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**Conversations between 1986-1989**

**PREPARATORY MEETING**

1975

*"Preparations for conversations between the Baptist World Alliance and the LWF were prepared for several years beginning in 1975, after contacts were made between officials of the two international bodies. A Baptist-Lutheran Joint Commission was formed in 1984 with four meetings and the publishing of a joint report in 1990.*

**MEETINGS:**

1. November 11-15, 1986 - Rummelsberg, Federal Republic of Germany  
*"State of relations between the two communions; results of other dialogues; historical tradition of Lutheranism and Baptist heritage"*
2. November 11-14, 1987 - Wildbad, Federal Republic of Germany  
*"Faith, baptism, discipleship"*
3. November 2-5, 1988 - Dresden, German Democratic Republic  
*"Discussion on the Church and on the eucharist; follow-up on earlier work on baptism, faith, authority and Lutheran condemnations of Anabaptists in the 16<sup>th</sup> century"*
4. November, 1989 - Smidstrup Strand, Denmark  
*"Four themes were covered: authority for preaching and teaching in the Baptist and Lutheran traditions; faith-baptism-discipleship; the church; Lutheran condemnations of the Anabaptism in the 16<sup>th</sup> century and the relationship of Lutheran and Baptists today" - REPORT: Baptists and Lutherans in Conversation: A Message to Our Churches, Geneva, 1990" and TEILBERICHT: Baptisten und Lutheraner im Gespräch: Eine Botschaft an unsere Kirchen/Gemeinden*

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