



Welcome to the House of Church Conference Center in Bad Herrenalb

Dear guests of the House of the Church,
hospitality is an ancient Christian virtue. In the early centuries of the Church, when Christians in the Roman Empire were only a small minority, there were travelling preachers and teachers who moved from town to town, ensuring communication and exchange between congregations that sometimes consisted of only a handful of families. They depended on finding hosts in unfamiliar villages and towns who would offer them food and lodging.

Accordingly, the Letter to the Hebrews states:

“Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it.” (Hebrews 13:2)

Our Evangelical Church in Baden remains committed to this ancient virtue of hospitality at the House of the Church in Bad Herrenalb. Our aim is to provide a place where, beyond the routines of everyday life, it is possible to meet in peace, clarify matters, learn new things, discuss current issues, develop ideas, engage with others, and find renewal and strength. The team at the House of the Church is happy to support you in this.

Hospitality at the House of the Church is primarily extended to church-related groups and organisations. It is a preferred venue for training programmes and retreat meetings of church bodies. Each year, the General Synod of the Evangelical Church in Baden meets here twice for several days.

At the same time, institutions and companies from academia, culture and business are also very welcome. Located close to the city of Karlsruhe - only about 50 minutes by light rail from Karlsruhe Central Station - and at the same time situated right in the heart of the Black Forest, the House of the Church offers a beautiful setting with magnificent views over the valley. This very distance from the bustle of everyday life makes it possible in Bad Herrenalb to engage with challenging topics and encounters in a very special way.

Christian hospitality also means opening one's spiritual sources to others without imposing them. The chapel on the lower level of the building invites you to moments of silence and prayer. Various options there offer inspiration - feel free to take a look. The chapel is usually open at all times. From time to time, services and devotions are held there, to which you are generally welcome, even if you are not part of the group currently staying here. Please do not hesitate to ask if you would like to join.

I wish you inspiring and strengthening experiences at the House of the Church.
I always enjoy visiting Bad Herrenalb, as I regularly meet interesting people there - old acquaintances and completely new faces.

And sometimes even angels...



Dr. Matthias Kreplin
Oberkirchenrat

Our Philosophy

Arrive - Take a Deep Breath - Focus - Return

The House of the Church is a place of peace and encounter set amid the picturesque landscape of the Northern Black Forest. In our conference centre, you will experience a relaxed atmosphere shaped by the Christian tradition of hospitality.

Slowing Down

The ambience of the seminar rooms has a calming effect. The opportunity to withdraw and enjoy the tranquility allows for maximum concentration and focus.

Inspiration

The conference centre's location in the midst of a beautiful landscape provides the basis for exceptional creativity. It encourages bold thinking and innovative ideas. A variety of seminar rooms with wide views of the Black Forest offer space for inspiration, development, creativity, and room to breathe.

Hospitality

We look forward to welcoming you! At the House of the Church, you will experience Christian hospitality, a warm welcome from our service team, and a high-quality, balanced cuisine - regional and seasonal.

Sustainability

We place great emphasis on sustainability. Particular importance is given to healthy nutrition using fresh products, primarily sourced seasonally from regional suppliers. When maintaining our green spaces, we take care to protect insects and natural habitats. The House of the Church also keeps two beehives on its grounds, cared for in cooperation with a local beekeeper. As an EMAS-certified conference centre, we ensure that all environmental aspects - from energy consumption to waste management and emissions - are implemented in a legally compliant and transparent manner.

Active Working

High-quality moderation and conference technology are part of the standard equipment in our event and seminar rooms. Through in-house media technology and professional event support, we help you design your event in an agile and flexible way, enabling creative and inspiring workshops and seminars.

The House of the Church

Evangelical Academy Baden

Conference Centre of the Evangelical Church in Baden

The House of the Church - Evangelical Academy Baden - is the central educational and conference venue of the Evangelical Church in Baden. Since 1947, synod meetings and academy events have been held in Bad Herrenalb.

Seminars and conferences organised by various regional church and ecumenical institutions, as well as by companies from business and academia, regularly take place here. The venue offers conference facilities suitable for groups of various sizes.

The House has 90 rooms accommodating up to 106 guests.

- 74 single rooms
- 4 accessible rooms (also suitable as family rooms)

All rooms are equipped with a private bathroom with shower, television and desk. Like all other areas of the building, they are accessible by lift.

A total of 10 conference and seminar rooms with capacities ranging from 10 to 200 participants are available, all equipped with modern conference technology and facilities for hybrid meetings.

