

Convention

„Church land in the conflict area between social, economical and ecological interests“

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As one of the results of the convention, the „Loccumer Apell zur Verpachtung von Kirchenland“
(**Loccumer appeal on leasing church land**)

1. Churches should be aware of the importance and value of their soil (land).
2. Churches and parishes have to be aware of their role model function and take responsibility for their land.
3. Parishes should take social, ecological and economical aspects (sustainability) into account when leasing land.
4. Parishes and church institutions are asked to stand up for the Integrity of Creation for example for biodiversity and the quality of air, water and soil.
5. The guidelines for leasing land should be provided by the regional churches, the specific arrangement of the award criteria should take place on a local/regional level.
6. Parishes should make their decisions transparent in terms of the allocation of leases.
7. Parishes are asked to achieve these objectives by entering into a respectful dialogue with their tenants.
8. Parishes should be open for a dialogue with different stakeholders.
9. Parishes should preserve their independence from third parties.
10. Members of the church communities should be empowered to take their responsibilities.

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