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National Coordinators' Meeting

8th May 2025

Agenda

Welcome – prayer –introductions (20 min)

EFECW activity May 2024 – May 2025 (20 min)

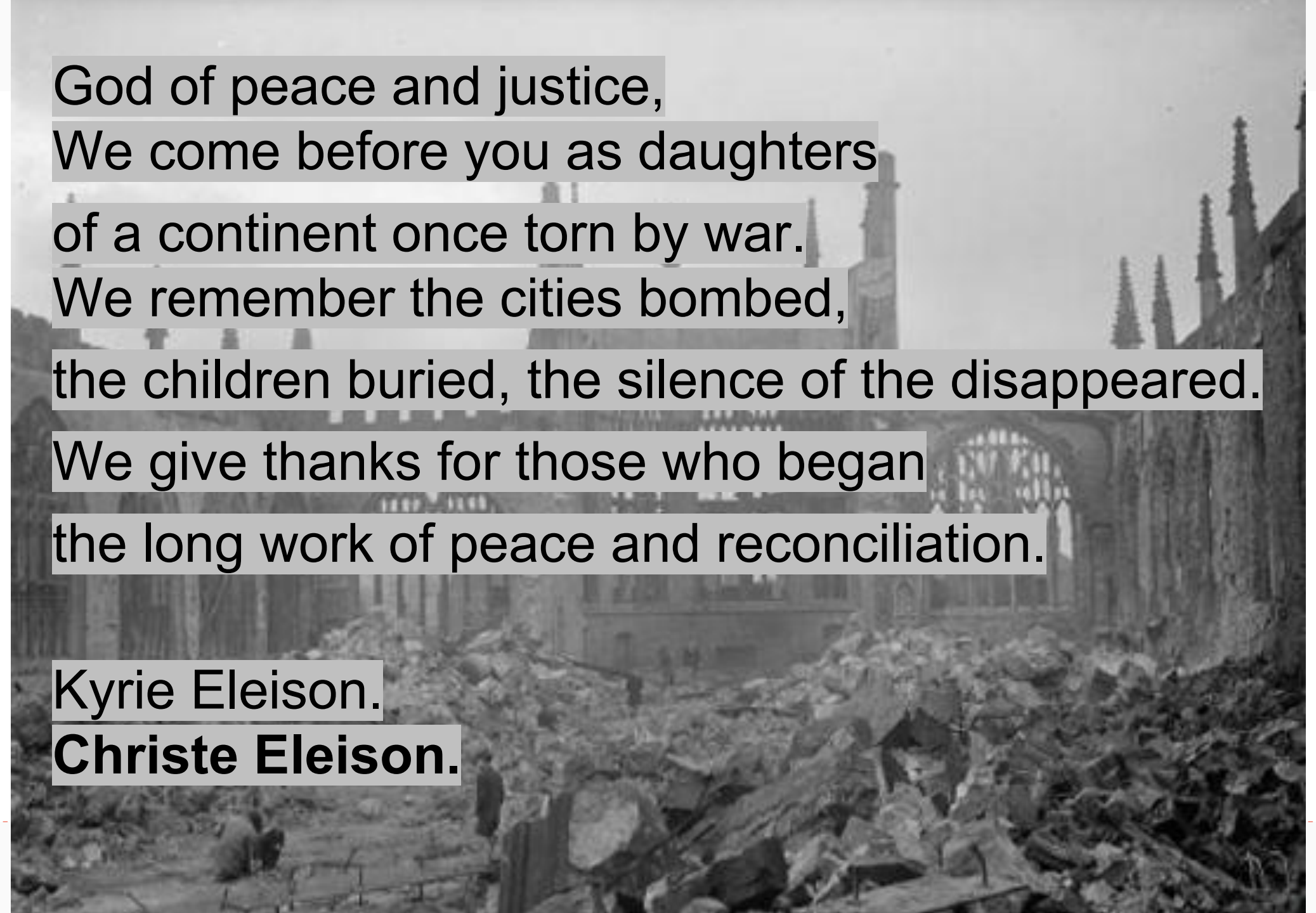
Constitutional changes (10 min)

Break (10 min)

General Assembly 2026 – break out groups (30 min)

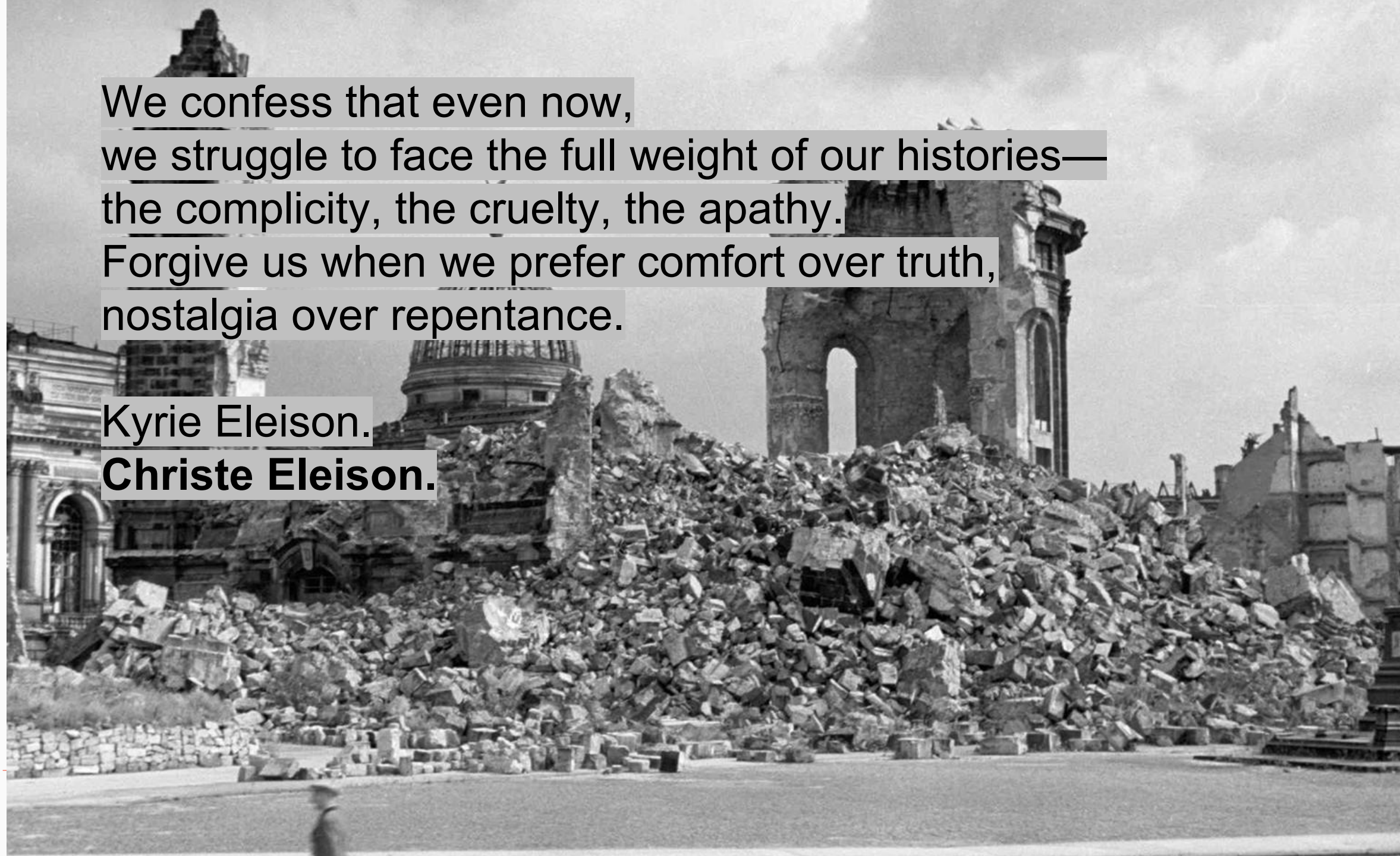
Announcements (10 min)

