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National Coordinators' Meeting

15th May 2024

Agenda

Welcome – prayer –introductions

EFECW activity 2022-2024

Future plans

Break

EFECW constitutional changes

Conclusions

Closing prayer

Introductions

Name & Country

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Group contract – safe space

Respect

Treat each other's opinions with respect

Feedback

Think chat for feedback, questions and input.

Listen

to each other

Feel free…

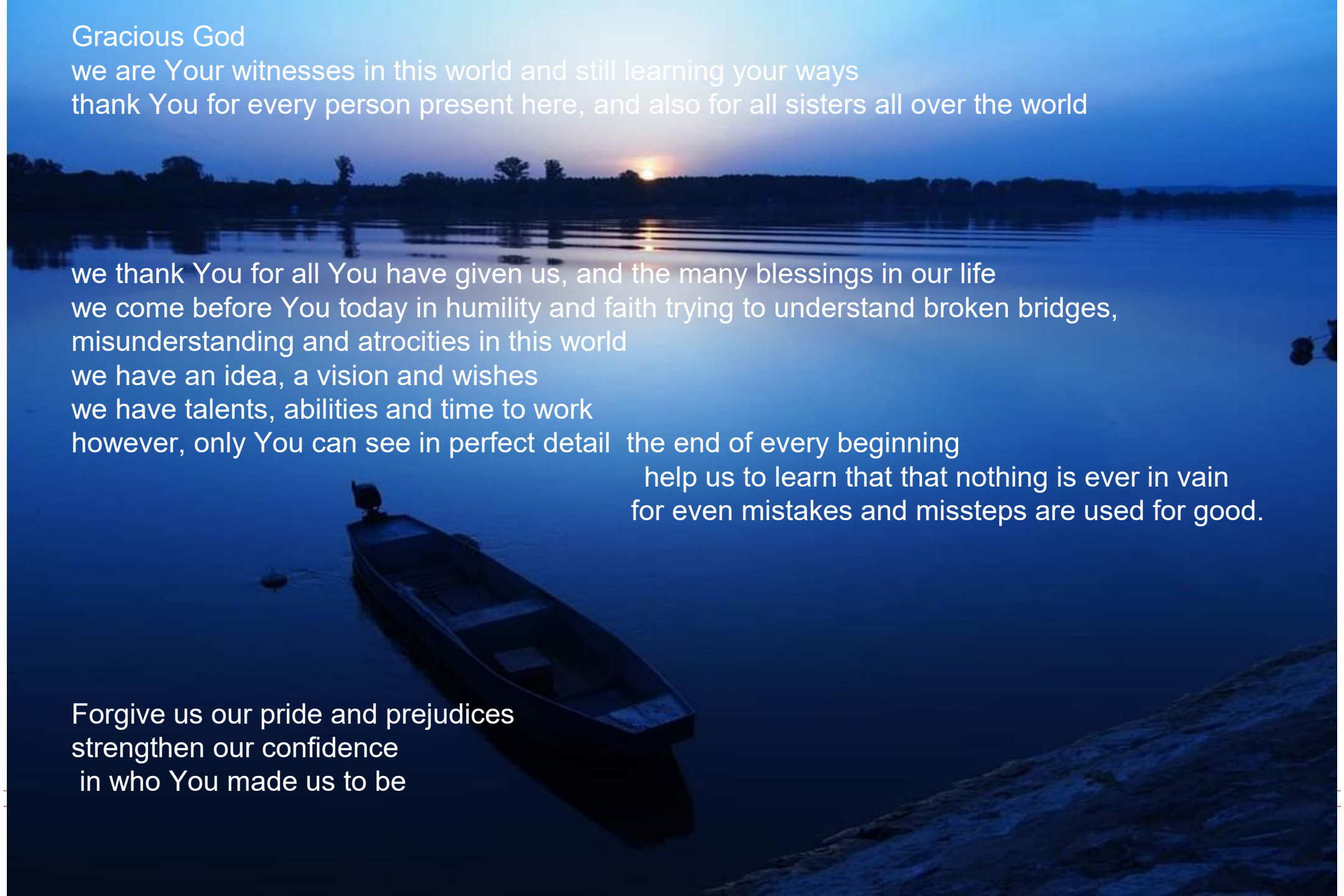
to share experiences and good practices

Feel safe…

to make mistakes (no information leaves the room)

Time

We will start and end on time.



