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Launch of the joint Christmas campaign

28.11.2010

On the first Sunday in Advent the 11th edition of ecumenical Christmas Aid to Children campaign was launched under the motto *Light up the Flame of Hope for Children*. For many years it has been organised by Caritas Polska, Diakonia Polska, Eleos of the Orthodox Church, and for two years now – also by Diakonia of the Reformed Church. This year Diakonia Polska distributed over 15 thousand candles. Funds obtained will be spent in projects for the benefit of children: meal sponsoring in schools and social therapeutic centres, purchasing educational materials, summer and winter recreation.

Opening concert

27.11.2010

This year's edition of the Christmas Campaign was inaugurated by an ecumenical charity concert in the Lutheran Holy Trinity Church in Warsaw. The concert featured, among others, the youth choir of the Institute for the Blind in Laski, the choir of the Warsaw School of Social Sciences and Humanities and the choir of the Lutheran Holy Trinity Church in Warsaw.

At the end of the concert, bishops of four churches passed the flame of the Christmas candle to participants of the concert.



Christmas fair in Pisz

8.12.2010

From 9 to 12 December the Lutheran church in Pisz in Masuria is organising a Christmas fair. Among other things, crafts made by patients of the Centre for People with Special Needs in Pisz

and of the Lutheran Nursing Home in Mikołajki will be available to buy.



Gold Medal for rev. Krzysztof Mutschmann

10.10.2010

Rev. Krzysztof Mutschmann, provost of the Lutheran parish in Sorkwity, was decorated for special merit in the field of children and youth work. Gold Medal of the Minister of National Education was awarded to rev. Mutschmann by vice-minister Zbigniew Włodkowski at a special church service on the 20th anniversary of the Lutheran Diaconal Centre in Sorkwity. The Sorkwity Church has for almost 20 years been involved in a campaign called Aid to the Children of Chernobyl coordinated by Diakonia Polska - The parish has been hosting children from Belarus.



10th anniversary of the Family-Like Foster Home in Dzięgielów

12.10.2010

The Family-Like Foster Home in Dzięgielów in Cieszyn Silesia is celebrating its 10th anniversary. Since its foundation the orphanage has been headed by Aleksandra and Paweł Gołuszko. Diakonia received a 'Friend of the Home' diploma for supporting and accompanying inhabitants of the Home. Currently 7 children aged from 7 to 17 live there.

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