Closing prayer



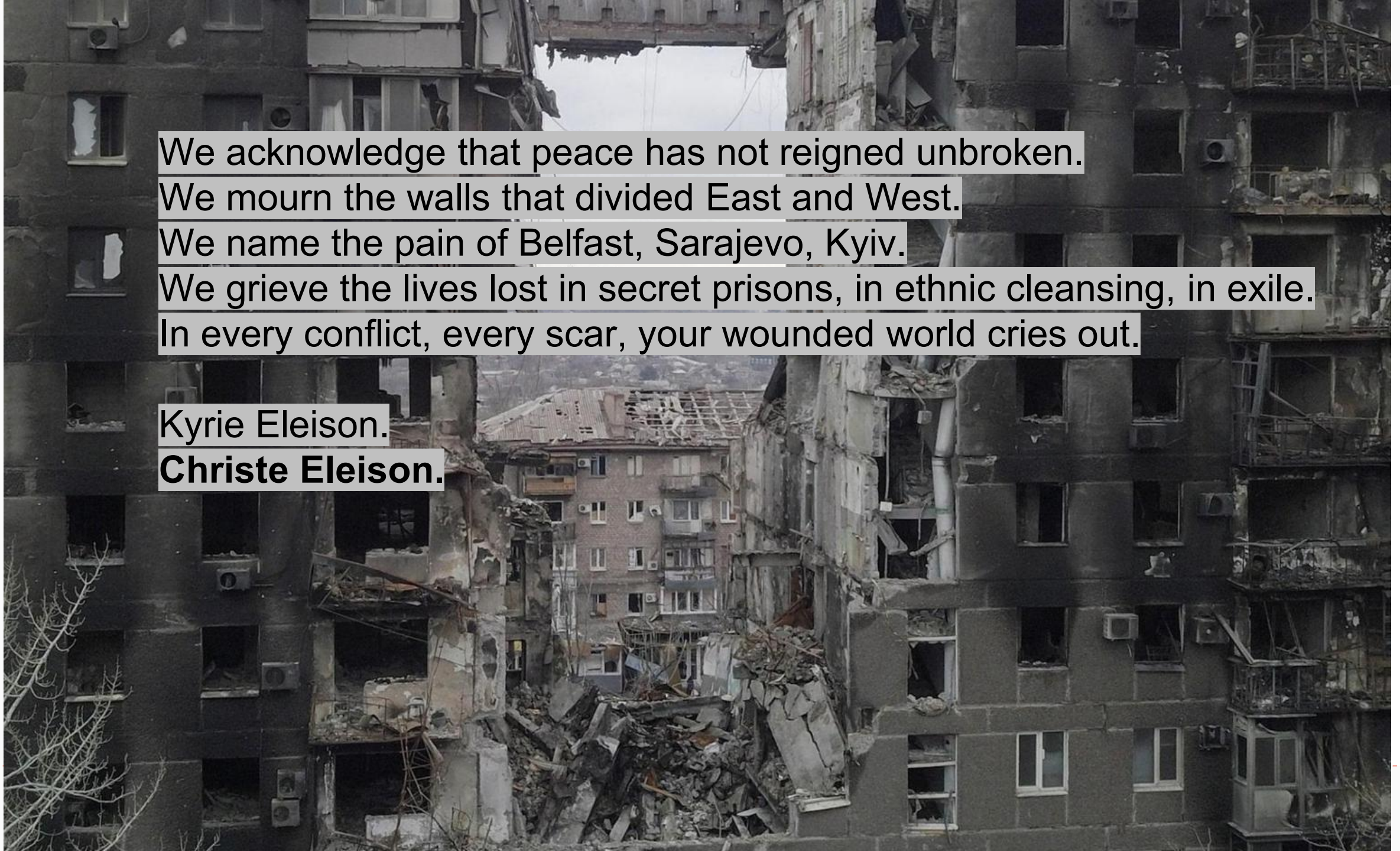
God of peace and justice,
We come before you as daughters
of a continent once torn by war.
We remember the cities bombed,
the children buried, the silence of the disappeared.
We give thanks for those who began
the long work of peace and reconciliation.

Kyrie Eleison.
Christe Eleison.