Gracious God
we are Your witnesses in this world and still learning your ways
thank You for every person present here, and also for all sisters all over the world

we thank You for all You have given us, and the many blessings in our life
we come before You today in humility and faith trying to understand broken bridges,
misunderstanding and atrocities in this world
we have an idea, a vision and wishes
we have talents, abilities and time to work
however, only You can see in perfect detail the end of every beginning
help us to learn that that nothing is ever in vain
for even mistakes and missteps are used for good.

Forgive us our pride and prejudices
strengthen our confidence
in who You made us to be

We ask for your guidance and strength.

Show us the way and fill us with courage and wisdom.

Help us to remember your love and grace and help us to be faithful in our service to you.

Give us the patience and understanding to face life's challenges with grace.

We pray for Your strength as we come together to renew our intention

to serve Your image in our vision.

Teach us to do Your will

We ask in Christ name

Amen

Marijana Ajzenkol

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EFECW activity 2022-2024

Coordinating Committee meetings

20-23 April 2023, Oradea, Romania

ustria

27-30 October 2022, Rabat, Malta

CC online meetings

25th January 2023

29th March 2023

18th June 2023

19th August 2023

16th December 2023

25th January 2024

24th February 2024

24th March 2024

21st April 2024

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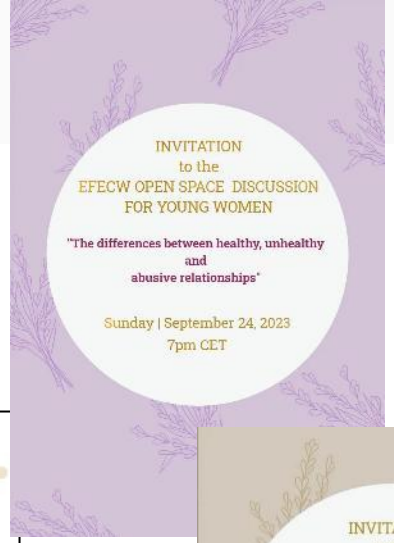
Online meetings

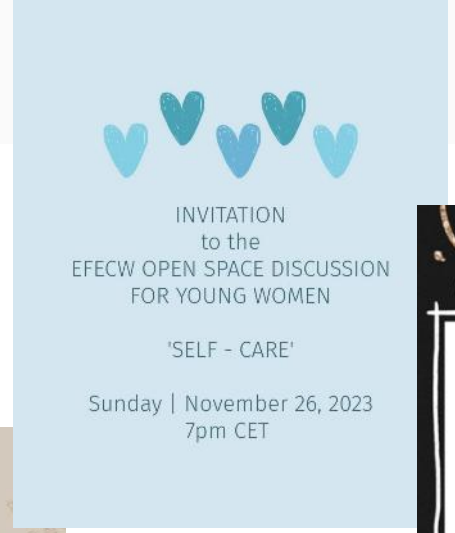
5 April 2023 “Woman and the good news”

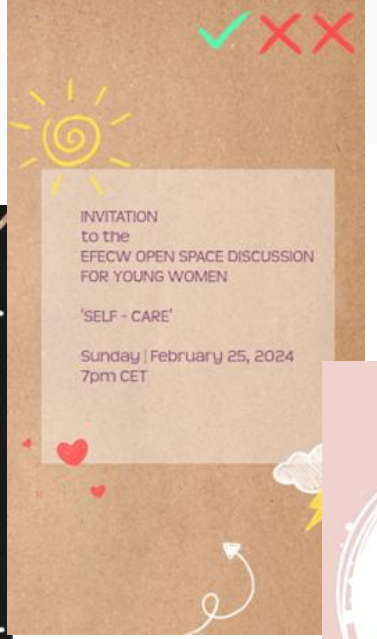
19 June 2023 “Let us renew

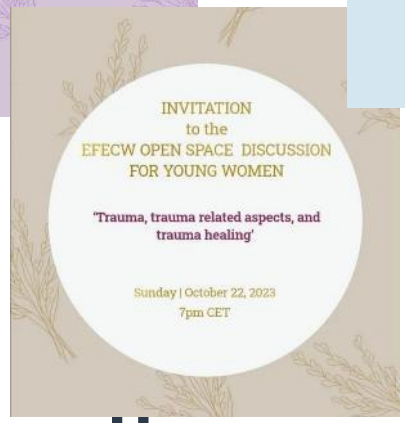
Young Women's activity

- Dating back to the GA 2014 in Tinos, Greece, all the former stewards, interns, and additional interested young women were added to a newly created Google Group for email communication
- After the GA in Strasbourg 2022, a strategic meeting took place with Fiona and Carla discussing the YWS and a formal handover to Hannah and Jelena
- Since then, the Open Space discussions, the podcast, and the social media team were created/realised.









