

## **Addendum to my circular letter from October 2025 and LR from December 2025**

Schifferstadt, December 2025

### **Information on cemetery administration and current developments in Liebling**

Dear compatriots near and far,

As I already mentioned in my previous letter, I have gained new and significant insights which, due to their gravity and importance, required undeniable proof. This proof is now available.

At first, I was unsure whether I should publish this information at all, as I assumed it would cause quite a stir. But after careful consideration, I believe it is necessary to clarify the situation.

On November 11, 2025, I held a discussion in Baden-Baden with Heinrich Erk, Adam Arnold, and Friedrich Schied in order to address the current situation. The aim was to work together with the citizens of Liebling to find a solution and to determine the next steps.

During these conversations, it became clear that the people of Liebling want to be informed about the situation concerning the church and the cemeteries. Only then can they form a well-founded opinion. Therefore, I was advised to also inform the church district of Mühlbach, to which the Liebling parish belongs. I submitted this information in the form of a petition. As soon as I receive a response, I will publish it immediately on our homepage <https://liebling-friedhof.de>

under "Association / Important Announcements".

It is important to know that since the founding of the municipality of Liebling in 1786, the cemeteries have been legally owned by the municipality of Liebling. This means that all maintenance and usage measures must be coordinated with the municipality and the mayor.

On March 23, 2024, I received the following message from Mrs. Waltraut Eberle:

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**"I would like to ask you to declare this agreement null and void and to seek help elsewhere in the village. For almost 20 years, our pastor has been fighting for the registration of the two cemeteries in the land register. For this, he needs the approval of the mayor's office, but this approval is being refused. It has even gone so far that the mayor's office recently secretly registered the 'Comuna Liebling' as the owner. Since 2020, I have also been fighting this matter. Now that I am almost at my goal, your actions are interfering with my efforts. I expect you to immediately distance yourself from your agreement before the mayor sends people to the cemetery."**

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In this email, the question arises what Mrs. Waltraut means by the statement: “Now that I am almost at my goal, your actions are interfering with my efforts.” Does she want the cemeteries to fall into disrepair in order to use them for other purposes, such as a solar park or a speculative project?

When I asked Pastor Sinn what official role Mrs. Waltraut holds in the Liebling parish, I received no response. From this, I conclude that she holds no official position.

In the email of November 11, 2025, Pastor Sinn wrote:

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**“The cemetery belongs to the people of Liebling, not to me! They must take care of it themselves. I cannot take care of what the ancestors have neglected for 300 years.”**

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No, our ancestors did not neglect anything — quite the opposite. They ensured that the church had 25 hectares of farmland and thus income to maintain the church and the cemeteries.

Pastor Sinn sold 5 hectares of church land. According to him, the money was used for renovating the church. However, the renovation costs were covered 100% by the company Martin Schlereth, Michael Schlereth & Doris Schlereth GbR, or by their foundation. The church building, now equipped with 5 radio antennas, was also built by our ancestors.

If the cemetery belongs to the people of Liebling and not to Pastor Sinn, the question arises why he and Mrs. Waltraut still interfered with and hindered our efforts regarding cemetery maintenance.

It appears that both of them intended from the very beginning to let our project fail. The argument that we should not use the mayor’s services was merely a pretext. They had not expected my determination and perseverance.

Pastor Walther Sinn and Waltraut Eberle are currently involved in a legal dispute with the mayor concerning the “old school.” This has been reported several times in the LR and RM by Adam Arnold.

When the mayor of Liebling learned that his assistance was not desired by Pastor Sinn and Waltraut Eberle, he withdrew in order to avoid yet another conflict. As a result, our association was left empty-handed.

In October 2025, during my third visit to Liebling, I was once again unable to arrange a meeting with Pastor Sinn. Therefore, I sought a conversation with the mayors in Liebling and in Birda, since Pastor Sinn also serves the congregation in Birda. However, he no longer has influence there, and all matters concerning the church and cemetery are handled directly with the mayor and the compatriots in Germany.

Pastor Sinn seems to have the same concerns in Liebling as in Birda: He does not want the responsibility for municipal matters to be taken away from him.

When I visited the cemetery in October 2025 after the storm damage and a...

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