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INVITATION

The European Network has much pleasure in inviting you to its
20th Meeting of the European Network Church on the Move
from Thursday 6 May 4:00 PM to Sunday 9 May, 2010 after lunch
The Mennorode Conference Center, Apeldoornseweg 185, 8075 RJ Elspeet, The Netherlands,
Tel: +31-577-498.111, Fax: +31-577-489.100 I: www.mennorode.nl

Topic of the Study day on Saturday 8 May, 2010
Building Independent Faith Communities

The theme of the study day Building Independent Faith Communities will give information and motivation to follow the inspiration of the Second Vatican Council in renewing the Church in all her dimensions: spiritually, theologically and organisationally.

Vatican II gave not only orientation of how to renew the Church but also the laypeople, the people in the pew, the People of God, responsibility for the mission of the Church in today's world.

Considering that the hierarchical leaders of the Church do not take seriously their responsibility to lead the People of God to further the orientations of the Council, we, representatives of the People of God at the grassroots of the Church, will continue the work the Council initiated.

We want to share information on how to live our faith in community, how to extend the movement of faith communities at the grassroots, as 'bricks' for the Spirit in building Her Church of the 21st century.

Chairperson of the day: Ms. **Mirjam Wolthuis**, pastor of the Dominicus Faith Community

Speakers:

Prof. **Rik Torfs**, dean of the Faculty of Canon Law of the Catholic University of Louvain, Belgium: Canonical aspects of independent faith communities.

Elfriede Harth, Co-Founder of IMWAC and WOW, Member Co-ordinating Group European Network, Secretary of European Parliament Platform for 'laicity': Grassroots communities in Europe.

After the lunch break:

Ko Bordens, representative of the Dominicus Faith Community: origin and history of this community in Amsterdam

Anne- Francine van Gogh, pastor of the 'Young Church', together with a representative of this faith community: origin and history of this community in Roermond (capital of the southern province of Limburg)

Both in the morning and the afternoon, there will be discussions with the public.

A substantial attendance by Dutch-speaking people is expected and therefore all speakers, except Elfriede Harth, will speak in Dutch but translation service will be provided for our foreign guests.

Organised by: **Mariënborg Vereniging** (Association Marienburg), **Werkverband voor de Rechtscultuur in de Kerken** (Study Group on Good Church Governance) and **Kerk Hardop** (Church Aloud), all three from the Netherlands.

Location of the meeting: Mennorode Conference Center is situated in the Municipality of Elspeet, in the middle of the country.

Getting there

We shall be happy to give you personalised information after receiving your booking.

1) By plane

To Amsterdam/Schiphol airport.

(To this airport there are international flights from almost every part of the world; smaller airports in the Netherlands are not recommended.)

Then by train (twice each hour) from Schiphol (Plaza Main Hall, where ticket machines and ticket offices), then by moving staircases down to the platforms.

You will arrive in 90 minutes at the railway station of Nunspeet: from Schiphol platform (Spoor) 3 (direction Hilversum), with a 8 minutes transfer in Amersfoort to platform 1 (direction Zwolle).

At the railway station of Nunspeet a shuttlebus of Mennorode will take you in 10 minutes to Mennorode. (This service has to be reserved one day before; therefore, please, send the flight number and time of your arrival at Schiphol Airport to the contact person (see below).

In order to arrive in time at Mennorode, members of the Co-ordinating Group should be at Schiphol Airport at 13.00h at the latest. Other participants should be there at 14.30h at the latest.

Costs: Train Schiphol/Nunspeet € 14,50 (2d class - first class: € 24,70); shuttlebus: €3,00.

From Nunspeet to Schiphol on Sunday 9 May 2010

The Meeting Secretariat will facilitate in time the purchase of the return train ticket to Schiphol for all air passengers.

2) By train

From Paris, Brussels or Germany, book your ticket (always via Zwolle or Amersfoort) to Nunspeet. Then further see above about the shuttlebus to Mennorode.

3) By car

Parking in Mennorode is free of charge.

Please inform us if you come by car.

We look forward to welcoming you to Mennorode, the Netherlands

BOOKING FORM

for the

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Confirmed booking

to be sent to the EN Local Secretariat, address below (isaac.wust@wxs.nl), by Wednesday 24 February 2010:

NAME.....

ORGANISATION/STATUS.....

LANGUAGE/S

ADDRESS.....

E-MAIL: TEL.....

Fee for participation in the Conference, to include accommodation requested (double or single), for three nights, including dinner on 6 May, lunch and dinner on 7 and 8 May and lunch on 9 May, participation on study day, and translation on study day (German, English, French, Spanish, if necessary).

Room accommodation: *All rooms are for two persons.*

In the building where our meeting will take place, 25 rooms are available.

A) Full price when occupying a room by TWO persons: €230,10

B) Full price when occupying a room by ONE person: €269,10

Your booking: A/B?

In case of A, I will share a room with:.....

Registration means that you will pay the fee because Marienburg has to pay to Mennorode on the 1st of March 2010 the total amount of all registered participants. If you have later a serious inconvenient to come to the Meeting, you will have to arrange for a substitute delegate.

Those who register later, after 24 February 2010, will run the risk to be accommodated at another building of the Mennorode Conference Center.

Please detail below any special requirements you may have (e.g. diet, disabilities etc)

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Please send one completed form for each participant by 24 February 2010 to:

isaac.wust@wxs.nl.

