

**Commemorating the Wannsee conference,
90 minutes that changed history.
Join our campaign to make history.**

Dear Hoffmann!

On 31 July 1941, the Reich Marshal of the Großdeutsches Reich has commissioned me, together with other pertinent central agencies involved, to carry out all necessary preparations in regard to organizational, practical and material measures requisite for the total solution of the Jewish question in Europe, and to submit to him in the near future a general outline thereof. I am enclosing with my letter a photocopy of this order.

The letter, sent out in 1941 to only fifteen people, may at first glance seem like another formal invitation to a dull planning meeting on 20th January, 1942. But the 90 minutes, which it took the gathering to come to a conclusion, would change the world forever. The conclusion was to “start eliminating the Jewish people”

Only fifteen people attended the gathering but their convictions, determinations and decisions would lead to the greatest crime of mankind - the Holocaust.

Today we face the same kind of evil as the Jewish people are threatened by nuclear annihilation. The choice for us today is again between ignorance and passivity or action and determination.

In the 1940's another German, Pastor Dietrich Bonhoeffer, was looking for those who would join his fight against the mass killings of the Jews but he found only a few. He was in a minority as the official church chose to appease Hitler.

Where do you stand? Where does the Christian church stand today? It only takes fifteen people to change the world. Are you one of them?

With the 70th anniversary of the Wannsee conference the European Coalition for Israel will embark on a three year campaign to raise awareness about the historical facts of the Holocaust, to fight Holocaust denial, anti-Semitism and the existential threats to Israel of today.

Please join us in this campaign by commemorating the Wannsee conference on Friday 20th January or the International Holocaust Sunday on January 29th. ECI will help organize commemoration events both in Berlin and in Brussels and we encourage you to do the same.

For more educational resources and information please click on downloads where you can find audiovisual material and suggestions for a commemoration program. For more information about the Wannsee conference please go the website of the Wannsee museum where you can find information in your own language.

<http://www.ghwk.de/engl/kopfengl.htm>