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Emne: Oppdatering om møte i det økumeniske urfolksnettverkets referansegruppe tilknyttet Kirkenes Verdensråd
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Hei alle sammen,

Jeg skriver til dere som Europas faste representant i referansegruppe for urfolk til det økumeniske urfolksnettverket tilknyttet Kirkenes Verdensråd, og som leder av referansegruppa.

Sist uke var alle faste representanter og stedfortredere invitert til referansegruppemøte i Manila. Sylvia Sparrok, som er min stedfortreder var forhindret fra å delta, men biskop Sofie fra Grønland møtte som fast rådgiver for referansegruppa, og Maria R Steinsvik var invitert av urfolkskonsulenten i KV som en del av ungdomsnettverket. Vi hadde et veldig godt møte der vi fikk tatt viktige steg fremover.

Så snart det foreligger referat fra møtet fra vår executive i KV, vil denne oversendes til dere. Dersom det er av interesse legger jeg ved sakslista og møteplanen, selv om den har underordnet betydning nå.

Viktigere er at jeg vil orientere dere om en **rapport / uttalelse som ble vedtatt og oversendt til KVs Executive Committee** for behandling en av de nærmeste ukene (se epost nedenfor). Jeg gjør oppmerksom på at uttalelsen ennå ikke fått tilslutning fra et offisielt KV-organ ennå, men den er uttrykk for referansegruppas klare ønsker og synspunkter.

I påvente av et referat vil jeg imidlertid i noen kulepunkter orientere dere om noen momenter som har relevans for deres planlegging av 2018:

- Mars 2018: KVs misjonskonferanse i Arusha der det er et mål med god urfolksdeltakelse og der det planlegges en for-konferanse for urfolksungdom.
- Mai 2018: Mindre samling ifm Permanent Forum i New York. (Det er et ønske om at Permanent Forum som et årlig tilbakevendende arena der urfolksungdomsnettverket vårt blir en særlig satsning.
- August 2018: Mission from the Margins Solidarity Gathering i Latin Amerika. Her deltar urfolk sammen med mange andre marginaliserte grupper.
- Oktober (?) 2018: Global urfolkssamling, Stillehavet.
- November (?) 2018: Indigenous Spirituality & Theology Consultation.
- Finansiering. Jeg vil oppfordre dere alle i deres respektive kirker om å tenke på finansiell støtte til Det økumeniske urfolksarbeidet i 2018. På møtet sist uke fikk vi høre at det er tydelig at vi trenger å jobbe med økonomien, og jeg tenker Norden har unike forutsetninger

til å gjøre en forskjell her. Så jeg signaliserer det allerede nå. Dermed er det naturlig å signalisere noen av de større tiltakene i 2018.

- Ellers ønsker referansegruppen at ulike aktører i nettverket skal få anledning til å søke om at regionale arrangementer får defineres inn under den globale paraplyen til det økumeniske urfolksnettverket tilknyttet KV. Vi trenger litt tid for å utarbeide retningslinjer for det, men når det er klart, vil vi sende det ut i nettverket. Det betyr for eksempel at Samiske kirkedager i fremtiden naturlig bør søke om å få status som et arrangement tilknyttet det globale økumeniske urfolksnettverket. Også større konferanser som har en tydelig urfolksprofil vil kunne tenkes knyttet til paraplyen. Vi tenker at det vil kunne være et viktig grep for å styrke bevisstheten om at vi ikke står alene, men er en del av et globalt nettverk. I enkelte land, der menneskerettighetsbruddene er store, vil det også kunne sørge for større sikkerhet for dem som står tydelig fram som aktører.

Ok. Jeg tror dette er den oppdateringen jeg kan gi nå.

Ellers vil jeg minne om at valgte og administrative ledere i de samiske kirkerådene samles til et kort lunsjmøte på lørdag under Samiske kirkedager for å snakke om hvordan vi knytter vårt regionale nettverk opp mot det internasjonale urfolksnettverket.

Alt godt til dere alle!

Ipmit ráfi!
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Emne: EIPNRG Rep/Statement to WCC ExCom

WCC Executive Committee

June 2017

Ecumenical Indigenous Peoples' Network (EIPN) Reference Group
3rd Meeting, 28-31 May 2017, Manila, Philippines

Manila Report

Brief Report of the Proceedings

The WCC Ecumenical Indigenous Peoples' Network (EIPN) Reference Group and Alternates met at the UCCP Shalom Centre at Malate, Manila, together with representatives of the Ecumenical Indigenous Youth and Theologians' Networks. In addition to the many urgent and ongoing Indigenous Issues on

its agenda, this meeting signals the EIPN's intention and preparation to be strongly visible and present at the WCC World Mission Conference 2018 in Arusha Tanzania.