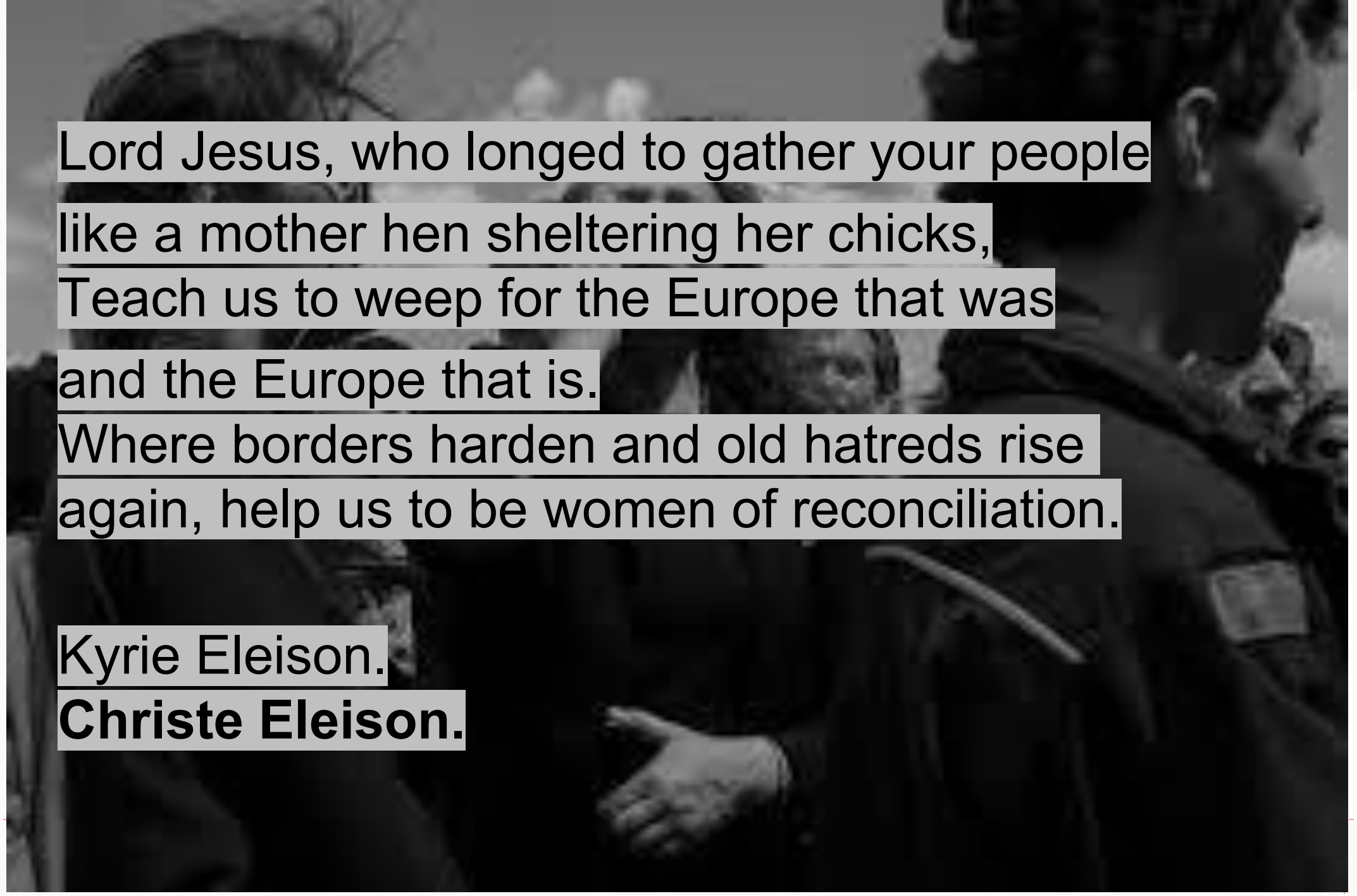
We confess that even now,
we struggle to face the full weight of our histories—
the complicity, the cruelty, the apathy.
Forgive us when we prefer comfort over truth,
nostalgia over repentance.

Kyrie Eleison.
Christe Eleison.



We acknowledge that peace has not reigned unbroken.
We mourn the walls that divided East and West.
We name the pain of Belfast, Sarajevo, Kyiv.
We grieve the lives lost in secret prisons, in ethnic cleansing, in exile.
In every conflict, every scar, your wounded world cries out.

Kyrie Eleison.
Christe Eleison.

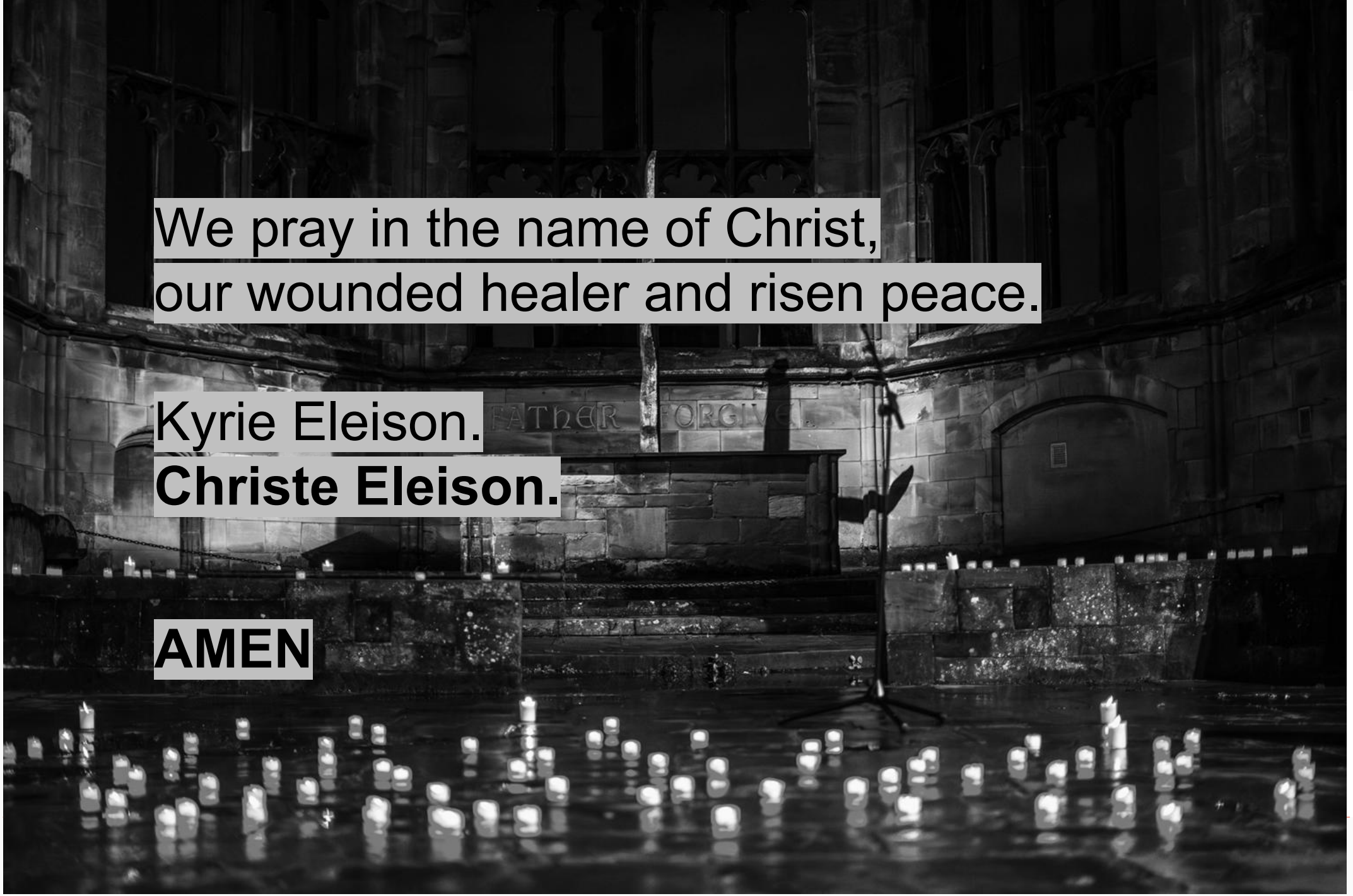


Lord Jesus, who longed to gather your people
like a mother hen sheltering her chicks,
Teach us to weep for the Europe that was
and the Europe that is.
Where borders harden and old hatreds rise
again, help us to be women of reconciliation.

Kyrie Eleison.
Christe Eleison.

Spirit of the living God,
bind us together—not in sameness,
but in the shared hope that love is stronger than death.
May we listen with humility, speak with courage,
and walk the hard road of reconciliation,
for the sake of the generations to come.

Kyrie Eleison.
Christe Eleison.


We pray in the name of Christ,
our wounded healer and risen peace.
Kyrie Eleison.
Christe Eleison.
AMEN

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EFECW activity May 2024 – May 2025

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Membership fees

2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
8,087.00	8,649.00	6,970.00	7,387.00	6,048.00	5,772.00	4,608.44	4,505.50	3,107.15	2,715.00
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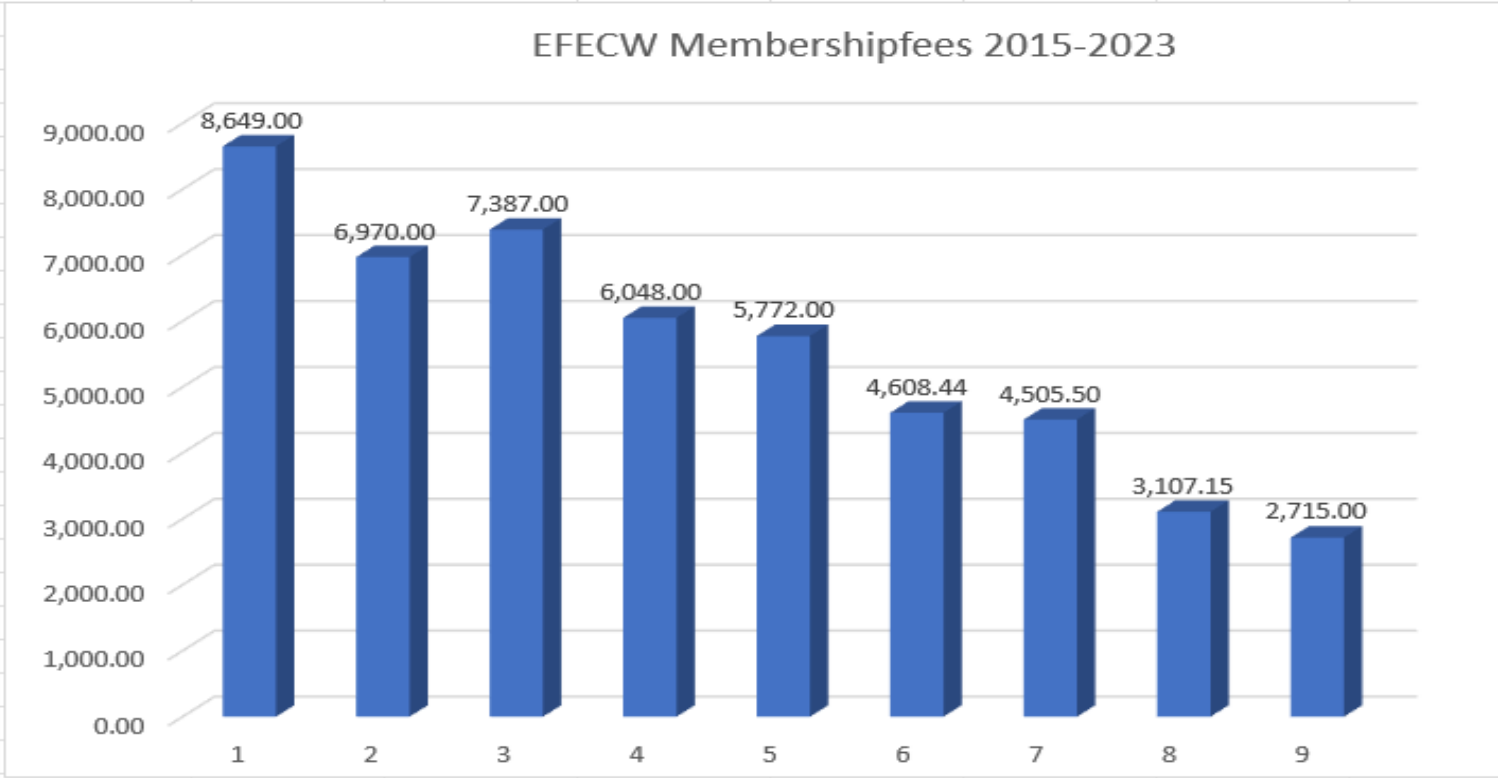

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Financial Report

EXPENSES & INCOME 2024								
			Reality 2024					Reality 2024
EXPENSES					**INCOME**			
General					**General**			
4019	administrative assistent of EFECW		€ 4.000,00		8000	Membership Fees		€ 2.865,00
4040	Office costs/materials		€ 237,37		8092	Interest Security		€ 2.859,39
4051	Website		€ 370,00		8231	ICFLC Block Grant		€ 3.694,05
4098	Bank charges		€ 77,90		8030	Donations		€ 200,00
	Total expenses		**€ 4.685,27**			**Total income**		**€ 9.618,44**

SHORT OVERVIEW			Reality 2024
General	income		€ 9.618,44
	expenses		€ 4.685,27
	balance		€ 4.933,17

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Balance sheet

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B I L A N Z Z U M 31. 12. 2024

A K T I V A	2024 EUR	2023 EUR
A. A N L A G E V E R M Ö G E N		
I. F i n a n z a n l a g e n		
1. Wertpapiere (Wertrechte) des Anlage-vermögens		
1650 Schelhammer & Schattera Sparbuch	140.869,11	138.009,72
B. U M L A U F V E R M Ö G E N		
I. K a s s e n b e s t a n d, Guthaben bei Kreditinstituten		
1700 Schelhammer & Schattera 269 688	23.186,36	22.552,58

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Auditors' report

To the general meeting of the **Ecumenical Forum of European Christian Women**

As statutory auditors, we have audited the accounting records and the financial statements (balance sheet and income statement) of the Ecumenical Forum of European Christian Women for the year ended 31st December 2024.

These financial statements are the responsibility of the board of directors. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We confirm that we meet the legal requirements concerning professional qualification and independence.

We have conducted the audit in accordance with Austrian Standards on Auditing. Those standards require that we perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining on a test basis evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by the management as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

In our opinion, the accounting records and financial statements comply with Austrian law and the forum's articles of incorporation.

We recommend that the financial statements submitted to you with the balance sheet of € 164.055,47 and with the capital resources of € 162.247,24 be approved.

Vienna, on 5 May 2025, KOBRE Wirtschaftsprüfung GmbH, Mag. Wilhelm Zmatlo, Auditor

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CC online meetings

19th June 2024

29th September 2024

20th October 2024

1st December 2024

22nd February 2025

3rd April 2025

3rd May 2025

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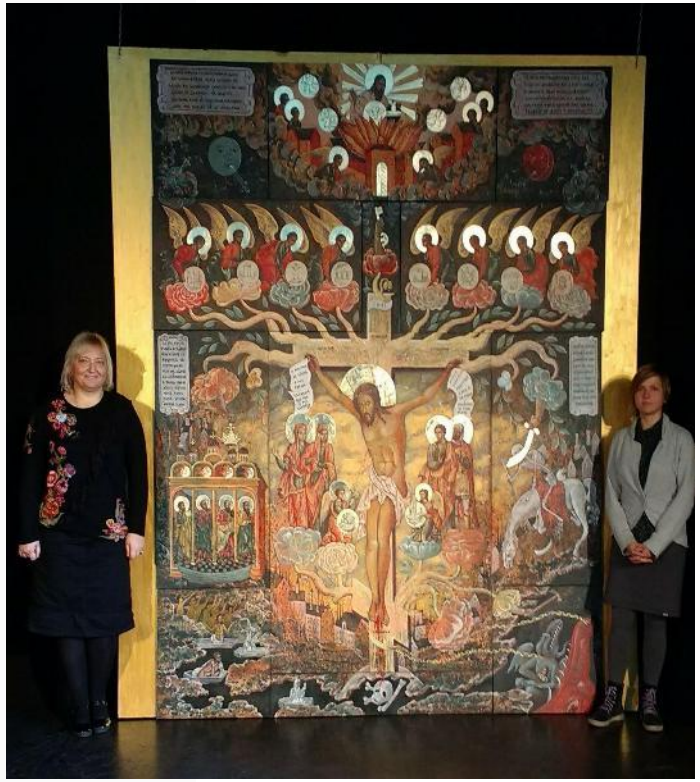
Online meetings

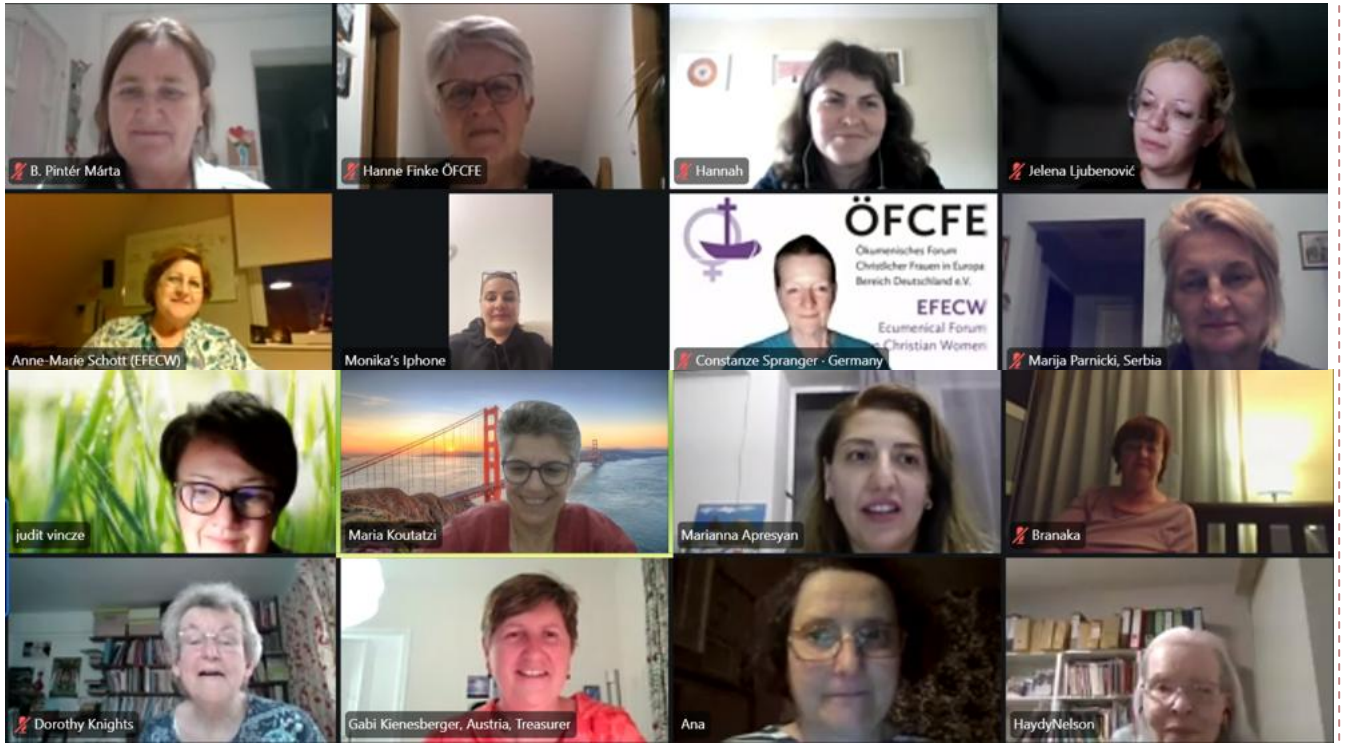


"Crucifixion with miracles"

"Распятие с чудесами“

30th March 2025

NC Meeting, 15th May 2025



Open Space Discussions for Young Women

- Monthly online Open Space discussions for young women to diverse topics

INVITATION
to the
EFECW OPEN SPACE
DISCUSSION
FOR YOUNG WOMEN

'ANIMAL ETHICS'

Sunday | September 22, 2024
7pm CET

INVITATION
to the
EFECW OPEN SPACE
DISCUSSION
FOR YOUNG WOMEN

'CONTRACEPTION'

Sunday | October 13, 2024
7pm CET

INVITATION
to the
EFECW OPEN SPACE
DISCUSSION
FOR YOUNG WOMEN

'MENSTRUATION'

Sunday | November 24, 2024
7pm CET

INVITATION
to the
EFECW OPEN SPACE
DISCUSSION
FOR YOUNG WOMEN

'MENSTRUATION'

Sunday | January 26, 2025
7pm CET

INVITATION
to the
EFECW OPEN SPACE DISCUSSION
FOR YOUNG WOMEN

'FEMALE PLEASURE AND ORGASM'

Sunday | February 23, 2025
7pm CET

INVITATION
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FOR YOUNG WOMEN

'RENEWED UNDERSTANDING OF PILGRIMAGES'

Sunday | March 23, 2025
7pm CET

INVITATION
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FOR YOUNG WOMEN

'THE CURRENT SITUATION IN SERBIA'

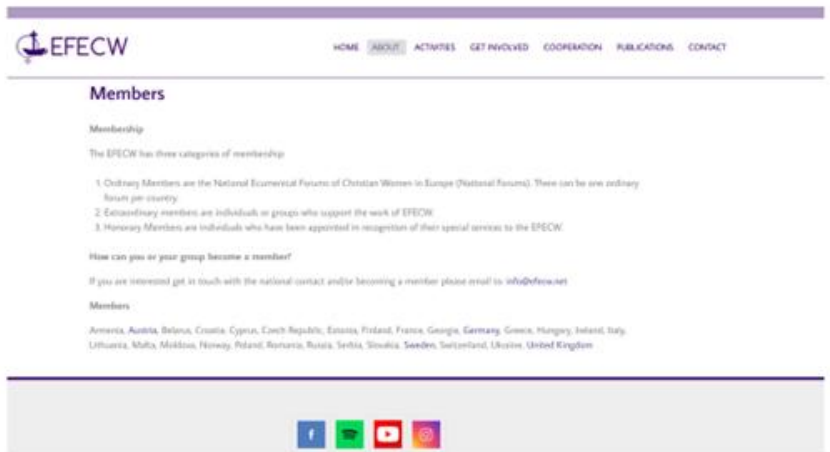
Sunday | April 27, 2025
7pm CET

Social Media, Newsletter, Website

- Regular social media posts by social media group of young women
- Regular newsletters in new design published providing updates of activities and announcements
- Review and update of website and creation of team for regular website checks

Instagram: efecw_official

Newsletter example



Website: efecw.net

Representation work

WSCF-E Study Session

- WSCF-E: member of the team of trainers for Study Session ‚Youth in Leadership Today: The Pathway Forward', held in March 2025 at the European Youth Centre Budapest (Hannah)
- Collaboration with EYCE: Study Session 'Faith in Action: Addressing Climate Change and Strengthening Democracy Through Christian Youth Movements' in September 2025 at the European Youth Centre Budapest (Hannah)
- Delegate at the General Assembly of the European Youth Forum May 2025 (Hannah- reason for absence)
- Collaboration with WCC: online morning prayer during 16 days of action against gender-based violence in November 2024 led by EFECW (Carin and Hannah)
- Participation at UN Women Youth Engagement (Hannah)
- Contribution at the General Assembly of the German Forum ÖFCFE in October in Erfurt (Gabi and Hannah)

Representation work

Member of the **Conference of INGOs of the Council of Europe**
Represented by Anne-Marie Schott
Special contribution to the Committee on inter-religious dialogue

- declarations, documents, resolutions…
- Webinars, conferences
- Database of best practices https://niric-dialogue.eu/network/
- Interreligious dialogue toolbox

CONFERENCE OF INGOs OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE
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Revision of the Charta Oecumenica

EFECW under the leadership of Carin has contributed to the revision process of the Charta as part of our renewed intent of cooperation with the Conference of European Churches and a soon-to-be-signed memorandum of understanding

Jacqueline Stuyt - Legacy Fund (2009-2024) – A celebratory publication

Promoting Women's Cooperation and Ecumenism

In 2008 the Forum received a donation of **£200,000** from the estate of **Jaqui Stuyt**. A fund was created for activities that promoted women's cooperation and ecumenism. More than 50 projects were supported over more than 10 years.

The final evaluation report has been researched and written by **Agnes Kienesberger,** Austria, Intern at the GA 2022 in Strasbourg and **Natalia Horbal,** Ukraine, former CC Member and current NC EFECW Ukraine

Individual **project reports** were considered and **interviews** were conducted with women from across the Forum and different generations.

A **summary** of the report will be made available in print and online.

Jacqueline Stuyt

Natalia and Agnes

"Jacquie has given us an opportunity to dream dreams…"

Dorothy Knights

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Climate Change Response Initiative
led by Anthea and Marijana

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G athering
A round
R eligion
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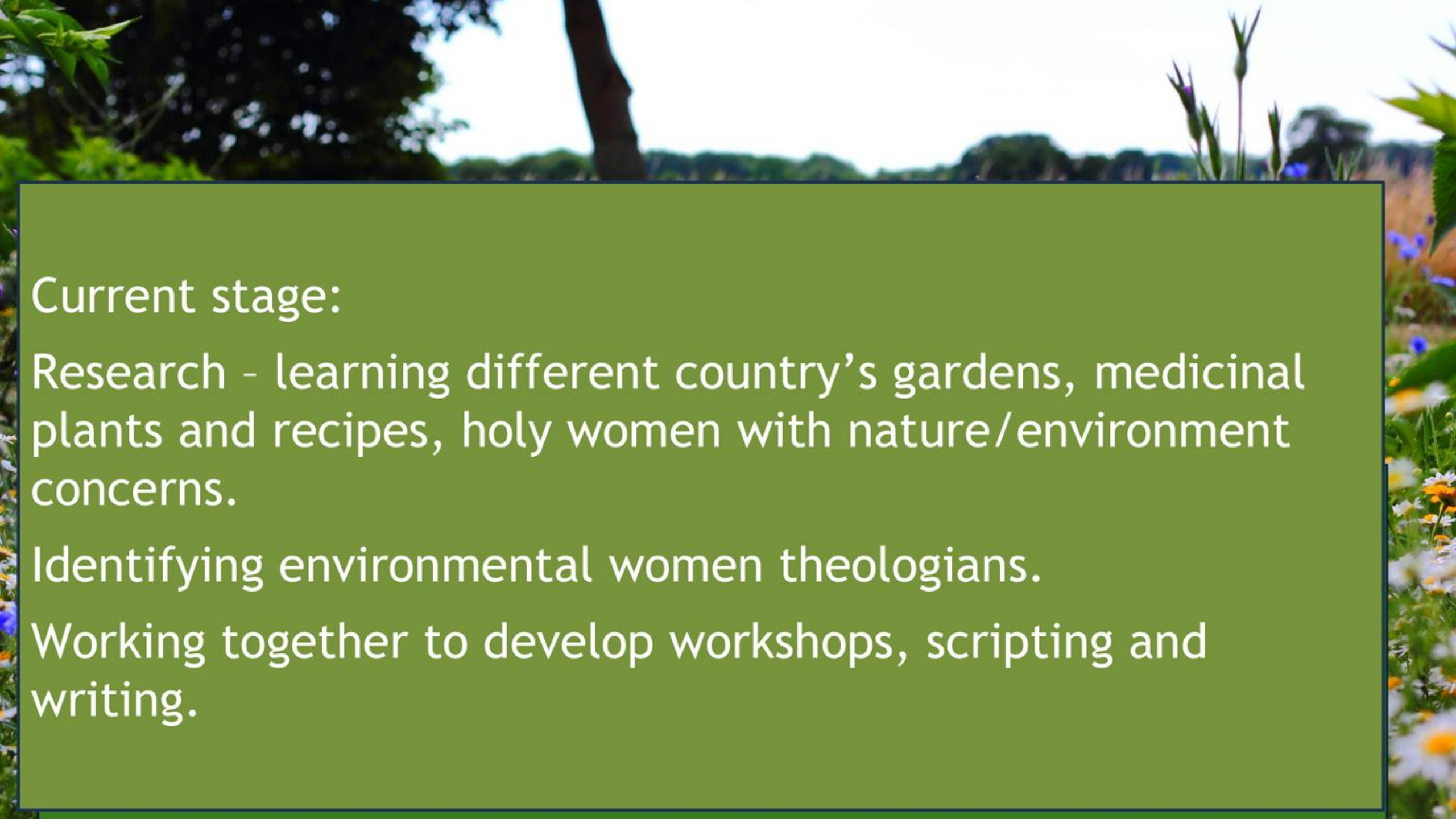
N ature

Purpose: The project is to realise the commitment in the message of the GA in 2022, 'to speaking out with Hope and Responsibility in the world … for the care of the environment and the promotion of climate justice.'

Approach: To bring together representatives from the EFECW to explore and consider an ecumenical, gendered, response to the climate crisis, through the use of theatre.



Current stage:

Research – learning different country's gardens, medicinal plants and recipes, holy women with nature/environment concerns.

Identifying environmental women theologians.

Working together to develop workshops, scripting and writing.

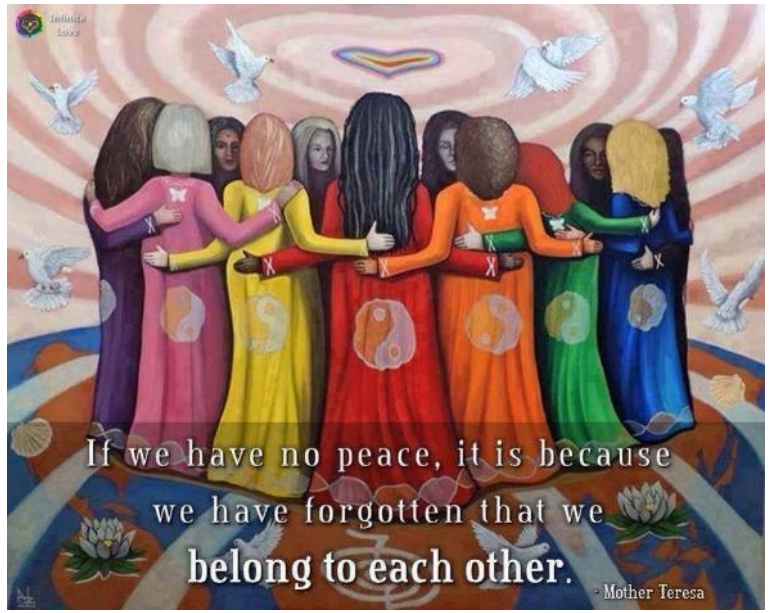
ICFLC – Fellowship of the Least Coin

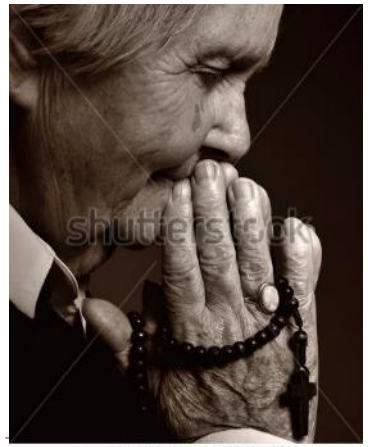
The FLC is about…

uncreasing prayers, sharing generously, and receiving graciously…

for justice, peace and reconciliation.

It is about WOMEN PRAYING all over the world, with their ‘least coin’ offerings.





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Questions / Clarifications

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Constitutional issues

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Constitutional changes

- To get to know and discuss in the National Forums.
- How can we change the constitution to welcome/accommodate new types of membership; to adapt to the actual situation in our societies and in the world.
- These changes were discussed for the first time in the Business NCs meeting in May 2024.
- In this Business NCs Meeting May 2025, discuss the proposed constitutional changes.
- May 2025-December 2025: discussion at national level - collect feedback from NCs.
- December 2025-February 2026: CC reviews and prepares a final draft for approval.
- May-June 2026: Extraordinary Business GA, voting on the 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.

§ 4 Membership: b) Extraordinary members are individuals or groups who support the work of EFECW. Individual members are women from countries where there are no National Forums;

§ 7 Rights and Duties of Membership: 4 a)) Extraordinary Members shall have the right to vote at the General Assembly. 5 a) (a) Extraordinary Members may stand for election with the nomination of an ordinary member. 9) All Members shall observe the obligation for punctual payment of the annual membership subscription. The minimum recommended membership shall be defined by the Coordinating Committee after each General Assembly. The level of membership is determined based on a) National Forums b) individual members and c) young women under 30+.

§ 9 General Assembly: ~~b) Transfer of votes shall not be allowed between from one National Forum to another National Forum.~~ (b) The Extraordinary Members shall have two votes in total as a group. They shall decide of how to distribute the two votes among themselves. (c) Ordinary Members, not present, have the right to delegate their vote to another Ordinary Member in writing until the start of the General Assembly.

1. **Nomination Committee:** 3 b) ~~) The Conference of the National Co-ordinators shall, during the last meeting before the General Assembly with the elections, elect from its own NC constituency a further three members by a simple majority.~~ The Co-ordinating Committee shall identify three additional persons from the Ordinary Members ensuring the necessary diversity and then submit the full list t the Ordinarie Members for approval one year before the General Assembly.

1. **Procedures for the elections:** 1.1 At least one year before the end of the period of office the ~~Conference of the National Co-ordinators~~ Co-ordinating Committee shall propose the number of members to be elected to the Co-ordinating Committee and to the Co-Presidency, up to a total of no less than 7 and no more than 9, for the final decision of the General Assembly. ~~The General Assembly shall make the decision about the proposal from the Conference of National Co-ordinators in one of its first business sessions.~~ 3.4 Each Ordinary Member ~~country~~ has two votes, according to the Constitution § 9 (5, a and b). 3.4 a) Extraordinary Members have two votes as a group according to the Constitution § 9 (5, a and b).

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Future plans

Extra-ordinary General Assembly on-line in June 2026

General Assembly in Marburg, Germany, in September 2026

Elisabeth pilgrimage in Germany

https://www.elisabethpfad.de/

Destination: Marburg

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nrCyNICem_I

https://www.jugendherberge.de/jugendherbergen/marburg/

https://begegnungszentrum-sonneck.de/

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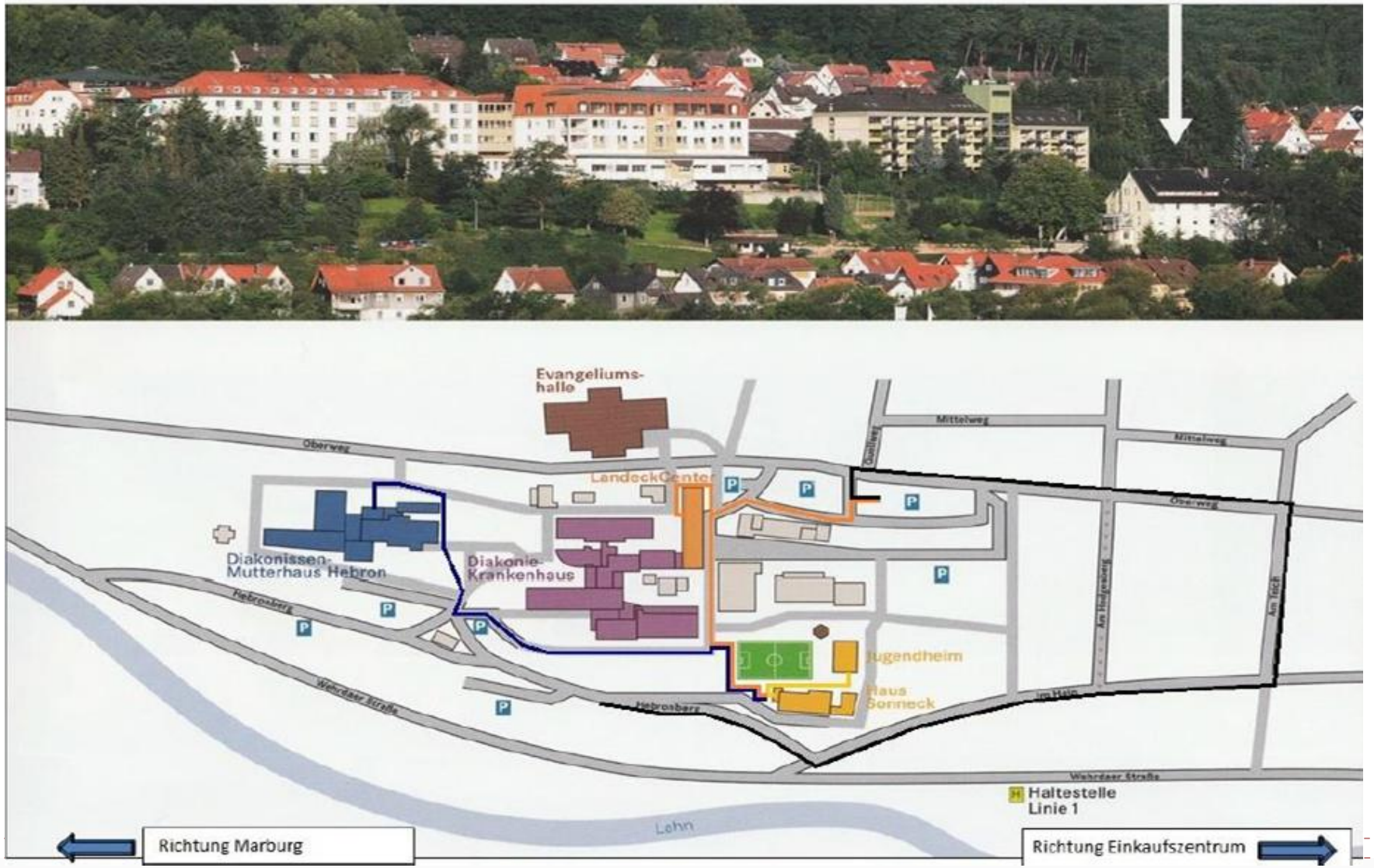
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halle
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LandeckCenter
Mittelweg
Diakonissen-
Mutterhaus Hebron
Diakonie-
Krankenhaus
Hebronberg
Jugendheim
Haus
Sonneck
Wehrdaer Straße
Haltestelle
Linie 1
Lahn
Richtung Marburg
Richtung Einkaufszentrum

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Pilgrimage means and activities?

Discussion

Break out groups

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Discussion groups questions

Break out room 1: Visualising the next Assembly in September 2026: theme, sub-themes (content) and style (pilgrimage?)

Break out room 2: Extraordinary business GA online in June (which elements should be included there; who should be invited additional to the NCs?)

Instructions: Discussion 20 minutes: Designate a rapporteur to keep notes and present in bullet points

Group reports

Announcements

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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Closing prayer

PRAYER OF ST. TERESA OF AVILA

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Christ has no body but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
Yours are the eyes with which he looks
Compassion on this world,
Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good,
Yours are the hands, with which he blesses all the world.
Yours are the hands, yours are the feet,
Yours are the eyes, you are his body.
Christ has no body now but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
Yours are the eyes with which he looks
Compassion on this world
Christ has no body now on earth but yours.

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Bible verse for reflection (1 minute) - Isa. 41:6-7

Each one helps the other,
saying to one another, “Take courage!”
The artisan encourages the goldsmith,
and the one who smooths with the
hammer encourages the one
who strikes the anvil,
saying of the soldering, “It is good”;

Thank You