In addition to breakfast, lunch and dinner, we are happy to serve a second breakfast or afternoon coffee with cake upon request. For a variety of other occasions, we also offer a wide range of catering options. Particularly popular are our barbecue evenings on the sun terrace from April to October.

Our kitchen uses many products from regional suppliers and controlled cultivation. A daily vegetarian or vegan option has become standard. Upon request and within our capabilities, we also provide individual meals for guests with allergies or food intolerances.

A local beekeeper keeps some of his beehives on our premises. His honey can be purchased at reception as a small souvenir.

Most parts of the building were refurbished for energy efficiency in 2008 and 2012.

Public transport access is available: a wheelchair-accessible bus stop is located directly in front of the House.

Bad Herrenalb railway station can be reached on foot within approximately ten minutes.

House Information & Service Guide (A-Z)

Dear Guests, Dear Conference Participants,

The staff of the House of the Church cordially welcome you. We hope that you will feel comfortable in our house and that your event will be carried out to your full satisfaction. Should you require any assistance or have any requests, please feel free to contact our reception desk at any time. We will be happy to assist you.

Below, we have compiled some useful information for your stay.

Arrival

Rooms are available from **2:00 p.m.** on the day of arrival.

Departure

Please vacate your room by **9:00 a.m.** on the day of departure (Sunday: **10:00 a.m.**) and return the room key to reception.

Allergies

All duvets and pillows are suitable for allergy sufferers. Please inform the kitchen if you have any food allergies.

Doctor:

Dr. med. Gudrun Bachschmid
Rechteichweg 3 · 76332 Bad Herrenalb
Telefon: +49 (0) 7083 8053

Pharmacy:

In Bad Herrenalb befindet sich fußläufig die Kur Apotheke:

Kur Apotheke

In der Kurpromenade 31

Mo - Fr

08:30 Uhr - 12:30 Uhr

14:30 Uhr - 18:30 Uhr

Samstag

08:30 Uhr - 12:30 Uhr

Telefon: +49 (0) 7083 - 92570

Chapel

The chapel is open around the clock. It offers a quiet place for reflection, meditation, silent prayer or simply taking a moment to breathe. Services may also be held here.

Common Rooms

In Building A, level -1, you will find the bar, club room and cafeteria for social gatherings. The cafeteria offers table football, billiards and chess.

Central Safe

For the security storage of valuables, a central safe is available at the reception desk. We are happy to keep your valuables safe during your stay. Please contact our reception team if you would like to use this service.

Elevators

Elevators are available in the main building and guesthouse. **Please do not use elevators in case of fire.**

Bathroom Stool

A bathroom stool is available upon request at the reception desk.

Baby Cots Available on Request

To ensure that even our youngest guests enjoy a comfortable stay, we are happy to provide a baby cot upon request. Please let us know when making your reservation or well in advance of your arrival.

Bar

Our cosy bar and the club room with terrace invite you to relax or enjoy a drink at any time of day.

Both areas are open 24 hours a day and operate on a self-service basis. Drinks can be paid for directly at the cash desk provided or recorded on a tally sheet and settled at reception before departure.

Use of the terrace is permitted until 10:00 p.m.

After this time, please ensure that the doors are closed.

Access Code

Your participant card shows a four-digit code that allows you to open the doors at the main entrance and the valley entrance.

You will also find the Wi-Fi network access details on the card.

Defibrillator

The defibrillator is located in the Lobby.

EMAS

Since 2008, the House of the Church has been **EMAS-certified** and thus actively contributes to environmental protection.

Further information can be found on page 14.

Charging Station for Electric Vehicles

A charging station with two connectors is available for electric vehicles at the valley entrance.

The charging card can be obtained at the reception desk.

Feedback

would you like to give us your feedback?

Please use the **QR code** provided. Scan the code with your smartphone and you will be automatically redirected to an online form where you can submit your evaluation.



Luggage Service

Upon request, we will be happy to take care of your luggage.

Beverages

Throughout the entire house, beverage buffets are available for your use. In addition, a self-service bar is located in Building A, level -1, and is open 24 hours a day.

Please observe the price list and the drinks cash desk. You may also use a drinks tally sheet and pay for consumed beverages at reception before departure.

Fan Heater

If required, a fan heater for use in the bathroom can be borrowed from reception.

Hygiene Articles

Have you forgotten your toothbrush or other hygiene items?
Such articles are available for you at the reception desk.

