

Grand opening for megachurch's new facility near Paris

WEA Secretary General Thomas Schirrmacher participated in the opening of a grand new evangelical church space on 11 September 2021 as the Martin Luther King Church, affiliated with the Assemblies of God in France, opened its striking Grand Paris facility in Créteil, south of Paris.

The megachurch's new building has attracted plenty of attention. Its main auditorium has a giant 360-degree screen, a restaurant with a rooftop terrace, a fun park, and a sports hall.

In his remarks, Schirrmacher recalled the terrorist attacks of 11 September 2001, twenty years earlier, and stated, 'As Christians, we carry a universal message of unity and hope to a world in which anger, rejection, and lack of mutual understanding lead people to death and war. Yet the message we bring is believable only if we have learned to display this unity amongst ourselves. ...

'Today, as we gather together at the table of brotherhood described by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., in the spirit of holy communion and love established for us by Christ, we must realize that before we can demonstrate the love of the Savior to the nations through humanitarian aid and social services, it is essential that these nations have the chance to see this same love at work among us. May they see in us one heart and one spirit in unity, in accordance with Jesus' command for his people.'



Thomas Schirrmacher with Senior Pastor Ivan Carluer
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