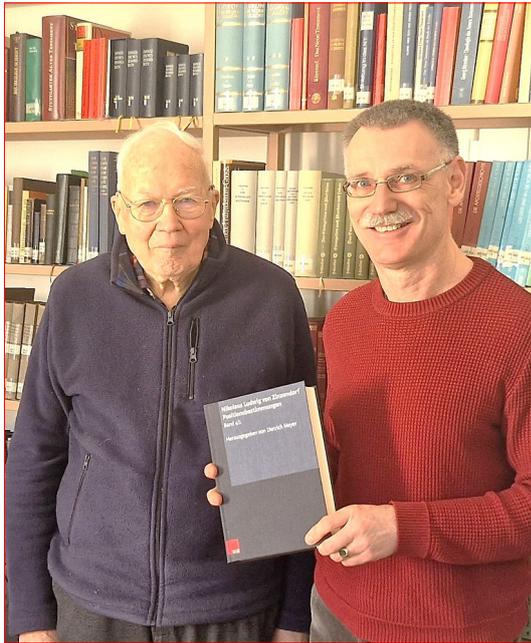


# Book Announcement: New Volume of Zinzendorf's Works

The working group for a historical-critical edition of the works of Count Zinzendorf is pleased to announce the publication of volume 4.2 -- *Positionsbestimmungen* – that includes documents related to Zinzendorf's activities in the Caribbean, Switzerland, and Pennsylvania.



The **Zinzendorf Working Group** has set itself the task of making a selection of works from Zinzendorf's extensive published writings and manuscript sources available to researchers as part of a multi-volume historical-critical edition. So far, five volumes have been published. The working group is an independent group of scholars and is affiliated with the Historical Commission for the Study of Pietism.

**Dr. Dietrich Meyer**, one of the leading experts in Zinzendorf scholarship, is the editor of the new volume.

**Dr. Peter Vogt**, Director of Theological Education in the Moravian Church (European Continental Province), is managing coordinator of the Zinzendorf working group.

## Nikolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf: Positionsbestimmungen

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### Content

**The 1739 diary of Zinzendorf's journey to St. Thomas.** Zinzendorf's voyage to St. Thomas in 1739 was his first trip to a mission field outside of Europe and was critical to secure legal protection for the missionaries in a situation of strong political opposition.

**The 1741 letter to the Reformed Church in Geneva.** Zinzendorf's visit to the Reformed city of Geneva in 1741 was an attempt to achieve recognition of the work of the Moravian Church by leaders of the Calvinist-Reformed tradition. A key document in this encounter was a detailed description of the history and piety of the Moravian community.

**The 1742 minutes of the Pennsylvania Synods and Pennsylvania travel diaries.** Zinzendorf's journey to Pennsylvania in 1742 had three objectives: the cultivation of spiritual life among the German settlers, the establishment of organizational structures for the Moravian community, and missionary outreach to the indigenous Indian peoples. The documents reflect his ecumenical ambitions and his interaction with several indigenous groups.