



The year 1525

In the year 1525, Memmingen was a place in which history was written. Due to oppressive taxes and excessive official duties, fifty representatives of Upper Swabian farmers joined together in the free imperial city to form a "Christian association". The meeting place in March 1525 was the building of the Kramerzunft (salesmen guild) here at Weinmarkt. On the basis of "Twelve Articles", they wanted to obtain relief from their Lords. A statute gave their association an organisational structure.

With the agreement on the basic principles of political community such as freedom, justice, election, self-determination and co-determination, the meeting of the peasants became the first constituent assembly. The principles of the peasants would not be found again on Germany soil until 1848 in Frankfurt Paulskirche (church in Frankfurt) and, as applicable law, in the Weimar Constitution of 1919.

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