
A House for Remembering

The Bonhoeffer House was built in 1935 as the retirement home of Professor Dr. med. Karl Bonhoeffer and his wife Paula, Dietrich Bonhoeffer's parents. Whenever Dietrich Bonhoeffer was in Berlin, he lived here. In his study, parts of his book, *Ethics*, had their origin; as did his analysis of the resistance, *After Ten Years*, the manuscript of which survived the war hidden in the house. On April 5, 1943, Dietrich Bonhoeffer was arrested in this building.

Here also occurred conspiratorial discussions of the resistance movement against the National Socialists, with decisive participation of family members. Finally, the sons Klaus (a lawyer) and Dietrich, and the sons-in-law Hans von Dohnanyi (a lawyer) and Rudiger Schleicher (also a lawyer) were murdered by the Nazis in April, 1945.

Today there is a permanent exhibit on the life and work of Dietrich Bonhoeffer located in the meeting room of the house. A catalogue which accompanies the exhibit is available in German and English.

Bonhoeffer's study on the upper floor was restored to the approximate condition in which he left it in April 1943. It now contains a part of his private library.

A House for Orientation

The house is open to all visitors – individuals and groups, local church councils, Christian and other organizations – who want a quiet place within the city to reflect on contemporary issues and who wish to be informed of the life and work of Dietrich Bonhoeffer.

A library and a collection of video tapes help to answer questions about the relevance of Dietrich Bonhoeffer for today. These resources have to be used in the house.



A House for Encounter

In the house on Marienburger Allee one can gain insight into Bonhoeffer's family, his own personality, the different stages of his life, his theological work, his Christian witness, and his political engagement. Many people visit this house, including groups involved in the ecumenical movement, and from universities in Germany and abroad. For years, American groups from many denominations have also visited here.

The facilities include a meeting room for about 30 people and a well-equipped kitchen which can be used for coffee and tea, or to prepare a light lunch. So that whether you come to the house as a part of a group for a seminar, or simply to learn more about Dietrich Bonhoeffer, we hope to provide for a pleasant experience.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

4.2.1906 – 9.4.1945

Dietrich Bonhoeffer – Berlin Pastor and professor of theology – resisted National Socialism at a time when tyranny and racism ruled Germany, victimizing religious, ethnic, and social minorities. Bonhoeffer applied his Christian faith and his theological reflections to his everyday actions. This brought him in conflict with the Nazi regime, and he paid for his convictions with his life.

Bonhoeffer's thoughts about the church continue to challenge us today; they also encourage us and move us to remain active.

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Directions:

By Subway: Take U-Bahn line 2 in the direction of Ruhleben to Theodor Heuss-Platz. From there, take Bus M49, X34 or X49 (see below).

By Bus: Take bus M49 (2 stops direction: Heerstraße/Nennhauser Damm) or X34 (1 stop direction: Kladow) or X49 (1 stop direction: Staaken) to Heerstraße station. About ten minutes to walk.

By S-Bahn: Lines 3 and 75 (direction: Spandau) to Heerstraße station. About ten minutes to walk.

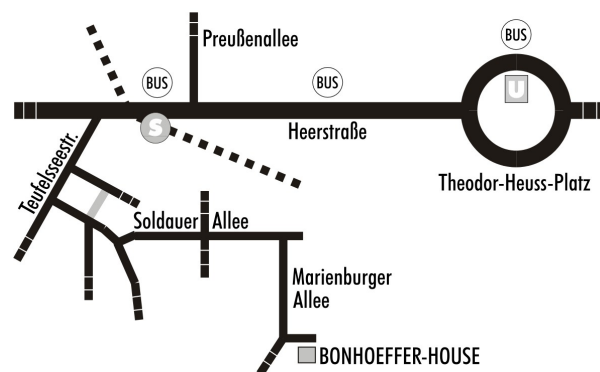


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