Open space discussions for young women

Monthly virtual meetings to topics of importance to us with a thematic input and an open discussion – articles on every session in the newsletters

#femalevoices – the efecw podcast

- Podcast team of five young women
- Six episodes from five interviews recorded during the EPIL Conference in October 2023 in Vienna
- Available on YouTube
- Making the voices of strong women heard
- New podcast series in planning

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"Social media is not just a media. It is a catalyst for creativity that allows people to transcendent limitations and transforms the way we perceive our own capabilities. I'm pretty grateful for the opportunity to communicate with the wonderful girls in our social media team who make the EFECW Instagram account harmonious with their daily efforts and creativity."

— Jelena Ljubenović, CC member of the EFECW

Social media has been the most important platform of acquiring information, thus it is a great responsibility and honour at the same time to be in charge of it.

- Zsofi

Social media is an amazing way for reaching out to more people as well as keeping in touch with current and past members and creating a community spirit. Let's build bridges between what we do online and our in-person meetings!

— Agnes

When used properly, social media is a a great tool for introducing you and your work to the world. Being in the SM team is very enjoyable, thanks to the creative and hardworking ladies in the team, but it is also a great responsibility, as people will get to know the EFECW through the content YOU made.

— Manana

EFECW - Ecumenical Forum of European Christian Women

29. apr 2023. ·

Check us out on instagram @efecw_official and follow us for more EFECW news 💜🫶

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01. nov 2023. ·

A recap of our CC meeting in Vienna in Autumn 2023 💜 We had A LOT of meet... Прикажи још

The social media team

A team of four creative and motivated young women posting regularly on Instagram and Facebook

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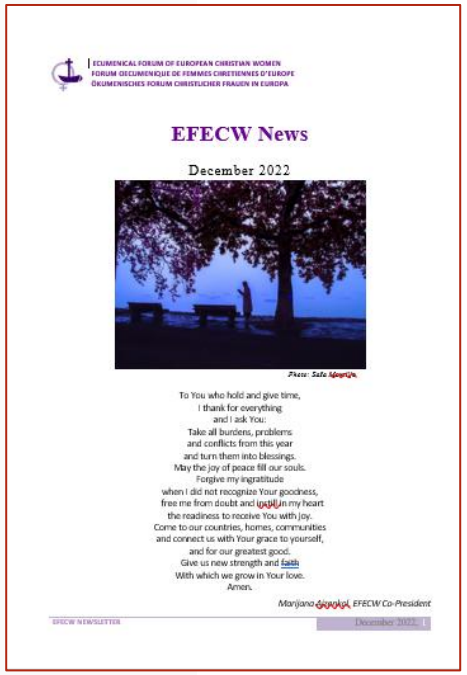
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EFECW News

December 2022

To You who hold and give time,
I thank for everything
and I ask You:
Take all burdens, problems
and conflicts from this year
and turn them into blessings.
May the joy of peace fill our souls.
Forgive my ingratitude
when I did not recognize Your goodness,
free me from doubt and unbelief in my heart
the readiness to receive You with joy.
Come to our countries, homes, communities
and connect us with Your grace to yourself,
and for our greatest good.
Give us new strength and faith
With which we grow in Your love.
Amen.

Marijana Ajzenkol, EFECW Co-President

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Newsletter

Spring 2023

Gracious God, loving Saviour
How can we thank you enough for guiding and protecting us with your goodness?
Thank you for every day and all people in it
Thank you for our meetings and our dreams
Stay with us, God, with your light when darkness is around us
Be our protection from sin and suffering,
And allow us to see Your blessed light
With which you illuminate us from heaven.
Amen

