

WOMEN'S ECUMENICAL LIAISON GROUP
Ecumenical Centre
150, Route de Ferney
1211 GENEVA, Switzerland.

Geneva, 10th January, 1972.

To: The Members of the WELG/SODEPAX SUB-COMMITTEE ON PEACE

Dear Friends,

You will recall that a whole-day meeting of our Sub-Committee was fixed for

TUESDAY, 29th February, 1972,

at the Ecumenical Centre, Geneva. The meeting will start at 9.00 am in Salle VI and end at 5.00 pm. However, we are hoping that it will be possible for most of you to arrive already during the late afternoon of Monday, 28th February, as we are planning for the group to have dinner together that evening with an informal meeting afterwards, to prepare for the next day's work. Would you please inform us of the exact date and time of your arrival in Geneva?

Before my departure for Australia and New Zealand on 5th January, we had a meeting here attended by Kitty Strong, Professor Mushakoji and Frère Christophe, to discuss invitations for the conference in Cyprus. Here is the latest news:

1. Practical arrangements

Frère Christophe has been corresponding with the Rev. Kenneth R. Ziebell in Cyprus regarding arrangements for the conference. Mr. Ziebell is diligently investigating the possibilities of satisfactory board and lodging for the participants as well as necessary meeting-rooms for the conference.

2. Dates

After some consideration, it was decided to change the dates of the conference to:

MAY 14th-20th, 1972,

which would fit in better with Dr. Shannon's schedule. We have confirmation that this causes no difficulty in Cyprus.

3. Invitations

Lists of proposed names have been received from a number of people. Kitty Strong was kind enough to make a systematic compilation of all these names for us, which was a tremendous help, in order to facilitate the choice of priorities in sending out invitations. A careful review of the list was made and priorities suggested by Prof. Mushakoji, Frère Christophe and Brigalia Bam, after which the list was sent for rapid survey and approval to Rosemary Goldie and Marga Bührig; Madeleine Barot has also been consulted. When this reaches you we hope that about 20-30 invitations will have been despatched to various parts of the world.

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4. Budget

This is still a serious problem, as we do not yet have all the necessary funds to cover the whole budget. The World YWCA have offered to pay for the travel of their delegates, and we may receive a similar aid from the Federation of Swiss Protestant Women for some delegates. We are approaching other possible donors and trust we shall have more encouraging news to give you by the end of February.

We enclose herewith an outline description of the conference, together with a copy of the proposed budget.

Looking forward to hearing from you soon regarding your arrival in Geneva,
and with all good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Brigalia Bam/6.B.
BRIGALIA BAM

(not signed personally, due to departure)

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WOMEN'S ROLE IN PEACE EDUCATION

-an open-ended discussion meeting-

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WELG - Women's Ecumenical Liaison Group
SODEPAX - Committee on Society, Development and Peace
150, route de Ferney, 1211 Geneva 20

DATES

14-20,
May ~~1971~~, 1972

VENUE

Nicosia, Cyprus

PURPOSE

Peace education, understood as a broad awareness process about people's participation in peace-building formation, cannot be promoted without an active involvement of women, for two main reasons: (1) they are fundamentally concerned with the preservation of the human family at large; and (2) their impact on the socialization and education of the next generation is especially strong. Two social groups, the professional educators and the youth organizations, also play an important role in peace education, but they overlap with women so that it is possible to reach them through the women's groups concerned with peace education. The meeting aims at mobilizing internationally one important sector of women leaders, the church women, who very often play an important role, not only in their respective churches but also in their respective communities and in society at large.

FORMAT

The meeting will not take the conventional form with preparatory papers, formal addresses, resolutions, etc.. It will be INFORMAL AND OPEN-ENDED, allowing for maximum freedom of exchange of views. The informality of the meeting will encourage the women leaders, Christian and non-Christian, to formulate by themselves the various dimensions of women's role in peace education. Its open-endedness will foster the expression of a fresh outlook on the questions related to peace and peace education which would, beyond women's peace activities, have a contribution to make to the so far men-dominated approach to the problems of peace. Various questions related to peace and justice, such as racial discrimination, human rights issues, conscientious objection, nuclear weapons, etc., will be taken up, according to the preferences and priorities attributed to them by the participants themselves. Concrete strategies to promote peace and justice on the community level and elsewhere, such as developing community models of peace-building issues, investigating the social and cultural hang-ups in reconciling people, organizing explore-units centring on special "sorespots", etc., will be developed.

Cyprus Meeting of the Programme

WOMEN'S ROLE IN PEACE EDUCATION

May 7-13, 1972

BUDGET

		\$
Preparatory Meeting		550
Accommodation of Participants		4,200
Travel of 40 Participants		
Africa	5,025	
Asia/Australasia/Pacific	8,100	
Europe	2,400	
Latin America/Caribbean	9,250	
USA/Canada	<u>7,225</u>	32,000
Travel of Group Dynamics Expert		820
Interpretation and Translation		5,225
Administrative Expenses		1,320
Final Report in 3 Languages		2,150
Contingency		485
	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>\$ 46,750</u>