

SEMINAR "COOPERATION OF MEN AND WOMEN IN CHURCH AND SOCIETY"
SEPTEMBER 9 - 12, 1969 - DE TILTENBERG - VOGELENZANG - HOLLAND

In our letter of January 3, 1969, we have contacted you to send you information about the Seminar "cooperation of men and women in church and society", sponsored by Mrs Tine Govaart-Halkes (Chairman of the Dutch Workinggroup: Cooperation of men and women in the Church, Breda - Holland) and by Miss Maria de Lourdes Pintasilgo (Vice President of the International Grail Movement, Paris).

The Seminar will be held at the International Conference Centre of the Grail, "de Tiltenberg" in Vogelenzang, Holland.

With our last letter you received the list of names of about 80 people whom we have sent an invitation for the Seminar. Uptill now we received reactions from 55 people, which indicates an outspoken interest in the theme of the Seminar. Enclosed you will find the list of those persons who were able to ~~sum~~ affirm their participation. We expect that other participants will join us during the Seminar.

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As you can see in our letter from October 1968 this meeting has been conceived from the beginning as a rather informal gathering. The fact that the dates were not convenient for some persons who wanted to participate and whose contribution we value very high, accentuates the character of informal gathering for this stage of our exchange.

The draft programme sent with the letter of October 11th might have given the impression of a comprehensive treatment of the subject. However, it was meant indeed as a frame for the possible participants to comment and to ~~state~~ situate themselves and their possible contribution.

It is possible now with all the comments received to draw up a provisional programme of which we are sending you a copy.

As you can see from it, the informal gathering becomes a working session of experts, to confront opinions and theses with the aim to build international unity, creating conditions for an interdenominational dialogue.

If this working session will present itself as fruitful, it will be possible then to conceive a more extensive seminar for the coming year.

In this regard we count on the ideas and initiatives of the participants through which the dynamism of the meeting will be a startingpoint for further study and action.

Having this in mind we would propose to shorten the duration of the Seminar by one day, meeting from September 9th - 12th.

Opportunity for those who have more time available to come earlier or to stay somewhat longer is offered.

Concerning the financial side of this meeting, you may remember that in the questionnaire we asked whether funds were known to you. A few possibilities were mentioned in the answers but we guess that only a very restricted amount will be available if we can get any subvention at all. This means that every participant will be asked to meet his/her own expenses, while the costs of lodging and fees are kept as low as possible (20 dutch guilders a day).

We would however urge you to bring our concern to the knowledge of organisations which may be interested in the aim of the Seminar: "a reflection on the fundamental problem of the man-woman relation in society, which aims at the fundamental improvement of relations and structures in society with a view to the well-being of the future generations".

If you could approach such organisations, could you contact Seminar-participants in your country in order to act jointly? Thank you very much.

We look forward to hear from you. Those persons whose names do not yet appear on the final list (inclosed) but who want to participate, are kindly requested to send their application as soon as possible.

On behalf of Mrs. Tine Govaart - Halkes
Chairman of the Dutch Workinggroup etc.
and etc.

Yours sincerely,

Akke van Dam, study secr. Dutch Working group.

Slip to be added:

It To be sent to "De Tiltenberg", The Grail International Conference centre
Zijkderduinweg 375, Vogelenzang NH, Holland

I like to confirm my participation in the Seminar "COOPERATION OF MEN AND WOMEN IN CHURCH AND SOCIETY" from September 9 - 12, 1969.

NAME:

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