Please make transfer for PAYMENT IN FULL (in Euros) by 1 March 2010 at the latest to:

Name of the account: Marienburgvereniging

Place: Amersfoort

IBAN: NL21INGB0005597803

Or SWIFT-BIC code: INGBNL2A; Account number: 0005597803

[Payments from the UK should be made to The London office of the Secretariat by 22 Feb.]

20th Conference of the European Network
Kirche im Aufbruch Eglise et Libertés Church on the Move Iglesia por la Libertad

Proposed Programme

Thursday 7th May 2009:

Arrival of participants – early afternoon

15.30 coffee and tea available

16.00 Meeting of the Co-ordination Group

18.00 Welcome Reception

18.30 Dinner

20.00 Formal welcome and introductions, approval of the programme, decisions on workshops, nominations for charring and minuting the various sessions, other details of the programme (study day, visits, liturgy etc)

Friday 8th May 2009:

07.30 Breakfast until 09.00

09.30 First workshops session

11.30 Second workshops session

13.00 Lunch

14.30 **First Business Session of the European Network**

18.30 Dinner

Saturday 9th May 2009:

07.30 Breakfast until 09.00

09.00 Departure by bus to Amsterdam, Dominicus Church.

10.30 Opening of the Study Day on Building New Faith Communities by the Chairperson of the day: **Mirjam Wolthuis**

10.40 **Rik Torfs**: Canonical aspects of building independent faith communities

11.25 Possibility for discussion

11.45 **Elfriede Harth**: Grassroots movements in Europe

12.30 Possibility for discussion

Lunch with the Mennorode packed lunch or in one of the many facilities in the neighbourhood

14.00 **Ko Bordens**: the Dominicus Faith Community of Amsterdam

14.15 **Anne-Francine van Gogh** accompanied by one of her community: the Young Church of Roermond

14.30 Plenary discussion

15.40 Celebration (till 16.00 h)

Free time for visiting Amsterdam

19.00 Dinner in restaurant next to the Dominicus Church

21.00 Return to Mennorode by bus

22.15 Arrival at Mennorode

Sunday 10th May:

07.30 Breakfast until 09.00

09.00 **Second Business Session of the European Network**

12.30 Lunch

Departures

DRAFT AGENDA for the BUSINESS SESSION

for the 20th Annual Conference of the European Network

Kirche im Aufbruch – Eglise et Libertés – Church on the Move

Elspeet, Netherlands, Thursday 6 May to Sunday 9 May 2010

Mennorode Hotel & Conference Centre, Apeldoornseweg 185, NL-8075 RJ Elspeet, Tel +31 577 498 111

This draft agenda is published in accordance with para 6 (b) of the Constitution of the EN. Any proposals for amending this draft agenda or formal additions to this agenda should be sent to the Secretariat (Simon Bryden-Brook) before 6 March. A definitive agenda would then be circulated before 6 April. If no changes are proposed, the following Agenda will be followed.

Friday 7 May and Sunday 9 May 2010

1. Chairing, amendments to and adoption of the agenda
2. Constitutional matters: no proposals
3. Minutes of the London conference, May 2009 (EURONEWS Bulletin B-5, July 2009)
4. Report from Secretariat (Hugo Castelli, Hubert Tournès, Simon Bryden-Brook and Elfriede Harth)
5. Report from the Treasurer (Gerd Wild): Approval of accounts for 2009
6. Elections and Appointments:
 - (a) Election of officers: secretariat [EN Constitution 4 (b)(1)]
 - (b) Election of officers: treasurer [EN Constitution 4 (b)(2)]
 - (c) Admission of groups to membership [EN Constitution 2 (c)]
 - (d) Admission of individuals to membership [EN Constitution 2 (b)]
 - (e) Appointment of members of the Co-ordinating Group
 - (f) Appointment of Correspondents for each country [EN Constitution 4 (c)]
 - (g) Appointment of Distributors of EURONEWS for each country [EN Constitution 4 (d)]
7. Annual Conference 2011
Barcelona – topic for study day? – Thu 28 April to Sun 1 May 2011
8. Annual Conference 2012
Proposed locations (Germany, Austria, Rome?) – topic – dates [Thu 3 May to Sun 6 May?
Ascension Thursday 17 May]
9. Annual Conference 2013:
Proposed locations – topic – dates [Thu 2 May to Sun 5 May? Ascension Thursday 9 May]
10. Common projects for the European Network – reports, recommendations from workshops, motions and decisions
 13. Council of Europe
 14. European Union
 15. European Social Forum, Istanbul 2010
 16. 4th World Forum for theology and Liberation, 2010 in Africa
 17. Social Justice – proposals for EN initiatives []
 18. Report on Council 50 (USA) – meeting in June 2011
 19. IFRCM international meeting in London Thu 11 to Sun 14 October 2012
 20. Reports from other workshops and other matters for decision, where not covered by the above items: (1) IMWAC, (2) Base communities and the EN, (3) communications within the EN and with other organisations, (4) EURONEWS, (5) EN web site, (6) Africa, (7) Latin America, (8) COMECE, (9) Church and Ministry workshop, (10) feminist spirituality, (11) press release
 21. Future activities of the EN – other proposals from workshops
11. Financial decisions:
 - Financial contributions for 2010 [EN Constitution 5 (a)]
 - Budget proposals for 2010 [EN Constitution 5 (c)]