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Services union ver.di and the Marburger Bund doctors' union have reached an agreement with the social welfare organisation of the Protestant church in Lower Saxony. This marks a move away from the church's previous practice of excluding the trade unions. As a first step the unions negotiated a pay increase for the 30,000 employees of the church in Lower Saxony. Most workers will get 5.5% in three stages but the employers would only agree to 2.5% for workers involved in eldercare. [Read more at > ver.di (DE)-

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