

**Bishop *emeritus* Dr Christian Krause**  
**President of the Lutheran World Federation from 1997-2003**

- Born: 6 January 1940 in Dallgow-Döberitz, Brandenburg, Germany
- 1946–1960 Primary and High School with graduation in Göttingen, Germany
- 1960–1966 Theological Studies at the Universities of Marburg, Heidelberg and Göttingen, Germany, including a Fulbright Research Scholarship at the McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago, USA (1962/63)
- 1966 Graduation from the University of Göttingen and First Theological Examination of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Hanover
- 1966–1967 Research Assistant in the Department of Theology of the Lutheran World Federation (LWF) in Geneva, Switzerland
- 1967–1969 Assistant Pastor in the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Hanover and Second Theological Examination (Completion of academic studies and field practice as theologian and pastor)
- 1969 Ordination as pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Hanover within the Lutheran congregation in Geneva, Switzerland
- Marriage with Gertrud Szperalski, high school teacher for German and music  
Birth of four children: Katrin (1970), Annette (1973), Britta (1974), Christopher (1979)
- 1969–1970 Special Assistant in the LWF Department of Theology
- 1971–1972 At Headquarters of the Tanganyika Christian Refugee Service (LWF Department of World Service) in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania
- 1972–1985 Executive Secretary (Oberkirchenrat) of the United Evangelical Lutheran Church of Germany and of the German National Committee of the LWF for International Ecumenical Affairs in Hanover, Germany
- 1985–1994 General Secretary of the Deutscher Evangelischer Kirchentag (German Protestant Lay Movement) at Fulda, Germany
- 1994–2002 Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Brunswick
- 1997–2003 President of the Lutheran World Federation
- since 1999 President of the Hermann Kunst Foundation for the Promotion of New Testament Textual Research in Münster, Germany
- Chairperson of the Governing Board of the German Protestant Church Development Service
- 31 October 1999 Signing of the Joint Declaration on the Doctrine of Justification between the Roman Catholic Church and the Lutheran World Federation
- Awards Doctor Honoris Causa of the Academy of Ecumenical Indian Theology and Church Administration, Madras, India, 1994  
Doctor Honoris Causa of the Comenius University, Bratislava, Slovak Republic, 1999  
Knight Commander's Cross (Badge and Star) of the Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany, 2001