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IN CHURCH, FAMILY AND SOCIETY

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TO THE MEMBERS OF THE WOMEN'S ECUMENICAL LIAISON GROUP

Dear Friends,

We have pleasure in sending you herewith a study paper entitled "A Study on Contemporary Morality: Conscientious Living in a World of Change", by Ernst Lange, which was presented to the WCC Committee of the Division of Ecumenical Action at its meeting in Canterbury this summer. There were reactions to the paper by a sociologist, a philosopher, an educationalist, a psychologist and a theologian. Also, in Rome last June, this same paper was under consideration at an informal meeting between some members of the Laity Council and representatives of the D.E.A.

We should be grateful if you would prepare your comments and reactions to the paper for our meeting in December, together with suggestions as to how we should proceed with the study.

Also enclosed is a daily time-table and a tentative agenda for the December meeting, on which we shall welcome your comments and suggestions, to reach me please as soon as possible, so that it can be rapidly finalized.

Looking forward to seeing you again and working with you at Cartigny in December,

Yours sincerely,

*Brigalia Bam*

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Enclosures

Remember the dates and mark them down

RC/WCC WOMEN'S ECUMENICAL LIAISON GROUP

To be held in Cartigny, near Geneva - December 8 - 12, 1969.

TENTATIVE PURPOSE

1. To consider the issues of today with regard to Women's Concerns -

Presentation by Frau Nold

- To consider the place of women in the life of the Church as part of the total laity
- To achieve greater understanding of women and their needs in today's world

2. Presentation by Dr. Lukas Vischer

"The Present Situation of the Ecumenical Movement"

- To give special attention to ecumenical relations and education to church-women's groups
- To make recommendations and develop statements which could be considered by women's groups on the national and local level.

3. Exchange of Experience and Ideas

- Understanding the situations in different countries, continents, and denominations
- Understanding women of various groups: cultural, racial, and economic

4. Presentation by Dr. Stanley J. Samartha

"Issues in the Dialogue with Men of other Faiths"

- What are the challenges in our situations?
- How do we make a strong Christian witness in the world?

5. Studies

- Analytical Study of relevant material published about women
- "Conscientious Living in a World of Change" : This theme will be considered as an overall title of our concerns

6. Future Developments

- In the light of discussions and conclusions, what are specific recommendations or suggestions for the future, keeping in mind women's part in participation, development, administration, ministry and planning?

No plan is complete until implementation has been developed.

7. Other Items

- Recommendations from the Taizé participants (Nov./Dec. 1968)
- Report on reactions to the last circular letter (October 1969)
- The World Day of Prayer
- Ongoing Projects

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PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Meeting Place: All the meetings will be held at the Cartigny Conference Centre, about 10 miles from Geneva.

Accommodation: Participants will have single rooms reserved for them. All the meals will be taken at the Centre. Participants will be the guests of the WCC.

Languages: Discussions will be in French and English, and simultaneous translation will be provided.

Travel: Please inform us as early as possible of the number of your flight and time of arrival.

Our meeting will begin at 3.30 pm on Monday, 8th December 1969.

Veillez noter les dates!

Réunion du

GROUPE FEMININ DE LIAISON OECUMENIQUE

à Cartigny, Genève - du 8 au 12 décembre, 1969

ORDRE DU JOUR PROVISOIRE

1. Examen des problèmes posés actuellement en ce qui concerne les questions féminines

Exposé de Frau L. Nold

- Examiner la place de la femme dans l'Eglise, en tant que "partie intégrante" du laïcat
- Chercher à mieux comprendre les femmes et leurs problèmes dans le monde d'aujourd'hui

2.

Exposé de M. Lukas Vischer

"La situation oecuménique aujourd'hui"

- L'importance des relations oecuméniques et de l'éducation oecuménique dans les groupes de femmes d'église
- Recommandations et déclarations qui pourraient être soumises aux groupes féminins, au niveau national et au niveau local

3.

Echange d'idées et d'expériences

- Examen des situations dans les divers pays, continents, et dénominations
- Etude de la situation culturelle, raciale et économique des femmes dans la société

4.

Exposé de M. Stanley J. Samartha

"Questions qui se posent dans le dialogue avec les adeptes d'autres religions"

- A quoi sommes-nous appelés dans nos situations?
- Comment offrir au monde un témoignage chrétien valable?

(au verso)

5. Etudes

- Analyse du matériel publié sur "la femme"
- "Vivre avec conscience dans un monde qui change" pourrait être le thème général des études effectuées par le groupe

6. Plans futurs

- Après les discussions et leurs conclusions, quelles sont les recommandations ou suggestions à faire pour l'avenir, en ce qui concerne le rôle de la femme dans l'Eglise et la société, sa participation en général, dans le développement, l'administration, le ministère, et la planification?

Aucun plan n'est complet sans sa mise à exécution.

7. Autres sujets

- Recommandations des participantes à la conférence de Taizé (Déc. 1968)
- Réactions à la dernière lettre circulaire (Octobre 1969)
- La Journée mondiale de prière
- Programme en cours

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INFORMATIONS PRATIQUES

Lieu de réunion: Les réunions se tiendront au Centre de rencontre de Cartigny, à environ 15 kms. de Genève

Logement: Les participantes, qui seront les hôtes du COE, seront logées en chambres individuelles. Les repas seront servis au centre.

Langués: Les discussions se feront en français et en anglais (interprétation simultanée)

Arrivée: Veuillez nous informer de votre numéro de vol et de l'heure exacte de votre arrivée à Genève

La séance d'ouverture aura lieu le lundi 8 décembre 1969, à 15h 30.

RC/WCC WOMEN'S ECUMENICAL LIAISON GROUP

Cartigny Conference Centre

December 8 - 12, 1969

DAILY TIMETABLE

Hours

08.00 - 08.45	Breakfast
09.00 - 12.15	Discussion in Plenary or Work Groups
10.30 - 11.00	Coffee
12.30 - 13.30	Lunch
15.00 - 15.30	Tea
15.30 - 18.15	Discussion in Plenary or Work Groups
18.15 - 18.30	Ecumenical Evening Prayer
19.00 - 20.00	Dinner

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