



Global Council Network 2d Global Forum of the People of God Aparecida 2018

Towards a Church-Inspired by the Gospel-for the world
Por uma Igreja inspirada no Evangelho - para o mundo
Rumbo a una Iglesia inspirada en el Evangelio-para el mundo
Vers une Eglise-inspirée par l'Évangile-pour le monde
Verso una Chiesa ispirata dal Vangelo per il mondo

Letter of information N° 6 - April 2018

Dear All,

Our last letter of information (N° 5) was issued in January 2018,

1/ Rome meetings March 2018

From March 15th to 18th, we had in Rome a series of meetings of EN-RE (European Network Church on the Move), WAC I (We Are Church International) and GCN (Global Council Network). Those meetings were either specific to each organization or common. Preparation of Aparecida forum was the major issue of the GCN agenda.

Strong support to GCN from both EN-RE and WAC I has been reaffirmed.

Edson Silva, leader of the GCN Brazilian team and delegate of WAC Sao Paulo (member of WAC I) came from Brazil to attend the WAC I and GCN meetings. He delivered a comprehensive talk on Liberation Theology in Brazil and Latin America. He will send the Spanish version of his talk so that we can translate and circulate the English version.

Rene Reid, director of CCRI (Catholic Church Reform International), attended as invited guest the meetings when GCN issues were on the agenda.

2/ General theme for Aparecida forum

The following wording has been agreed upon :

**2nd Global Forum of the People of God
From Medellín 1968 to Aparecida 2018**

“Empowering the People in the Church and in society”

“The Gospel challenged by globalization: justice, peace, democracy, environment, spirituality”

3/ General organization of the forum

3.1/ Location

Reservations venue for meetings and accommodation are now secured.

3.2/ Preliminary program

November 2018 14, Wednesday

Reception of those who will arrive before - see location for lodging
- Hotel in Sao Paulo or Guarulhos until 03/15/2018
Transportation from this hotel to Aparecida will be organized on the morning of November 15

1st day – November 2018 15, Thursday

- 10:00-reception at the Hotel (Check-In)
- 12:30 – lunch (distributing Vouchers to participants)
- 2:00 pm- **Opening and Prayer**
international coordination and Local coordination
Remember the story of the first Global Forum of the people of God (Council 50), creation of GCN, international coordination, links with other movements and structures: WAC Intl, European Network Church on the Move, CCRI (Catholic Church Reform International)
- 3:00 pm-Table: **Vatican II and Medellín – 50 years**
Speakers :
 - **Leonardo Boff** (Brazil, Rio de Janeiro)
 - A woman theologian from **Europe: Margit Eckoltz**
- 4:00 pm – plenary and debate
- 4:30 pm- Break/Coffee
- 5:00 pm Round Table: **From Latin America to the world: socio-political and ecclesial situation**
Speakers :
 - **Socorro Martinez (Mexico, CEBs)**
 - **Pedro Ribeiro (Brazil)**
- 6:00 pm – plenary and debate
- 6:30 pm Break
- 8:00 pm Dinner

2nd day – November 2018 16, Friday

- 8:30-opening prayer
- 9:00-Table: **continental Outcries that challenge the Christians**
Speakers:
 - **Ivone Gebara** (Brazil)
 - And one from **Asia**
- 10:00 – plenary and debate

- 10:30 Break/Coffee
 - 11:00 Round Table: **signs of church reform**
Speakers:
 - **Maria Cecilia Domezi** (Brazil)
 - **A theologian from Australia (tbd)**
 - 12:00 – plenary and debate
 - 12:30 – lunch
 - 2:00 pm-working groups: **the Church that we want**
 - By thematic working groups
 - Democratization of ecclesial structure - facilitation by WAC SP/João Pessoa
 - Renewal of priestly ministry facilitation by (to be defined)
 - CEBs and Small Christian Communities (SCC) – facilitation by CEBS (tbd)
 - Laity: subject – facilitation by Christian CNLB (tbd)
 - Women's Leadership and gender – facilitation by Catholics for the right to decide
 - Diversity and sexuality: LGBT – facilitation by RNGCLGBT (tbd)
 - Gender ideology and Church: history, challenges and future – Enric Vila – Coordinador Grupo Católico el Forum Europeo de Grupos Cristianos LGBT (Inglês/Espanhol)
 - New family settings – facilitation by (tbd)
 - Youth – facilitation by Pastoral of the youth
 - 5:00 pm-Break/Coffee
 - 5:30 pm – leave to Basilica
 - 6:00 pm- Celebration of the Martyrs - Chapel or Basilica
 - 8:00 pm-Dinner
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3rd day-2018 17 November, Saturday