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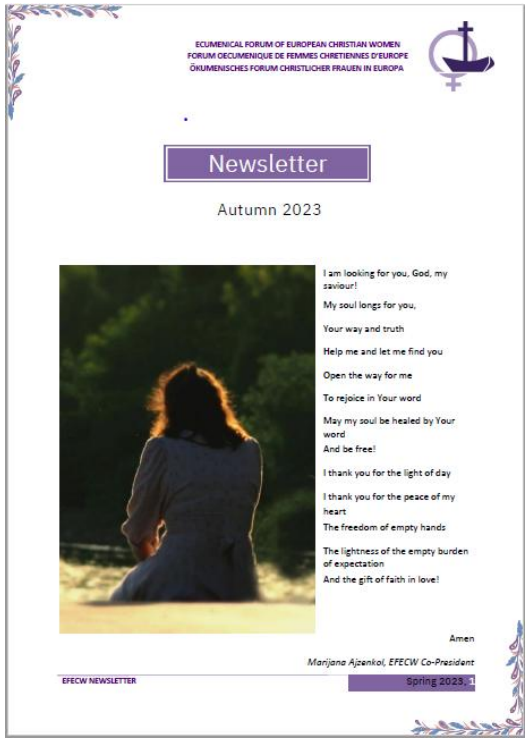
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Newsletter

Autumn 2023

I am looking for you, God, my saviour!
My soul longs for you,
Your way and truth
Help me and let me find you
Open the way for me
To rejoice in Your word
May my soul be healed by Your word
And be free!
I thank you for the light of day
I thank you for the peace of my heart
The freedom of empty hands
The lightness of the empty burden of expectation
And the gift of faith in love!

Amen

Marijana Ajzenkol, EFECW Co-President

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NEWSLETTER

WINTER 2024

I do not know what the New year will look like
but I know what the Old year was like
For everything good in it, thank You God
For everything sinful in it, forgive.
And the New 2024. You, Lord, bless
give us Yourself, Your peace and Your joy in it, too.
You are, God, eternal and You remain always the same
I trust You with all my heart and give You myself and all mine
Take us by the hand and lead us through all the days of this year.
Give us a brave heart to fight good battles
Help us to gratefully accept from Your hand all You send to us,
and let no one take away from us what we have come to know as the truth: Your love
Amen

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A new newsletter team composed of talented young women works towards upgrading our newsletter

Jacqueline Stuyt Legacy (JSL) fund

- A celebratory publication
- Open call for editors (September 2023)
- 4 applications
- CC signs contract with Megan Haslam and Agnes Kienesberger (December 2023)
- Final draft December 2024
- Content: historical background, aims and objectives, list of projects, statistics, interviews, etc.

Financial report 2022-2023 (1)

1. INCOME		2023		2022	
a. General					
8000	Membership Fees	3.107,15		5.016,50	
8020	Fundraising, General Income	0,00		4.046,57	
8030	Donations	70,00		0,00	
8032	Donation Podcast project	4.674,00		0,00	
8033	Donation CC meeting in Oradea	1.801,16		0,00	
8092	Interest Securities	952,92		4,78	
8231	ICFLC Block Grant	3.651,04	14.256,27	0,00	9.067,85
b. General Assembly (GA) 2022					
8401	Participation fees	0,00		7.280,00	
8402	Participation fees, 20 % particip band I	0,00		1.048,76	
8403	Participation fees,40%particip bandsII	0,00		675,00	
8405	particip. day visitors	0,00		634,00	
8406	Participation fees under 40 years = 50 %	0,00		360,00	
8420	Fundraising	0,00		10.927,81	
8421	Fundraising - YWP 2015 (PUM)	0,00	0,00	7.454,73	28.380,30
2. Income Total			14.256,27		37.448,15

Financial report 2022-2023 (2)

