

# Vita (long version)

**Pastor Johannes Justus** (born 1957) was superintendent of the Association of Pentecostal Church in Germany (BFP) (2012-2022) and Senior Pastor of Elim-Church in Hanover, Germany (2009-2023). He is currently active nationally and internationally as a coach, supervisor, church consultant, and conference speaker. He is the founder and chairman of Elim-Network e.V., a network of national and international churches that together primarily plant new church congregations.

Johannes Justus is married to Irene since 1978. They have 6 children, one adopted child and 20 grandchildren. He was born in Kljutsch (Kazakh SSR) where he was part of a Baptist Church from childhood on. Still in Kazakhstan he was formally educated both as mechatronic technician and as aircraft mechanic. In November 1988 he and his family emigrated to Germany where he started to work as process control engineer and project leader in a electrical engineering company. Parallel to working in his job he started an education as pastor within BFP and was ordained in 2000. During his first pastorate in the Pentecostal Church of Nienburg Johannes was responsible for the education of pastors in the BFP-region Weser-Ems. In 2009 he became Senior Pastor of Elim-Church in Hannover. In the following year he was educated as coach and supervisor at Leibniz-University Hannover. 2010-2012 he was regional director of BFP-region "Eastern Lower Saxony", since September 2012 he was superintendent of the Association of Pentecostal Churches in Germany.

Johannes great passion is to promote the building of strong and growing churches. He longs for the kingdom of God to be brought to bear at all levels of society and for people to be reconciled with God. He worked for a partnership between the churches, e.g. in his function as a member of the main board of the Evangelical Alliance Germany (2012-2022). He loves to encourage personalities - and especially spiritual leaders - in their vocational processes and to release them in their gifts. In doing so, he emphasizes the effectiveness of the Holy Spirit and promotes an openness to the supernatural power of God among Christians. From time to time he writes about this in the online blog at [www.elim-network.de](http://www.elim-network.de).

His spare time Johannes prefers to spend with his wife Irene, e.g. in open countryside or travelling. Besides his continual vocational learning he takes time for weight training and photography. His lack of discipline concerning sweets he tries to balance by moving around as much as possible.