- 8:30-opening prayer
- 9:00 Round Table: **Cries of the world**
Speakers:
 - **João Pedro Stedli** (Brazil)
 - **a leader from USA** (tbd)
- 10h00 - plenary and debate
- 10:30-Break/Coffee
- 11:00-Desk: **the presence of the Church in the world**
Speakers:
 - **Wagner Lopes Sanchez** (Brazil)
 - **an African theologian (tbd)**
- 12:00 - plenary and debate
- 12:30 – lunch
- 2:00 pm-working groups: **the world we want**
 - By thematic working groups:
 - Justice, Peace and conflict of war – facilitation by
 - Urban and rural Conflicts – facilitation by MST - Landless Movement

- Traditional Peoples (indigenous, quilombolas, riverine, others) - facilitation by AMERINDIA
 - Development and environment – facilitation by CLIMATE FORUM
 - Culture, political participation and the Well-Live – facilitation by FAITH MOVEMENT and POL
 - Preferential option for the poor – facilitation by FAITH SCHOOLS NETWORK and policy
 - The economic crisis and indebtedness of southern countries – facilitation by JUBILEE SOUTH NETWORK
 - Inter-religious Initiatives - facilitation by REJU - ecumenical youth network
- 5:00 pm-Break/Coffee
 - 6:00 pm-Celebration (Chapel)
 - 8:00 pm – dinner
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day 4 – 18 November 2018, Sunday

- 8:30 - Table: For a Church inspired by the Gospel - for the world
- Dynamic and fast presentation of the 16 working groups
- Re-reading of the Final Letter of the II Global Forum of the People of God in Aparecida
- 9:15 - Departure to the Basilica of Aparecida
- 10:00 – Eucharistic Celebration in the Basilica of Our Lady Aparecida
- 12h30 – Closing Lunch
- 1:00 pm - Departure to Cumbica or São Paulo Airport

3.3/ Invited speakers

Contacts with various invited speakers are under way. We will inform as soon as participations are confirmed.

3.4 Working groups

The round table debate organized before should be the basis for the working groups. Those groups will prepare elements for the final declaration and their works should help to give guidelines for future actions.

3.5/ Delegates and inscriptions

Due to logistics conditions, the maximum number of delegates will be 180.

Envisaged breakdown is as follows:

100 from Brazil

50 from other Latin America countries and North America

10 from Europe

10 from Asia

10 from Africa

Hopefully a small number from Oceania (Australia, New Zealand). If confirmed, other groups will reduce their number so that the total figure of 180 is not exceeded.

Lists of potentially interested movements in Latin America has been provided to GCN Brazil.

Delegates registration sheets to be prepared and circulated before end of May.

3.6 Translations

Receiving in advance as many as possible texts of speeches would be helpful to translators.

3.7 Insurance

Necessity of a liability insurance contract for the event to be checked

4/ Schedule of preparation activities

March

28 - Meeting of Local Coordination (São Paulo)

April

15 - Programming - confirm all panelists

16 - Disclosure of Event Schedule and Invitation to Organizations (until June)

22 - Event (financial resources)

00 - Local Coordination Meeting (São Paulo)

Team meetings: Finance, Liturgy, Infrastructure, Secretariat, Communication

May

00 - Local Coordination Meeting (São Paulo)

Team meetings: Finance, Liturgy, Infrastructure, Secretariat, Communication

June

01 - Registration of the delegates to the II Global Forum of the People of God (until September)

01 - Convocation for exhibitors in Workshops

24 - Event (financial resources)

00 - Local Coordination Meeting (São Paulo)

Team meetings: Finance, Liturgy, Infrastructure, Secretariat, Communication

July

00 - Local Coordination Meeting (São Paulo)