3. EXPENSES

		2023		2022	
a. Expenses General					
4001	CC/Travelexpenses	3.227,55		3.046,86	
4002	Accomodation and meals / CC (Oradea)	1.695,32		2.477,75	
4003	Accomodation and meals / Vienna	7.317,38		0,00	
4004	travel expenses CC meeting Vienna	2.642,78		0,00	
4017	Accounting & Auditing	1.500,00		2.000,00	
4019	administrative assistent of EFECW	5.000,00		4.460,60	
4040	Office costs/materials	874,70		208,45	
4050	Representations	28,17		100,00	
4051	Website	370,00		370,00	
4098	Bank charges	128,78		227,04	
4099	Other costs	0,00		71,60	
4501	WCC Assembly Karlsruhe 2022	804,00	23.588,68	0,00	12.962,30
b. Expenses General Assembly (GA 2022)					
4401	Down Payment GA 2022	0,00		23.423,55	
4404	Trainers, Participants YWS	0,00		7.167,21	
4405	Eastern Europe, band I	0,00		4.717,58	
4406	Central Europa (incl,Greece&Cyprus)bandI	0,00		1.302,97	
4408	50 % for Woman under 40 Years	0,00		297,49	
4422	Interpreters	0,00		4.410,00	
4423	Technical equipment interpretation	0,00		2.544,00	
4430	Preparatory - travel and accomodation	0,00		2.757,19	
4431	^Coordination / Press office	0,00		1.500,00	
4434	Training materials (Folders, paper ....)	0,00		679,93	
4442	CoPs, CC Assistent, local team	0,00		2.094,70	
4460	Accounting & Auditing	0,00		500,00	
4499	Other project costs	0,00	0,00	210,00	51.604,62

Financial report 2022-2023 (3)

4. Zwischensumme aus Z 1 bis 3 (Betriebsergebnis)	-9.332,41	-27.118,77
5. Ergebnis der gewöhnlichen Geschäftstätigkeit	-9.332,41	-27.118,77
6. Jahresfehlbetrag	-9.332,41	-27.118,77
7. Bilanzverlust	-9.332,41	-27.118,77

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS	12/31/2023	12/31/2022
	€	€
NON CURRENT ASSETS		
Securities (Schelhammer saving book)	138,009.72	127,056.80
CURRENT ASSETS		
Receivables		
Forwarding FLC	0.00	1,239.15
Cash equivalents		
Schelhammer&Schattera 269688	22,552.58	48,350.53
	22,552.58	49,589.68
TOTAL ASSETS	**160,562.30**	176,646.48

LIABILITIES	12/31/2023	12/31/2022
	€	€
CAPITAL		
Capital and gains from previous years	75,388.99	75,388.99
Gain/loss from current year	-9,332.41	-44,228.38
Reservation	15,284.27	42,403.04
	81,340.85	73,563.65
RESERVATION		
Reservation Jacqueline Stuyt Legacy	26,692.45	34,692.45
Reservation Ruth Epting Fund	49,280.77	49,280.77
	75,973.22	136,031.14
OTHER LIABILITIES		
Other short term payables	3,248.23	2,000.00
	3,248.23	2,000.00
DEFERRED INCOME		
Deferred income	0.00	0.00
	0.00	7,454.73
TOTAL LIABILITIES	**160,562.30**	176,646.48

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Auditors' recommendations

- In 2023: a cash outflow (loss) of EUR 9,332.41
- liquid assets (bank balances) EUR 160,562.30
- Of these, a total of EUR 75,973.22 is allocated to dedicated purposes: EUR 49,280.77 to the "Ruth Epting Fund" and EUR 26,692.45 to the "Jacqueline Stuyt Fund".
- Only EUR 85,589.08 to cover future general expenses of EFECW.
- This amount has decreased continuously over the last 5 years, from around EUR 107 thousand (2021) to around EUR 81 thousand (2023):
  - 2019: €97 thousand
  - 2020: €107 thousand
  - 2021: €105 thousand
  - 2022: €90 thousand
  - 2023: €81 thousand
- For a financial reserve of around EUR 100,000: annual expenses shall be covered by ongoing membership fees and other subsidies (grant, donation).
- The dedicated portion of the existing liquid assets (i.e. the two funds) will continue to be used for specific purposes. It is important to check whether some of these funds can also be used for general purposes

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Questions / Clarifications

Voting rights

Monika	Harutyunyan	Armenia	2
Ana	Slacanac	Croatia	2
Mira	Poloprutska	Czech Republic	2
Anne-Marie	Schott	France	2
Hanne	Finke	Germany	2
Márta	B. Pintér	Hungary	2
Haydy	Nelson	Netherlands	2
Asea	Railean	Moldova	2
Edith	Toth	Romania	2
Marija	Parnicki	Serbia	2
Nata	Hovorkova	Slovakia	2
Pilar	Yuste	Spain	2
Cecilia	Ralfe Stelander	Sweden	2
Fiona	Buchanan	UK	1
Dorothy	Knights	UK	1
		TOTAL	28

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Future plans

Young women

A young women‘s meeting probably in Strasbourg in Summer 2025

A thematic week close to the Council of Europe

The topic considerations include: economic, social, gender, and climate justice

Encouraging Female Leadership

Shattering Obstacles and Promoting Change

by Marianna Apresyan
Co President EFECW

What is it about?

