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# **Mission Statement**

*Serving people in love*

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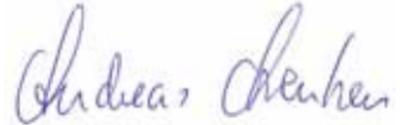
The motto of our mission statement points to our roots. It shows how the Evangelisches Johannesstift Foundation and its related groups and sectors understand their work.

The motto goes back to the words of Johann Hinrich Wichern, our founding father, who quoted the apostle John: “Let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth” (1 John 3:18, NIV).

It is our sincere desire that this would become a matter of course for all of us in our day-to-day pastoral mission. Our mission statement is meant to be a guideline for all groups and units of the Evangelisches Johannesstift Foundation.



Pastor Martin von Essen  
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**Our mission:**  
*God's love  
for mankind*

At the root of our pastoral mission is God's love for mankind, as testified and exemplified by Jesus Christ. We are guided by the commandment to "love God and our neighbour as ourselves."

In applying this, we find orientation in the charitable approach of the founder of Evangelisches Johannesstift, Johann Hinrich Wichern, who stated: "In these houses, we shall teach what love and charity means. We shall teach this not with words or formulas or gestures, but with truth and action so that it will become a matter of course."

This is a mission to be lived out day by day by offering kindness, help, companionship, counselling, nursing and healing, as well as development and education, to others. In all of this, we are guided by the question: "What kind of help and support does the individual need?"

This approach shapes our Christian profile. We invite people to believe and, as we do so, we trust God that our service in love will be blessed.



**Our vision:**

*A non-marginalizing society*

For this reason, we regard social inclusion and self-determination as matters of course.

We treat every human being with respect, empathy and consideration.

We promote togetherness.

We work for a socially just and non-marginalizing society. Therefore, we stand up for people who, due to social, economic, religious or political reasons are suffering distress, or who are in danger of suffering distress.





**Our vision:**

*An ongoing dialogue  
and a vital culture  
of communication*

We discuss different points of view openly and constructively. We look for solutions together. We promote a common identity for the various units networking under the roof of our foundation.

As we co-operate with other institutions and partners, we seek to respect their identity and create a balance of interests.



**Our vision:**  
*Sharing information  
and transparency*

Our communication is clear, precise, focused and easy to understand.

We pay attention to our partners' needs and capabilities.

Our decision-making processes and corporate structures are transparent.

We present them in a comprehensible way. We learn from our mistakes.

We take complaints seriously. We make necessary corrections and seek solutions.





**Our vision:**  
*Fulfilling our  
pastoral mission*

We value and train our full-time and voluntary staff.

We have designed our corporate structures so that they enable us to be faithful to our social mission.

We react flexibly and pro-actively to changing demands.





**Our vision:**  
*Sustainable action  
in responsibility  
for God's creation*

We esteem God's creation and work for its preservation.

We use the means and resources entrusted to us sparingly and responsibly.

Our work is characterised by sustainability.

We create healthy living conditions for each individual assisted, supported, educated and trained by the Evangelisches Johannesstift Foundation and for all who work and live in its various facilities.

We operate as a network, and we are looking for partners so that together we may be able to work for a humane future.