



_Livestream
Do you have friends or acquaintances who could not make it to Marburg? The plenary sessions on Saturday morning and Sunday will be streamed on the **SMD YouTube channel**. Visit **youtube.com/@smd**.

_Audio recordings of the plenary sessions will be available to download free of charge at **audio.smd.org** around two weeks after the Autumn Conference.

_Social media
Follow us on Facebook and Instagram for Heko photos and news:

smd.org
smd_gesamt; schueler.smd; hochschul_smd

THANKS!

The Autumn Conference is planned and run by a team of staff and volunteers. **Thank you to everyone who contributes and makes Heko possible!** Next year, we would love to bring together another team with a wide range of personalities and skills. If you would like to volunteer, please get in touch - we would be delighted to hear from you. Speak to a member of SMD staff or contact Erdmuthe Gubelt at heko@smd.org.



Heko 27

Faith and the World of Knowledge

8-10 October 2027, Marburg

Site map



1 Mittelhalle
2 LahnLounge
3 Marburg-Halle
4 Wehrda-Halle
5 Landeck-Center
6 Lahnblick
7 Jugendheim
8 Haus Sonneck
9 Mutterhaus dining hall
10 Mutterhaus meeting room
11 Mutterhaus chapel
12 Mutterhaus cafeteria

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Map labels: Wald (woodland), Spielplatz (playground), Krankenhaus (hospital).