

# Data Protection Policy

Hybrid IWM Annual Conference

## „ Engaging Synodality – Intercultural Perspectives for Re-Imagining Pastoral Possibilities “

July 1 – 3, 2026

Dear interested parties, we are pleased to be able to offer you our IWM Annual Conference "Engaging Synodality – Intercultural Perspectives for Re-Imagining Pastoral Possibilities" in digital form this year. In doing so, it is very important to us that the legal regulations on data protection are adhered to by us and the third parties commissioned by us, and we have created the necessary technical and organizational conditions for this. In the following, we inform you about the processing of personal data in connection with our annual conference.

### **Responsible for data processing**

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Online services used by us are mentioned below. The Institute for Global Church and Mission (IWM) is not responsible for the processing of personal data that may be collected by these providers by means of their own choice and for their own purposes, and over which our Institute has no means of influence or control.

### **Purposes of processing**

- Preparation and implementation of the IWM hybrid annual conference "Engaging Synodality – Intercultural Perspectives for Re-Imagining Pastoral Possibilities". For the immediate implementation, we use the service "Zoom". Zoom is a service of Zoom Video Communications, Inc. which is based in the USA.
- Public streaming (i.e. live broadcast) of the annual conference on the video platform Youtube. Youtube is a service of Google LLC, based in the USA.
- Recording of the Annual Meeting (in image and sound) for the purpose of later publication on a video platform (Youtube).
- Information about future IWM events
- Receipt of the IWM newsletter (only if you explicitly requested this when registering).

### **What personal data is processed?**

- Data that you provide to us during registration (name, organization, country and email address).
- When using Zoom, user data is processed that is necessary for the provision of the service and to ensure security.
- This includes, in particular, technical data about your devices, network and internet connection, such as IP address, device type, operating system type and version, client version, camera type and microphone type and the type of connection. As far as possible, we make privacy-friendly default settings in Zoom.
- It is up to you to decide whether you want to transmit further data to us.
- **Present participation in Frankfurt**  
During the conference, we will make photographic and video recordings for publication on the IWM homepage and for use in IWM print products (annual report, etc.) and on IWM social media.

Any use of the photographic recordings for purposes other than those described or marketing by transferring the recordings to third parties is not permitted. This consent is voluntary. If it is not given, no disadvantages will arise. This consent can be revoked at any time with effect for the future.

**By registering for the IWM Digital Annual Conference "Engaging Synodality – Intercultural Perspectives for Re-Imagining Pastoral Possibilities", you consent to the processing of this data by the Institute for Global Church and Mission in the context of the conference, including streaming on YouTube, recording and subsequent publication on the Internet.** During the conference, you can stop the broadcast at any time by turning off your camera and microphone again and not sending any more chat messages.

### **Legal basis for data processing**

The processing of your personal data for the preparation and implementation of the conference takes place on the basis of paragraph 6 para. 1 lit. a - g KDR-OG (Ecclesiastical Data Protection Regulation of the Religious Community of Pontifical Right).

Our legitimate interest is the effective preparation and implementation of the digital annual conference, as well as a statutory education and public relations work within the framework of our scientific mission to research and teach theological reflection on missionary mission of the church in the horizon of global church issues.

**You can object to the use of your data for the purpose of information transfer and direct advertising (e.g. future invitations to IWM events, newsletters) at any time by sending us a message.**

If you transmit further data to us, in particular by activating your camera, microphone or using the chat function, the legal basis is your consent in accordance with section 6 para. 1 lit. a - g KDR-OG.

You can revoke this consent at any time with effect for the future by deactivating your camera and microphone and no longer sending chat messages.

The legal basis for the recording (image and sound) of the conference and subsequent publication of the same on a video platform (YouTube) is your consent pursuant to section 6 para. 1 lit. a - g KDR-OG.

You can revoke your consent at any time by sending us a message. In this case, we will delete the recording accordingly or arrange for the deletion with the provider of the video platform.

Before publishing the recorded material, we will thoroughly check whether any content worthy of special protection, which affects the rights and interests of the recorded persons, has been recorded - and delete it without being asked if necessary. You will not incur any costs or other disadvantages as a result of a revocation.

### **Recipients / passing on of data**

Personal data processed in connection with participation in the hybrid conference will generally not be passed on to third parties, unless it is expressly intended to be passed on.

### **Recipients**

Service providers commissioned by us with the technical implementation of the conference, including the providers of "Zoom" and "YouTube", necessarily receive knowledge of the above-mentioned data. All service providers are integrated by us through order processing contracts in compliance with data protection.

### **Data processing outside the European Union**

"Zoom" is a service provided by a provider from the USA. The basis for data transfers to the USA is the conclusion of EU standard contractual clauses (EU SCCs) with the provider of Zoom, which guarantee an appropriate level of protection.

Further information on the processing of your data when using "Zoom" can be found at: <https://zoom.us/de-de/privacy.html>

"YouTube" is a service of Google LLC based in the USA. The responsible party for data processing of persons living in the EU is Google Ireland Limited, Gordon House, Barrow Street, Dublin 4, Ireland. The basis for data transfers to the USA is the conclusion of EU standard contractual clauses (EU SCCs) with the provider of YouTube, which guarantee an appropriate level of protection.

Further information on data processing by YouTube is available at:

<https://policies.google.com/privacy?hl=de>.

Irrespective of this, we would like to point out that, due to the legal situation in the USA, personal data may be transferred to these authorities by the providers of these services upon request by American authorities. We may have no influence on such transfers.

### **Deletion of data**

We delete the data stored during the preparation and implementation of the conference when it is no longer required for the purpose for which it was collected and stored and when there are no other requirements for further storage. In the case of statutory retention obligations, deletion will only be considered after the expiry of the respective retention obligation.

**Your rights**

You have the right to obtain information about the personal data concerning you. You also have the right to rectification or deletion or to restriction of processing, insofar as you are entitled to this by law.

Finally, you have the right to object to processing within the scope of the law, the right to data portability and the right to lodge a complaint with a data protection supervisory authority.

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