JOINT WORKING GROUP

between the Roman Catholic Church
and the World Council of Churches.

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Misses Maria H.C. Vendrik
and Marga Bührig   (courtesy of Miss Rosemary GOLDIE)
Co-Chairmen
Women's Ecumenical Liaison Group

Dear Misses Vendrik and Bührig,

We wish to acknowledge your letter of 29th October and to thank you for the clear proposals you make.

The question of the future of WELG will be on the agenda of the meeting of the Joint Working Group, 29th May - 2nd June, 1972. We would be grateful if the three people you suggest in your letter could be present for that part of the meeting in which WELG is being discussed. At a later date we shall indicate exactly on what day this is likely to be. At the same time we shall inform you of the place of the meeting.

We are planning a consultation in April that between some persons from the World Council of Churches and appropriate bodies in the Roman Catholic Church. This will consider various fields of activities in which collaboration might take place, but in particular those indicated by the WELG. We want to invite you, as co-chairmen of WELG, to take part in this consultation.

For the consultation it is of prime importance that the WELG report should be ready at least a month in advance. Therefore we want to ask you to let us have it by 15th March, 1972 at the latest. It would be of greatest assistance to the preparations if you could have it ready by the end of February.

At the present time we cannot give a definite reply about the future of WELG. It does seem that the WELG form of collaboration might now issue in a limited number of specific projects to be undertaken for a limited period. This was also the opinion of the Joint Working Group at its 1971 meeting in Stuttgart. But the future organization of WELG ought to be discussed in detail by the Joint Working Group at its 1972 meeting.

With very cordial greetings,   We remain,

Yours sincerely,

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