Team meetings: Finance, Liturgy, Infrastructure, Secretariat, Communication

20 - GCN meeting in Aparecida with Jean Pierre Schmitz (indicative date)

21 - GCN Meeting and Local Coordination (São Paulo) (indicative date)

August

00 - Local Coordination Meeting (São Paulo)

Team meetings: Finance, Liturgy, Infrastructure, Secretariat, Communication

15 - Hotel Queen of Brazil - 30% of the Lodging

15 - Hotel Rainha do Brasil - Payment 50% of the Infrastructure (Rooms, Coffee break)

26 - Event (financial resources)

September

00 - Local Coordination Meeting (São Paulo)

Team meetings: Finance, Liturgy, Infrastructure, Secretariat, Communication

01 - Conclusion of the exhibitors in the Workshops

15 - Hotel Queen of Brazil - 30% of the Lodging

October

00 - Local Coordination Meeting (São Paulo)

Team meetings: Finance, Liturgy, Infrastructure, Secretariat, Communication

15 - Hotel Rainha do Brasil - Payment of 40% of the Lodging

15 - Hotel Rainha do Brasil - Payment 50% of the Infrastructure (Rooms, Coffee break)

28 - Event (financial resources)

November

14 - Infrastructure Team (Aparecida)

15 to 18 - II Global Forum of the People of God in Aparecida

28 - Local Coordination Meeting - Evaluation

5/ Contacts with other organizations

As GCN, we maintain contacts with other organizations in various countries (USA, India, New Zealand, Kenya) through participation to weekly teleconferences arranged by CCRI (Catholic Church Reform Intl)

We have contacts with ACC (American Catholic Council) which organizes a synod to be held in Dallas (Texas) in October 2018, i.e. one month before Aparecida forum.

6/ Communication

The following communication means are implemented:

Information letters N° 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 already issued and available on the GCN website

The Council 50 Global Council Network: <https://www.globalcouncilnetwork.org/145/>

Webmaster: Valerie Stroud

Page facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/GCN15/>

The GCN Google group dedicated website for Aparecida <http://www.globalforumaparecida.net/>

7/ Finances and fund raising

In Rome, Edson Silva made a presentation of the estimated costs and fund raising needs to cover the costs of the Aparecida forum as well as possible sources in Brazil.

Approximate figures are as follows(in Euros):

Total general costs : 25000

Amount paid by each individual delegates, including full board accommodation, local transport and registration fees : 280 (average figure depending on room type: single, double, ...)

Expected local contributions: 22000

This does not take into account the financial helps that we would have to provide to invited speakers as well as delegates from overseas, especially Asia and Africa, who could not afford to participate without such help.

Fund raising actions have already been initiated, mainly in France. Up to now, the financial contributions represent only a small part of what will be needed.

We need to restart the fund raising campaign. Everyone should be aware of that situation and try to help our fundraising efforts.

Bank transfers can be made to the GCN bank account (continuation of the Council 50 account):

Account's Owner : Réseau Européen Eglise et Liberté (EN-RE) Concile 50

Bank : CCM Seine Ouest (France)

IBAN : FR76 1027 8060 7500 0210 5210 423

BIC : CMCIFR2A

A GCN account will be created in Brazil for local activities

8/ GCN Meeting

The next meeting of our GCN international coordination group will be held in Sao Paulo on July 20-22. Skype teleconference will be arranged so that participants

9/ Council 50 Proceedings

A preliminary version of the Proceedings of the 1st Forum of the People of God (Council 50) have been finalized after a huge work under François Becker's leadership to collect all documents. This includes the speeches and reports from workshops, various contributions as well as the final declaration.

Both English and French versions are available on the GCN website until the publication of the final versions:

English : https://www.globalcouncilnetwork.org/pdf/rome2015/c50livref_en.pdf

French : https://www.globalcouncilnetwork.org/pdf/rome2015/c50livref_fr.pdf

A paper copy of that preliminary version has been sent to Pope Francis with a cover letter asking for a contact. No reply so far.

We strongly hope to be able to get Spanish and Portuguese versions. Any suggestions on the way to get translations at reasonable cost would be more than welcome.

Books for French and English versions are being made by a French publisher and should be available soon.

Best wishes

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Edson Silva
Leader of GCN Brazil