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To the members of the Synod in the
Evangelical - Lutheran Church of Latvia
and
Archbishop Janis Vanags

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Dear Archbishop Janis Vanags,

Dear members of the Synod in the Evangelical - Lutheran Church of Latvia,

With many thanks and full of admiration we have returned from the jubilee of the women theologians in Riga. We feel great respect for all female theologians who are deeply firm in their call to preach and administer the sacraments and still keep hoping that their church will also appreciate their service and ministry and will make full use of it.

We female theologians in Germany experience being entirely and equally appreciated in the congregations, the church bodies and in the theological sciences and education. In our churches, too, it has been a long and stony way to reach this goal, but finally nobody could seriously close one's mind to the biblical and historical arguments which constitute the priesthood of all baptized.

Due to the biblical witnesses women have contributed crucially to the expansion of the gospel and have given important impulses during the church history, this cannot seriously be denied by anybody.

That is why we want to encourage you to support actively women's ordination in your church.

God may bless and accompany you!

In the name of the Association of Female Protestant Theologians in Germany we greet you sincerely,

Dr. Cornelia Schlarb

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