International Power Adapter

International power adapters can be borrowed from reception upon request

Contact Details

Haus der Kirche
Doblerstraße 51 · 76332 Bad Herrenalb

Telefon: +49 (0) 7083-9280

hausderkirche@ekiba.de

Pillows

Would you like additional pillows or an extra duvet?
Please contact the reception desk.

Cewdit Cards

In addition to EC card payments, we accept VISA, EUROCARD and MASTERCARD.

Chapel

The chapel is available to you at all times, in consideration of the night-time quiet hours.

It offers a place to withdraw, gather your thoughts, meditate, say a silent prayer or simply take a moment to breathe.

Worship services may also be held in the chapel.

Chargers / Adapters (upon request)

Chargers and adapters can be borrowed from reception on request.

Sewing Kit and Iron

Sewing kits and irons can be borrowed from reception.

If required, laundry can be handed in to our housekeeping for washing and ironing.

MEDIAKI

The digital church media system offers a comprehensive range of content for guests seeking peace, reflection and inspiration in our chapel.

An interactive touch terminal is located on the left side of the chapel entrance. It is connected to the lighting and audio system inside the chapel. Visitors can select a devotional service, a spoken psalm or a silent lighting scene via the touchscreen for the duration of their visit.

Meals

Breakfast: 07:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

Lunch buffet: According to your group's programme, between 12:00 p.m - 13:00 p.m.

Afternoon coffee: 14:30 p.m. - 16:30 p.m.

Dinner buffet: According to your group's programme, between 18:00 Uhr - 19:00 Uhr

Quiet Hours

Please be considerate of other guests and neighbours, especially after **11:00 p.m.** After the end of your event, please switch off the lights in your conference room and close the terrace doors.

Parking

Parking spaces next to the House and at the valley entrance are available free of charge.

PC / Copier / Scanner

At reception, you may have copies made or documents scanned for a fee.

Documents can be printed via our general email address by prior arrangement.

Smoke Detectors

Our hotel rooms and corridors are equipped with smoke detectors.

If an alarm is triggered, please press the nearest **manual fire alarm button** immediately.

Please also observe the posted instructions describing the correct behaviour in case of fire.

Umbrellas

Umbrellas are available free of charge at reception.
In consideration of other guests, please return umbrellas after use.

Reception

Our reception desk is staffed daily from **08:00 a.m. to 08:00 p.m.**
Payment transactions are possible until **07:45 p.m.**

If you plan to depart before 08:00 a.m., we kindly ask you to settle your bill the day before.

Shoe Cleaning

A shoe cleaning machine is located at the valley entrance.
In addition, shoe cleaning utensils are available at reception.

Telephone

If you do not have a mobile phone with you, you may borrow a **handset** from reception to make a call.

TV

In the club room and in the cafeteria, an additional large screen television is available for shared viewing, particularly during sports broadcasts.

Wi-Fi

Two open Wi-Fi networks are available:

- **Baden WLAN** - accessible without a password
- **Baden S-WLAN** - secure network; registration with the provider Baden WLAN is required

Registration is quick and easy; please follow the on-screen instructions.

Linen Change

Would you like your towels to be changed daily?
Please place the used towels on the bathroom floor.

For bed linen changes, please contact the reception desk

Alarm Clock

An alarm clock can be borrowed from reception upon request.

Important Telephone Numbers

Emergency medical service: 112 **Police:** 110 **Fire brigade:** 112

Emergency On-Call Service

Mobil: +49(0)171-2662569

Newspapers and Magazines

A selection of daily newspapers is available free of charge in the foyer

Room Rates per Person

	2026	2027
Einzelzimmer:	58,00 - 70,00 EUR	62,00 - 72,00 EUR
Doppelzimmer:	38,00 - 45,00 EUR	40,00 - 47,00 EUR

Prices include the applicable statutory VAT.

#Black Forest Experience



Discover Bad Herrenalb

A Popular Holiday Resort in the Northern Black Forest

Hiking, cycling, climbing and golfing - or would you rather relax with wellness treatments and massages?

All of these leisure activities are available in Bad Herrenalb.

A wide range of cultural events, diverse wellness offers and numerous sporting activities invite you to enjoy your free time beyond the conference programme.

Swimming

Siebertäler Therme

The thermal spa in Bad Herrenalb offers a very special wellness experience. The bathing area features bubbling pools, floor fountains, massage jets, neck waterfalls and counter-current systems. In addition, water gymnastics, aqua healing and solarium are offered.

Waldfreibad Bad Herrenalb (Forest Outdoor Pool)

The first outdoor swimming pool built in this region of the Black Forest is still considered one of the most beautiful.

