



November 28th, 2019

“Now the Lord said to Abram, Go out from your country (...) into the land to which I will be your guide.”

(Gen 12,1)

Dear companions in the Lord!

Some months have gone by and we want to keep you updated about the work of the Euroteam

1. The first meeting of the Euroteam

At the last weekend of October, the new Euroteam had its first face-to-face meeting after many virtual contacts via Skype and mail. We met at Jean-Benoit's home in Brussels.

We spent an intensive working weekend together. Saturday morning was marked by getting to know each other. We talked about our way to and in CLC.

Then, during prayer time, we looked back on the European Assembly in Vilnius and in a spiritual conversation following the prayer, we discerned our priorities for the next 5 years, referring to your responses to our letter of July. Fernando Vidal from the World ExCo joined us later in the afternoon and we deepened our process of discernment together in order to align our guidelines with the plans of the World Exco. Above all, we discussed different ways to approach discernment and the question of development and sharing tools for discernment within national communities and in international networks.

On Saturday evening we had an opportunity and a great pleasure to celebrate Eucharist together with the French-speaking CLC in Belgium, at the Collège Saint Michel in Brussels. After the Eucharist, we spend some time sharing about CLC in Belgium and in Europe in a very informal way – over delicious pizza and wine. We really enjoyed being among the community in Belgium that welcomed us so warmly. Thank you for sharing your stories and joy, as well as bread and wine with us!



On Sunday, we deepened our discernment process from the previous day and formulated the guidelines for our mandate. We also discussed the process of looking for an Ecclesial Assistant to accompany us in the coming years.

An important topic for the afternoon was the organization of our work and distribution of some tasks and responsibilities in the ET. **Kasia** is going to be responsible for the contact with the **Migration**

Network Core Team and At the Frontiers. *Jean-Benoît* is our contact person for the **activities with young people**. *Chris* is going to be in charge of finances, and *Angelika* as the **coordinator** will take care of **communication** with the National Communities.

In the attachment to this letter, you can find a document called 'What we heard in Vilnius'. We decided not to write a "final document" of the Assembly in Vilnius because we found out in our discernment process that Vilnius was rather a new beginning or a milestone on the journey which is going on in CLC in Europe and in each National Community. So you might read this document as a guideline which gives us orientation in the journey which we want to continue together. Please share this document with all members of your community, discuss it and get back to us with your feedback and ideas ...

2. Some information about our newsletter

In September, you received our first newsletter that was sent to all CLC members. The newsletter should help us to stay in touch, exchange information and so to become more and more one Christian Life Community in Europe. Don't hesitate to share any information which could be of interest to CLC members in Europe: some memories (and photos) from national events, invitations, meetings with CLC members from other countries, reflections, questions that you want to discuss...

3. Advent calendar on Social Media (CLC Spain, for Spanish speaking CLC members)

Imna Blanch from CVX Spain writes:

*I'm coordinating the Youth Mission team in Spain and we would like to offer you our work : an Advent Calendar on Social Media. You can find us as **fejoven cvx***

We created the Lent Calendar as well, and it reached 80.000 people, so we know it's useful and powerful as a means of spreading the Gospel and making it alive among young people or not so young ones. That's the reason we would like to offer it to everyone.

So far we have also created additional resources; a guide and some posters reinforcing the idea of the 4 verbs we are going to follow: thank, do, trust and ask.

Each day of the week is devoted to one aspect: Mary, the family, Nature, God, the brother, Jesus, the weak.

This material is thought to be used if someone is going to follow the calendar in a group in a school, a parish, a youth gathering, an Advent Vigil... so in this link, you can ask for the resources.

<https://forms.gle/RrZbMo3PFTuobPQ8A>

But it should be followed every day on social media where the challenge of the day will appear.

We wish you a blessed Advent season!

Angelika

Kasia

Jean-Benoît

Chris