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Spirituality and Gender Council Vatican II Global crisis Social Europe Africa South America

Some thirty delegates of member organisations of the European Network Church on the Move from fifteen European countries committed to putting into action the lines of the Council Vatican II met in London from 7 to 10 May about the topic « Spirituality and Gender ». They agreed the following:

1- In the face of the global, economic, financial, social and ecological crisis which is also a general crisis of the patriarchal order that is mirrored too in the church crisis, one is bound to set up a new model of economy in the service of children, men and women, a transparent and binding financial order and question the primacy of the principle of competition. On the eve of the election at the European Parliament, the Network addresses an appeal to the European Union towards a regulated world financial order and a social Europe. Its members commit themselves to take steps about these problems towards the political authorities of the European Union and in their respective countries. It will carry on its mobilisation towards an immigration policy of the European Union respectful of the rights of migrants and solidarity with them.

2- Within the framework of its activity with the institutions of the European Union as a conviction-based organisation, and availing itself of its participatory status to the Council of Europe the European Network Church on the Move decides to engage into an « open, transparent and regular » dialogue according to the democratic principles of the Lisbon treaty, with a view to make a voice of base Catholics heard, as the COMECE, the technical commission of European Union episcopates, has not the capacity to reflect the diversity of Catholic opinion. It will carry on its activity in the European Parliament All Party Working Group « Separation of Religion and Politics ».

3- The projet of a council of the People of God (Council-50) will be carried on in coordination with the projects under way on other continents (Canada, USA, South America, Australia and elsewhere).

4- So that the peoples of the South countries rich in natural resources can make profit of these the member groups of the Network are invited to join the association « Publish what you pay » and support its activists committed in Africa.

5- Bishops of Central America will be sent a letter calling on them to place as first priority in their pastoral work the fight for gender justice ad against violence to women.

Le Réseau européen Eglises et Libertés est une convergence spontanée d'organisations —associations, communautés, groupes et réseaux informels — de chrétiennes et de chrétiens majoritairement catholiques d'Europe partageant :

- la vision d'une Eglise prophétique, œcuménique, solidaire, aimante qui n'exclut ni ne discrimine et qui marche dans la voie de Jésus le libérateur,
- la volonté d'œuvrer, dans le respect de la diversité culturelle et religieuse pour la paix, la justice, la liberté, les droits humains et la démocratie, y compris dans l'Eglise Catholique (*Déclaration des droits et libertés dans l'Eglise catholique*, 1994).

Il se déclare membre de l'Eglise Catholique en qualité d'association jouissant de la liberté d'association selon le droit de l'Eglise catholique (CIC, Canon 215).

Pour un Autre Visage d'Eglise et de Société, Werkplaats voor Theologie en Maatschappij (BELGIQUE/BELGIE); Emmaus Rychnov nad Kneznou, Ecclesia silentii-Praha-Communauté (observateur) (CZECH REPUBLIC); Església Plural (CATALUNYA); Initiative Kirche von Unten, Initiative Christenrechte in der Kirche, Wir sind Kirche (DEUTSCHLAND); Collectiu de Dones en Església, Corriente Somos Iglesia, Iglesia de base de Madrid (ESPAÑA); Droits et Libertés dans les Eglises, Femmes et Hommes en Eglise, Fédération des Réseaux du Parvis, Nous sommes aussi l' Eglise, Partenia 2000 (FRANCE); Bokor (HONGRIE); Brothers and Sisters in Christ (IRELAND); Noi siamo Chiesa (observateur) (ITALIA); Mariënburg Vereniging, WRK, Kerk Hardop (NEDERLAND); Wir sind Kirche

(ÖSTERREICH); *Somos Igreja* (PORTUGAL); *Katols vision* (SWEDEN); *Netzwerk Offene Kirche Schweiz* (SWITZERLAND); *Catholics for a Changing Church, Catholic Women's Network, St. Joan's International Alliance (GB-section), Catholic Women's Ordination, The Living Word Trust, We are Church* (UNITED KINGDOM); *Catholics For Choice-Europe, Fédération européenne des prêtres catholiques mariés EUROPE* Associés à/Affiliated with: *Association for the Rights of Catholics in the Church; Call to Action, Catholic Organizations for Renewal* (USA); *Catholics For Choice* (USA-INTERNATIONAL), *International Federation for Renewed Catholic Ministry* (INTERNATIONAL).