The meeting revisited the adopted minute of the WCC 10th Assembly in Busan 2013 which reaffirms the WCC's commitment to working on Indigenous Peoples' issues and:

Calls on member churches to:

- *respect Indigenous Peoples' spiritualities and support the aspirations of self-determination of indigenous communities around the world;*
- *reflect upon their own histories and seek greater understanding of the plights of Indigenous Peoples in different contexts;*
- *provide assistance to Indigenous Peoples' delegations to participate in advocacy efforts at the United Nations;*
- *support and strengthen the efforts of indigenous communities working to dismantle oppressive laws and policies that legitimize continued colonial practices on their lands; and*
- *coordinate communications among the member churches of the WCC and ecumenical actors working for Indigenous Peoples' rights.*

Recommends that the general secretary:

- *give special attention to Indigenous Peoples' issues during the next programme period of the WCC; and*
- *maintain the Indigenous Peoples' programme with adequate staff in the WCC's Geneva office, to coordinate, facilitate and realize its programmatic commitments.*

Based on this and other ecumenical commitments, the EIPN Reference Group (EIPNRG) reviewed its activities since Busan. Beginning with the appointment of a permanent reference group and of an executive staff in 2015, we acknowledge with gratitude the WCC's effort in such a short time to restore the work on Indigenous issues to its rightful place in WCC's programmatic priorities. We celebrate the launching of the global Ecumenical Indigenous Peoples' Network and of the Ecumenical Indigenous Youth Network in Trondheim June 2016; the continuing advocacy for Indigenous Peoples' Rights at UN and State Forums; and the promotion of IP Spirituality and Theology in the whole ecumenical movement. Several consultations and meetings were held in the past eighteen months as reflected in the Trondheim Indigenous Reconciliation Statement adopted by WCC central committee (June 2016); the Darwin Indigenous Spirituality & Theology Report (August 2016); the *We Stand with Standing Rock* Statement (November 2016); and the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues Report (April-May 2017).

Aware of the continuing challenges before us, the EIPNRG offers the following statement to the WCC Executive Committee:

Statement

We, the Ecumenical Indigenous Peoples' Network Reference Group (EIPNRG), coming together from around the world, representing different regions, member churches, and ecumenical partners, met in Manila. We gathered, shared, and listened to our own unique stories, experiences, identities, contexts and cultures. Our understanding of each other and of the plights of our Indigenous communities around the world deepened as we continue to stand in solidarity with each other.

With mutual understanding and respect, we commit one another to a *Pilgrimage of Justice and Peace* characterised by a spirit of cooperation, shared wisdom, knowledge and good practice, ensuring that our agenda is carried forward to a higher level of engagement for the sake of achieving justice and peace for all.

Indigenous peoples worldwide are approximately 370 million, belonging to 5000 different groups, in 90 countries. We constitute about 5% of the world's population yet we disproportionately account

for about 15% of the world's poor. Our traditional territories cover 22% of the world's surface and 80% of the world's biodiversity.[1]

Yet our continuing subjection to colonial subjugation, to socio-political oppression, economic exploitation, suppression through militarization, forced displacement in conflict torn areas, the continuing impact of the so-called *Doctrine of Discovery* that deprives us of our sacred lands through resource extraction, ecological catastrophe, land grabbing, and human trafficking, leave our communities utterly devastated with psycho-social consequences that have decimated and continue to traumatise our peoples both now and for generations to come. These are the true stories of Indigenous Peoples and their territories.

We note and are appalled that 40% of killed human rights defenders in the world in 2016 belonged to Indigenous Peoples.[2]

We cannot over-emphasize the desperate situations facing Indigenous Peoples worldwide. We therefore acknowledge with deep appreciation the WCC's longstanding commitment to solidarity with Indigenous Peoples and to promoting their concerns, especially the need to respect and uphold their inherent rights and dignity. This we saw most recently at its Central Committee in Trondheim 2016 where it urged member churches and ecumenical partners to actively stand in solidarity with Indigenous Peoples to combat ongoing racism; to incorporate the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, and other Human Rights statements as aspirational and minimum standard in the work for justice; and to be proactive partners in custodial responsibility toward God's creation by countering climate injustice.

On the latter, we want to reiterate that our lands and waters account for 80% of the world's biodiversity and that we have been and continue to be effective custodians of these territories, ensuring that our ecologically intact areas of the earth can offer vital strategies for tackling climate change. Yet we are often ignored as valued actors and equal partners in the efforts for sustainable development, to tackle climate change, and to counter ecological catastrophe.

The dire challenges Indigenous Peoples continue to face demand honest truth telling, repentance, forgiveness, reconciliation and healing - which are very costly. The need for dialogue as strategy for peace and reconciliation, and as integral to a healing process for both the oppressors and oppressed, exploiters and exploited, is urgent.