Is it important to talk about women in leadership?

The advantages of female leadership

Styles of leadership

Women's leadership challenges

Promoting diversity and inter-cultural intelligences

Environmental commitment

Environmental Commitment EFECW 2022-26 - Aim to realise the message from the IX General Assembly:

“For the care of the environment and the promotion of climate justice”

Outcomes

- Forum members and wider Christian women to learn and engage with the issue of climate justice and theological thinking
- Christian women empowered to take leadership roles in climate justice efforts
- Churches practice sustainability
- Christian women engage with policymakers on climate issues

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Principles

Grounded in theological understanding

A gendered approach

Intergenerational learning

Ensuring young women are supported to be leading voices

Background tasks	
Scripture and theology	The climate crisis
Highlighting relevant biblical passages and teachings on environmental stewardship	Understanding the current state of the climate crisis
Theological understanding related to caring for God's creation	Learning about the disproportionate impact of climate change on women and marginalized communities
Protecting the vulnerable and the Earth in Christian faith	Gathering facts to underscore the urgency of action

Other planned activities

- Online National Coordinators' (business) meeting 2025
- Online National Coordinators' (business) meeting – mini-GA 2026
- General Assembly 2026
- Podcast
- Newsletter 2-3 times a year
- Neighbourhood meetings??? Are you planning one?

Break

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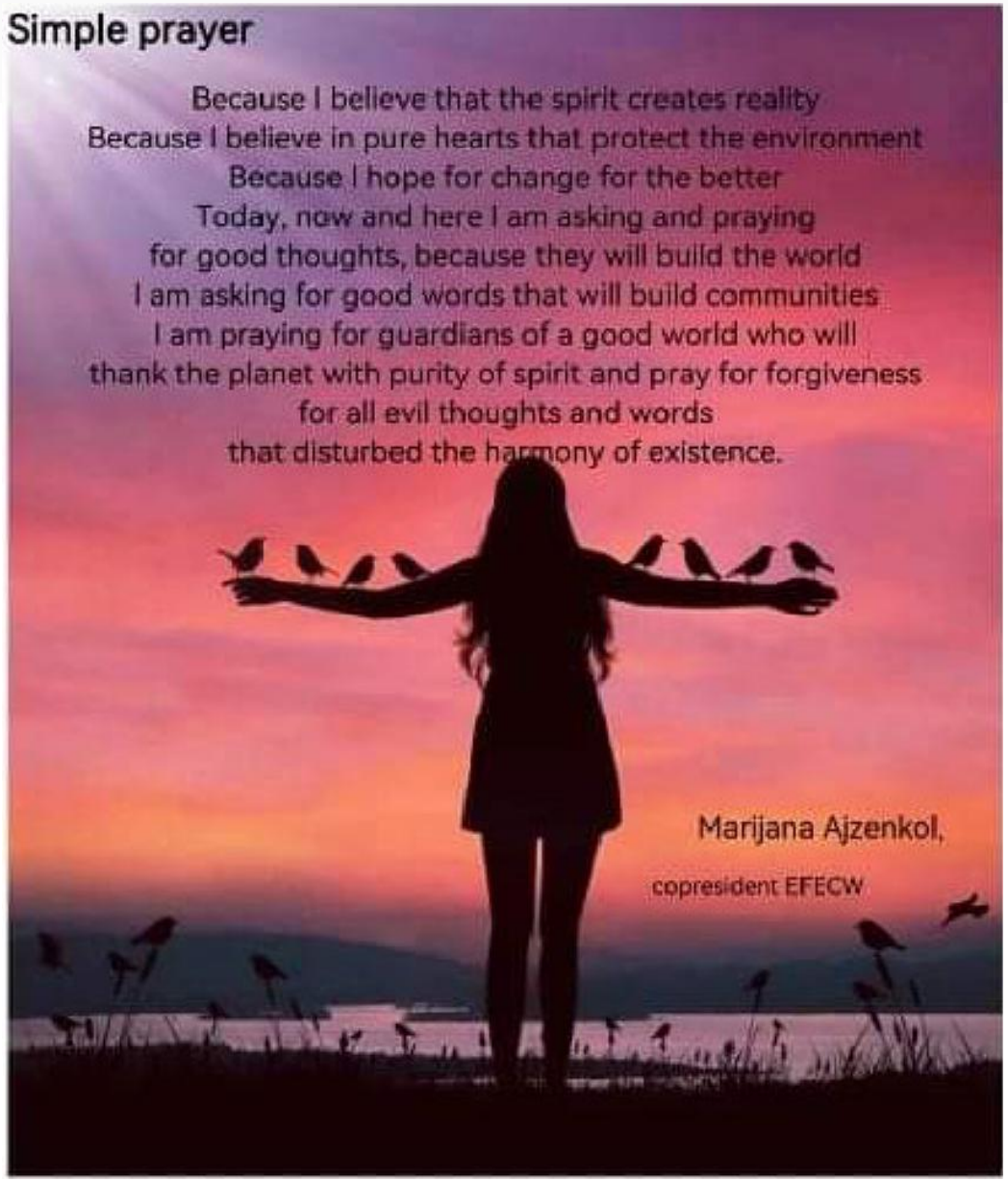
Back in 10 minutes!!!



Discussion

Break out groups

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Discussion groups questions

Group 1. Communication: How to ensure constant two-way communication among members at local, national and European level? Sharing good examples. What to keep doing? What to change?

Group 2. Ecumenism and women's issues: Are these important pillars of our organisation still relevant? How to remain a safe space where European Christian Women can discuss challenging ecumenical and women's issues?

Group 3. Representation work: How (where) to ensure that EFECW's voice is heard? How do you organise representation work at national level? What type of feedback you expect? What are your expectations?

Group 4. Finances and membership: What are the main challenges? How to ensure sustainability? Sharing good examples.

For **ALL groups**. "Renewal": What are your expectations for the CC?

Instructions: Discussion 20 minutes: Designate a rapporteur to keep notes and present in bullet points (share slide sent by email)

Group reports

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Group 1

- After Covid: mostly meeting online, or on social media, but meetings face by face more effective. For some countries online meetings are more challenging than others.
- To keep an online NC meeting once a year
- The General Assembly to remain a physical meeting
- Physical meetings remain important as being more effective in a relational level
- Covid and war in Ukraine have impacted our communication in a negative way.
- Online meetings have allowed some of us to increase their communication, by freeing time (no traveling) for additional meetings.
- Every form of communication is useful, renews our traditions, cultures

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Group 2

- German webpage belonging to ecumenical movement in Germany. Met with group – but it is run by men. Not all traditions work together. Small churches interested in dialogue. Hope to give women leading and power roles in these groups. Wanting to give space to women. A lot of people from wider countries bringing their own traditions and languages. Hope to bring everyone together. A special music project brought together people of different ages and traditions that was special.
- England – World Day of Prayer – has people from many traditions– main focus this year has been attracting younger people. Young people are not so 'denominational'.
- Spain, to be Christian as women, Christian united in faith, to be in forum – most important point in public work is that we are Christian women. Social questions against war in Europe, Palestine, climate change – can say 'as women united in Christ'
- Romania – day of prayer – local places very ecumenical – challenging to work with some traditions were they are dominated by men. Good relationship with young women through music.
- Serbia – Catholic church is interested in ecumenical work. Ecumenical humanitarian organisation – people are not familiar with the term – 'ecumenical'. Cooperation is not easy but through various projects – for and with women – there is a coming together which is attractive. Want to educate people to educate community about ecumenism as movement or philosophy but is difficult. Very difficult if the majority church does not fully respect other traditions.
- Key takeaways – variable if are church traditions working together, ecumenical education is important, hope that by meeting in our different traditions to learn about each other, harder where the structure of the churches is dominated by men – but women are able to come together and cooperate across traditions –– younger people not so denominational in some countries – an opportunity, ecumenicism and feminism are grounded in peace and love, but the challenge is for them to survive. Social questions enable us to come together and say 'as women united in Christ'. There are opportunities to come together making music.

