

First results

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Dear friends,

the Libertas Choir Stellenbosch has brought us together again and I am sure there were exciting discussions, inspiring talks in the workshops. An intense morning is behind us and now we come together once again in the closing plenary. Welcome to the first results of the conference and the travel blessing!

The fact that this exchange is possible has been made possible by many people who have worked intensively - even under high pressure - who are only visible to you from time to time or not at all. Therefore, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all very much! First of all our great translators: Justina Delling, Elaine Griffiths, Thea Hummel, Lisa-Marie Dummer, Hannah Schwab. Then to everyone who moderated, co-moderated, and acted as technical hosts during each session to make sure we were able to talk to each other. And the members of our technical team from the United Evangelical Mission and the Evangelical Church of Westphalia. You made sure that this conference was possible at all. It was an experiment, the outcome of which was not at all clear at the beginning. I think we also learned during the conference: It's an adventure, but it's worth setting out - also in this respect. Because Carmen, Dennis, Stefan, Marion, Achim, Sven Adrian, Petra, Christoph, Katja came. Thank you all very much!

Now we are eager to hear what the Listeners Group has to say.

The sequence of our closing plenary is designed in such a way that the members of the Listeners Group each give us highlights of their experiences, their observations, their assessments in short statements and that there is then also the possibility to react to them once again via the chat. But don't worry! Nothing will be lost, because it is clear that the extensive discussions and impulses that we have received cannot be presented in such a short form. We can only touch on a few things and whet your appetite for the actual report that will follow. And I would like to thank you in the Listeners Group most sincerely for getting involved in this process in such a short time and at the same time exchanging ideas with each other in such a way that something new has emerged that goes beyond purely individual perceptions.

So, now it is time for us to hear from those who have been listening for us all this time. The floor is given for the contributions of the Listeners Group.