Recommendations to the WCC Executive Committee:

In this spirit and for the sake of an authentic *Pilgrimage of Justice and Peace* shaped by a commitment to creating life conditions that give all the possibility of life in all its fullness now and into the future, we:

- 1. Ask the Executive Committee to give a momentary pause during its deliberations and offer prayers for Indigenous Peoples and their communities around the world who currently suffer from continuing acts of atrocity and dehumanisation, and for the perpetrators of such acts, including many Christians and churches who are directly or indirectly complicit in such acts through informed or misinformed decisions.*
- 2. In the leadup to the 2018 WCC World Mission Conference in Arusha Tanzania, ask the Executive Committee to join the EIPNRG in urging CWME and those responsible for planning the conference to:*

[1] Current UN statistics at <https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/majorgroups/indigenouspeoples>

[2] Reported at the recent UNPFII New York, April-May 2017

- (i) be intentional about the visible inclusion of Indigenous peoples and theological voices in the whole conference;*
- (ii) provide safe truth-telling spaces for Indigenous voices to discuss important issues of concern to those who attend the conference;*
- (iii) call on member churches and ecumenical partners to actively support the participation of Indigenous peoples to attend the conference;*
- (iv) affirm the EIPNRG initiative to hold a pre-conference gathering of Indigenous Youth in Arusha March 2018 as a critical opportunity for ecumenical formation and leadership development in collaboration with GETI; and to ensure that the outcome of the Indigenous Youth pre-conference is clearly visible and reflected in the anticipated conference declaration.*

3. Given that we met in Manila we also made a statement of solidarity with the Moro and Indigenous Peoples on the Island of Mindanao who are caught between the tensions brought about by the imposition of martial law by the Philippines Government, urge the Executive Committee to endorse our statement. (Appendix 1)

PAPER A – Draft Agenda
Ecumenical Indigenous Peoples' Network Reference Group

(Together with Ref Grp Alternates & Reps of IP Youth & Theologians Networks)

3rd Meeting, 28-31 May 2017

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Agenda

WCC World Conference on Mission & Evangelism

(8-13 March 2018, Arusha Tanzania)

Theme: Moving in the Spirit: Called to Transforming Discipleship

Text: "If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit." (Galatians 5:25)

LIST OF ITEMS

- ITEM 1 Updates from the IP regions (1) *
- ITEM 2 Reporting on IP Programme activities 2015-2017 (1)
- ITEM 3 Funding and financial concerns (1)
- ITEM 4 IP Programme & Strategic Plan 2018-2021 (4)
- ITEM 5 WCC World Mission Conference & IP Pre-Conference 2018 (3)
- ITEM 6 Reference Group Matters (1)
- ITEM 7 WCC ExCom Report / Statement (4)
- ITEM 8 Mission from the Margins Soidarity Gathering, Oct 2017 (1)
- ITEM 9 Strategies for strengthening the regional network(s) (1)
- ITEM 10 Future meetings (1)
- ITEM 11 Potential additional items?

* Numbers in brackets indicate the number of times the items occur in the agenda below.

Sunday 28 May

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ARRIVALS

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6.00pm

Dinner (for those already arrived)

Monday 29 May

7.00am

Breakfast

8.45

Worship (Pya Malayao)

9.00

Session 1: Plenary

(i) Introductions &

ITEM 1: *Updates from the regions*

10.30

Morning Break

11.00

Session 2: Plenary

(i) Setting the tone

- *NCCP Presentation on IP work*
- *Beverly Longid: Unsustainable Development & Indigenous Rights*

(ii) ITEM 2: Report, Programme activities 2015-2017

- *IP Prog Review 2015-17(Papers **B1, B2, B3, B4, B5, B6(i) & (ii)**)*
- *Prog Plans 2017-18 (Paper **B7**)*
- *Additional Events (Pacific Youth PJP Aug 17, MfM Solidarity Gathering NZ Oct 17, Iraq Kurdistan 2018, IP&Climate Refugees Paper **B8**, Circumpolar Paper **B9**, IP Theo Ed& Ecumen. Formatn., IP as Nature's Stewards: Ecology, Climate Justice& CoP23Nov 17)*

(iii) ITEM 3: Funding and financial concerns

(iv) ITEM 7(1) ExCom Rep Draft

12.30pm

Lunch

2.00

Session 3: Plenary and Small Groups

(i) ITEM 4(1): IP Prog. & Strategic Plan 2018-2021

- *Introduction on the task ahead*
- *Small Groups Work: IP Networks, IP Rights Advocacy, IP Spirituality& Theology, IP Healing Reconciln Transform.*

- *Plenary: Group Reports*

3.30	Afternoon Break
4.00	<u>Session 4: Plenary (30 min)</u> <i>(i) ITEM 5(1) World Mission Conf. & Pre-Conf.: Introduction for preparatory work</i>
4.30	<u>Parallell sessions 5 (90 min)</u> <u>Resource persons:</u> ITEM 5(2) