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WOMEN'S ECUMENICAL LIAISON GROUP

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To: The MEMBERS OF THE WOMEN'S ECUMENICAL LIAISON GROUP

Dear Friends,

You will recall that it was decided that our next meeting would take place immediately following the session of the Joint Working Group, at which our two chairmen and Mrs. Athanassiou will have presented our report and discussed the future of WELG. The dates of our meeting have now been fixed for June 2nd-6th, 1972, and it will take place in Rome. Would you please let Miss Rosemary Goldie (Associate Secretary, Consilium de Laicis, Piazza San Calisto 16, 00120 Città del Vaticano, Rome, Italy) know whether or not you will be able to attend.

We are most grateful to Rosemary for all the work she has done in writing the report which WELG will present to the Joint Working Group. A copy of this has now reached Father J. Hamer and Dr. Lukas Vischer, and we are sending you a copy herewith.

In connection with the Conference on "Women's Role in Peace Education" to be held in Cyprus next May, we also enclose herewith for your information a summary of the minutes of the last sub-committee meeting.

When this reaches you I shall be in Uganda, directing our third women's leadership training seminar. I shall look forward to seeing you in Rome next June.

With Easter greetings and all good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Brigalia Bam

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SUMMARY

MINUTES OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON PEACE

PRESENT: Dr. M. Böhlig, Miss M. Vondrik, Mrs. A. Athanassiou, Mrs. K. Strong, Miss R. Goldie, Miss B. Bam,

WELG - Planning for Cyprus - February 29 Dr. M. BAROT, Dr. K. Mushakoji,

Fr. Christophe v. Wachtler, Mrs. H. Carter, Miss E. Boyle

Guidebook on Peace Education

It was agreed that the consultation should have as a goal the production of a guidebook on peace education. It should be a well-produced handbook of ideas, possibilities for action, with emphasis on graphics, not a traditional conference report. It should serve as a tool to mobilize people to action in local and regional situations. With this in mind, participants should be requested to bring with them material about the work in which they are involved, good ideas used in their particular situation, together with photographs, posters and other visual aids.

For the writing of the report, it was decided that an experienced woman should be sought. She would be present throughout the meeting and collect the content for the handbook through a listening-in process that would relieve the participants themselves of the responsibility of the writing. It was decided to approach Miss Philippa Steward-Craig of The Grail, England, for this task.

Information to Donors

It was agreed that the donors should be given the latest information on the planning for the meeting, especially the fact that the original concept of a brainstorming meeting had been combined with the production of an educational tool in the form of the above-mentioned handbook.

Participation

USA A list of nominations had just been received from Miss Shannon. It was agreed that the final choice should be made within the USA. Miss Bam was asked to write to Miss Shannon, suggesting that at least two non-whites be included in the final list and inviting Miss Shannon and Miss Mealey to attend in addition to the quota of 7 for the USA.

WELG It was confirmed that the whole committee should not be invited to attend. It was agreed that Miss Bam or a deputy and Miss Goldie or a deputy represent the WELG and that their respective budgets should cover their travel costs. Other members of the WELG might be included if their fares were covered by their own budgets.

Latin America It was noted that, for budgetary reasons, it might be possible to find further Latin American participants from regions not yet represented. Miss Goldie was asked to propose another Roman Catholic participant from Latin America.

Budget

It was noted that the budget showed a deficit of \$3,000. It was decided that the amount still to be granted for travel should be reduced to \$3,500, if necessary, and that Sodepax and Miss Goldie should make every effort to raise more funds for specific travel subsidies.

Venue

The political situation in Cyprus was discussed and the Sodepax/WCC organizers of the consultation were asked, on advice from Cyprus nearer the time, to act if necessary to move the meeting. Vienna and Geneva were suggested as possible alternative sites.