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Group 3

- Council of Europe
- Ecumenical and interreligious meetings on national levels with organisations, church representatives, and civil associations for cooperations
- Exchange within the national forum and presence on national level for women
- Knowledge about other national or local forums for feedback and inspiration for further activities
- Vision and wishes: more young women on board, more members, more events, more financial room for more physical meetings and representation work on national levels, bigger representation on national and international, even global level through stronger cooperations (WCC, EYCE, CEC), cooperations with educational institutions as Universities (connection with young people)

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Group 4

- Covid changed the interest in financial support in general
- Membership for single members and for organisations
- Encourage those who can support to give more
- Members are elderly, Less and less members, some young women join, but…
- Good to have an organization supporting the Forum´s work not only for finance support- women's desk
- The importance of WDP
- Interest of support to YWP, n-hood meetings- pilgrimage between closed neighbour countries
- Open up for interreligious contacts, not only ecumenical relations
- Creating networks among and with them who have access to funding. Understanding what are the key activities that could be funded.

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Constitutional issues

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Constitutional changes

- General Assembly 2022 suggests inclusion and renewal
- New context: individual membership, young women, interns, etc.
- Constitutional decisions online
- Financial challenges
- Ensure voting rights for different categories of members
- Membership fees for individual members.

Constitution - Actual version August 24, 2006	Proposal 2024	Comments
§ 4: Membership Membership of the EFECW shall be in the categories: ordinary members, extraordinary members, and honorary members. a) Ordinary Members are the National Ecumenical Forums of Christian Women in Europe (National Forums); b) Extraordinary members are individuals or groups who support the work of EFECW; c) Honorary Members are individuals who have been appointed in recognition of their special services to the EFECW;		No changes
§ 5: Becoming a Member (1) Ordinary Members a) all National Forums which are located in a European State may become an Ordinary Member; b) written applications for acceptance as an Ordinary Member shall be submitted to the Coordinating Committee of the EFECW; c) the Co-ordinating Committee of the EFECW makes the final decision on the acceptance of Ordinary Members. Acceptance can be refused without reasons being given. (2) Extraordinary Members The Co-ordinating Committee makes the final decision on the acceptance of Extraordinary Members. (3) Honorary Members The appointment of Honorary Members shall be made by the General Assembly, following recommendation by the Co-ordinating Committee.		No changes
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§ 22: Alterations to the EFECW Constitution (1) Any alteration to the Constitution may only be decided at a General Assembly with the		No changes

agreement of a two-thirds majority of validly cast votes from ordinary members present and voting. (2) Any resolution proposing alterations to the Constitution must be available in English, French and German.		
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Wrap-up & Evaluation

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Closing prayer

In the name of the Father, of the Son and of the Holy Spirit!

Amen.

Let us read the Word of God from the Bible, 2 Chron 1:10.

“Give me now wisdom and knowledge”

Ubi caritas et amor, ubi caritas, Deus ibi est!

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Let us put a candle on our common but virtual table.

The candle is here; please, look at it!

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Let us imagine God as light.
God, the Father is the source of all,
He is the sun.
Jesus, who is God's Son, is the same light
streaming to earth, a sunbeam.
Holy Spirit is the point of light that arrives
on earth as warmth and energy.

Bless the Lord o, my soul

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Then, we put on this virtual table a bowl with water:

Let us imagine **God** as water.

God, the source of all, is an upwelling spring.

Jesus, God's Son, is the river that flows outward from this source.

The **Holy Spirit** is the irrigation channel where the water meets and moistens the earth.

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Let’s sing:

Laudate omnes gentes

Laudate Dominum

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And now a living flower in the midst of this table:

Let us imagine **God** as a flowering plant with a deep invisible root, a green stem reaching into the world from that root, and a flower that spreads beauty, fragrance, and eventually seeds.

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Candle, water and living flower

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Father, as we close this meeting, fill us with hope and encouragement for the days ahead.

May the discussions we've had today ignite a passion within us to make a positive difference.

Strengthen our resolve to face challenges with optimism and to work diligently towards our goals.

Let Your light, life guide us in all our endeavors.

Guide us in that way, that we ask you for wisdom!

Amen.

Thank You

Group 1. Communication: How to ensure constant two-way communication among members at local, national and European level? Sharing good examples. What to keep doing? What to change?

Group 2. Ecumenism and women's issues: Are these important pillars of our organisation still relevant? How to remain a safe space where European Christian Women can discuss challenging ecumenical and women's issues?

Group 3. Representation work: How (where) to ensure that EFECW's voice is heard? How do you organise representation work at national level? What type of feedback you expect? What are your expectations?

Group 4. Finances and membership: What are the main challenges? How to ensure sustainability? Sharing good examples.