

August 22:

"Grail culture: unity + diversity"

1. In the past many Grail people considered "the unity + diversity" of the "Grail culture" only in geographic terms. Though relevant, this is not anymore the whole field where unity + diversity of the Grail culture can be experienced. Other "territories" have to be added.

2. The "Grail culture", like any other culture, is made up of a common tradition and of new events, initiatives, ideas, experiences. This is why to the binary expression "unity + diversity" (which seems to speak only of static elements) another one has to be added: contemporaneity, responding to and feeding in the culture of our time.

3. The "Grail culture" is part of the "Christian culture". In spite of the vernacular language and of different rites, there is definitely a Christian culture in which we can recognize ourselves, may it be in South Korea or in Mexico, in Ghana or in India. This Christian culture is the expression in secular terms, of what we believe and live about God + the world, about the way of life Christ has opened and which translates itself in values, attitudes, behaviours.

4. The "Grail culture" is also a "women's culture". The process of personal awareness of Grail members as women is essential for its culture.



to unfold as genuine women's culture. As a group with its own identity, it has to express both the collective women's culture coming from the past and its current trends.

5. In this context, the unity of the Grail ought to come spontaneously from the specific combination of the different "cultures" the Grail shares at the world level. Its diversity is manifold, as it springs forth from the weight given by each Grail woman and by each homogeneous Grail grouping to each component of every culture (in terms of contemporaneity, of Christian culture and of women's culture) which make up the "Grail culture".

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"Brainstorming on the content + process of IGA 93"

1. All IGA since 65 have been process-oriented and community-centered.

Suggestions:

- 1) to define main points for agenda
- 2) to hold regional meetings until 93 concentrated on the one/two points more relevant for the continent
- 3) to invite to regional meetings young women of as many countries as possible within the region,
- 4) to accept the principle of, from among those women, to invite observers to the IGA 93.

2. To formulate the contents not just in order "to nourish" the current membership of the Grail but as an attempt to answer this question:

"What would you say and do, individually + together, if you wanted to start the Grail Now?"