Enjoy bathing in natural spring water surrounded by lush greenery. Facilities include a 45-metre super slide, 1- and 3-metre diving boards, a massage mushroom and a large sunbathing lawn. Separate swimming and non-swimming pools are available.

The grounds also feature a boules court, beach and volleyball courts, a table tennis table and swings.

Climbing

The impressive Falkenstein rock formations in Bad Herrenalb form an exciting climbing area for all climbing enthusiasts, offering thrills and pure adrenaline.

A Climbing Area with Railway Access

It takes less than five minutes to walk from the Kullenmühle stop to the Lower Group of rocks. The Upper Group is a bit further away but rewards climbers with beautiful views over the town and surrounding area.

The Lower Group offers 21 routes, most of which are well secured. Additional protection such as nuts or friends can be helpful in some areas. This applies even more so to the Upper Group, where protection on some of the 25 routes is sparser. Throughout the area, holds and footholds should be checked for stability.

The Upper Group is classified as a natural monument. Both rock groups are part of a Natura 2000 protected area. In the Upper Group, climbing on the Falken Tower and Rambow Wall is only permitted from **1 July to 31 December** each year. Exiting at the summit is not permitted. Changes to the climbing regulations are currently under consideration; please observe current notices.

Golf

The golf courses of the **Bad Herrenalb-Bernbach Golf Club** are sporty, challenging and varied. Each hole has its own highlight and therefore its own name.

Find out for yourself what lies behind names such as *“Terrace Shock”*, why hole 4 is called *“Forest Corner”*, what is special about the *“Roller Coaster”* and where to find *“The Blind Hole.”*

Cycling

Bad Herrenalb and its surroundings offer a wide variety of tour options for both beginners and experienced cyclists.

Whether on a touring bike, mountain bike or comfortably by e-bike - there is a suitable route suggestion for everyone.

The Bad Herrenalb Tourist Information Office will be happy to assist you and also provides maps for your excursions.

Hiking

Our “Town of Seven Valleys” is the ideal starting point for hiking tours in the Black Forest. Whether it is a day trip or a hiking holiday, you can explore the unique landscape of the **Central/Northern Black Forest Nature Park** from here.

Enjoy wonderful panoramic views from the surrounding hills. Intact nature as far as the eye can see - combined with the region’s healthy spa climate, every tour becomes a very special experience.

The Bad Herrenalb Tourist Information Office will be happy to provide information and maps for your hike.



#Sustainability at the
House of the Church

What is EMAS?

EMAS is an environmental management system that incorporates the requirements of the international environmental management standard **ISO 14001**. Beyond this, EMAS places a strong focus on **measurable improvements**, **internal and external transparency**, and **legal compliance**.

The introduction of EMAS aims to continuously improve environmental performance, for example by increasing energy or material efficiency and reducing emissions, wastewater, or waste at the site.

In addition to these “direct” environmental aspects, “indirect” environmental aspects are also identified and assessed. These include, for example, the environmental compatibility of products and services, procurement practices, the behaviour of subcontractors, or the commuting patterns of employees.



EMAS organisations maintain an open dialogue on environmental issues by publishing an environmental statement, which is updated annually. In this statement, they report on all relevant environmental impacts and on the extent to which their self-defined environmental objectives have been achieved.

Employees are actively involved and integrated into the process of continuous improvement.

Furthermore, EMAS organisations demonstrate that they are familiar with and comply with all applicable environmental regulations. This compliance is verified in two ways:

- through **internal audits** conducted by the organisation’s own employees, and
- through inspections by an **independent environmental verifier** approved for the respective sector.

The environmental verifier checks whether the organisation’s environmental management system meets the requirements of the EMAS Regulation and whether all environmental regulations are being complied with. In addition, the verifier validates the organisation’s environmental statement, confirming that the information provided is correct and reliable.

This interaction between internal procedures and external validation ensures that EMAS requirements are met and that published information is appropriate and accurate.

Access the current environmental statement via QR code.

