



*"This is where we begin—by acknowledging that our times confront us with realities that are painful to face, difficult to take in, and confusing to live with. Our approach is to see this as the starting point of an amazing journey that strengthens us and deepens our aliveness. The purpose of this journey is to find, offer, and receive the gift of Active Hope."*

Joanna Macy and Chris Johnstone, *Active Hope: How to Face the Mess We're in without Going Crazy*

Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2021

Dear friends!

*Our approach is to see this as the starting point of an amazing journey that strengthens us and deepens our aliveness.*

It might seem difficult to consider these difficult times of the pandemic as a journey that strengthens our aliveness. But it might inspire us to have a more "loving" look at our reality in difficult times of this pandemic. God wants us alive, he wants to give us "active hope" in the concrete situations we live in.

As the Euroteam we had our first virtual meeting this year on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> of January 21. So we would like to keep you updated about our projects and plans for the next months.



### **1. EA/ EA meeting in Warsaw**

As you know we planned a meeting of the Eurolinks and the Ecclesiastical Assistants in Warsaw for Pentecost 2021 (21 to 24 May 2021). After a long discussion on this topic, we decided to hold this meeting online and to invite you to a face-to-face meeting at Pentecost 2022 (3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022). We think that – even if vaccines are available in many of our countries by June 2021 – it would be a great risk to meet this year with participants from 21 different countries. In taking this decision we also realize the potential of such a meeting becoming a "super spreader" and not working in favour of our members as there are members who are either considered vulnerable or at risk.

So we are very happy to invite you to two events:

- an online meeting at Pentecost 2021
- face-to-face meeting at Pentecost 2022

Specific connection details and agenda will be sent to all ELs and EAs later this year (closer to the date).

### **2. Some questions – a small survey**

One of the main topics of our last zooms was communication with the National Communities. We are very happy to be in touch with so many of you.

Nevertheless, we would like to ask you for some information that could improve and facilitate our contact with you. First, we would like to update our data (names of the Eurolinks, Ecclesiastical

Assistant, the Exco members and the end of your mandate) and ask you for the address of your office or another permanent address which doesn't change at the end of people's mandates. Then we also would like to ask you some questions to evaluate and if necessary to improve our communication with the National Communities.

You can find this short survey on google forms: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSco3NjOVXVvvsXeikblRuCmMdi1FDfsXAVoJrMznEoPggvVg/viewform>. We need one reply per community.

### 3. CLC World-day

We are very happy to invite you and members of your communities to an online Eucharist on the CLC World Day (Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> of March) at 19:00 CET via Zoom. We'll send you some more information soon.

As we want to include some music from different countries, we would like ask you if there are **musicians in your communities who are used to singing via Zoom** and would like to sing 1-2-3 songs or play instrumental music

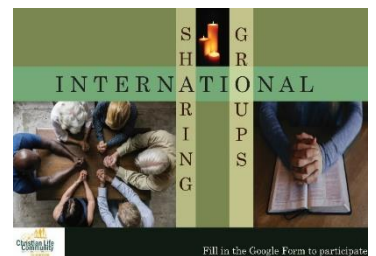
Please let us know by the 1<sup>st</sup> of March – and give us the names and the emails of the musicians.

### 4. Online-sharing-groups

In December 2020 we launched a new round of online-sharing-groups with more than 50 new participants from nearly all the National Communities. Thank you for transmitting the invitation to your members.

We are going to start **the third round** at Easter! So we kindly ask you to inform your members that they can register by March 21<sup>st</sup> 2021 at

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### 5. At the frontiers

So far the ATF-team does not know if the summer camp is going to be possible this year. The Migration Core Team is just evaluating the camps held from 2015-2019. The results of this evaluation will inspire the team for the next editions of the ATF. We'll keep you updated in our newsletter in March 2021.

Thanks to the Migration Core Team for all your work!

### 6. Lent calendar – CLC in Spain

Many CLCers followed the Advent and the Lent calendar CLC in Spain put online in 2020. So we are very happy to announce that they are preparing a Lent calendar for this year. We'll inform you via mail – and post it on our Facebook page.

### 7. Newsletter

We are preparing our next **newsletter for March 2021**. So we would be very happy to receive your articles, photos and invitations to -events you want to share with CLC members from other National Communities by March 1<sup>st</sup> 2021!

Let us stay united in the deep communion of prayer in these difficult times!

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