Environmental Guidelines

- In our everyday actions, we seek to contribute to the preservation of creation. This includes how we treat people and animals, soil and plants, air and water, as well as how and in what quality our food is produced.
- Ecology and economy are not contradictory, but rather point the way to the future: leaving future generations at least equally good conditions for development as those we ourselves have found. This represents a far-reaching responsibility. It is about precautionary future development through ecological protection of essential resources and economic sustainability.
- We aim to strike a balance between ecological and economic goals. We participate in sustainable economic activity by striving for continuous improvement in the environmental compatibility of our own operations, with particular focus on reducing the consumption of natural resources.
- We pursue resource management in which the use of materials and energy, as well as their environmental impact, are continuously reviewed and improved wherever this is economically feasible.
- We commit ourselves to compliance with all legal requirements. We respect international labour standards and reject discrimination. In our dealings with competitors, suppliers and guests, we act fairly and respectfully, observing recognised standards of conduct, morality and decency in accordance with Christian values.
- A guiding principle is our social responsibility towards guests and suppliers. We therefore seek active dialogue with the people who visit our House and aim to position ourselves as a reliable partner to both suppliers and guests. We want to be part of a credible and trustworthy society that promotes acceptance of the idea of sustainability.
- We are committed to actively involving all employees in environmental matters, listening to and considering their suggestions. Employee satisfaction is a fundamental prerequisite of our work ethic.
- Within our organisation, we promote employee motivation through continuous information flow and transparency. Training and professional development opportunities for our staff are a standard part of our approach.
- We are committed to safeguarding the health and physical well-being of our employees in the workplace by complying with statutory occupational health and safety requirements and encouraging individual responsibility.

These guidelines were last updated in March 2023 and took effect immediately.

A top-down photograph showing a pair of red rubber boots standing on dark, rich soil. To the left of the boots, a row of harvested carrots lies on the ground. The carrots vary in color, including orange, yellow, white, and purple, and all have their green leafy tops attached. The text "#Regional Suppliers" is overlaid in white, bold font across the middle of the image, positioned between the boots and the carrots.

#Regional Suppliers

Our Regional Partners:

Free-range eggs:



Schwalbenhof GbR Dreßler & Duss
Uhlandstr. 2
76332 Bad Herrenalb

Butcher / Meat Products



Fleisch & Wurstspezialitäten GmbH
Metzgerei Bernd Glasstetter
Brunnenstr. 2
76316 Malsch-Völkersbach

Potatoes

Daniel Klink 75389 Neuweiler

Honey



HEIMARKT-REGIONAL

Torsten Schiebenes
Heimarkt - regional und fair
Bernsteinstr. 6
76332 Bad Herrenalb

Dairy Products and Cheese



Käse-Caduff GmbH
Hauptstr. 44
78628 Rottweil

Bread and Rolls:

Waidner Hubert Bäckerei u. Konditorei GmbH
Ettlinger St. 36
76332 Bad Herrenalb

&



Nussbaumer
Pforzheimer Straße 77
76337 Waldbronn

Pasta and Noodles:



Jeremias
Industriest. 13-19
75217 Birkenfeld

Grain



Zeller Mühle

Zeller Mühle Huber GmbH
Zeller Straße 47
77833 Ottersweier-Unzhurst



#Conference Facilities



Productive Meetings in an Inspiring Setting

Plenty of Space for Focused and Effective Work

For successful conferences, seminars, workshops and events, we provide the right setting.

We offer space and possibilities for planning and design, allowing you to work undisturbed and with full concentration.

Depending on the number of participants you expect and the type of event, you may choose from **10 high-quality conference and seminar rooms**, as well as a **lecture hall accommodating up to 200 people**. Our in-house media technology and professional event support ensure smooth and reliable proceedings.

The optimal seating arrangements vary depending on the nature of the event:

- For highly communicative meetings, **U-shaped seating** or **boardroom / block arrangements** are particularly suitable.
- **Classroom-style seating** with tables and chairs is ideal for lectures and training sessions.
- For presentations, **theatre-style seating** (rows of chairs) is recommended.

Please contact us - we will be happy to find the best solution for your event.

Features of Our Conference Rooms

- □ Flexible conference and meeting rooms (two variable rooms with a combined area of **160 m²** for up to **100 participants**)
- □ Creative rooms for **3 to 40 participants**, some with access to a breakout foyer and outdoor terrace
- □ Large windows providing ample natural daylight
- □ Summer terrace for coffee breaks
- □ **Free Wi-Fi** in conference rooms, public areas and guest rooms

Raum	Raumfläche / m ²	Personen
Seminarraum 1 bis 4	30 bis 50	10 bis 20
Seminarraum 5 bis 7	100 bis 110	28 bis 50
Seminarraum 7 und 8 *	60 bis 160	20 bis 110
Besprechungsraum 1 bis 4	12 bis 40	6 bis 16
Vortragssaal	300	40 bis 200
Clubraum	120	30 bis 50
Cafeteria	30	12 bis 22

* Rooms can be combined in various configurations using flexible partition walls.

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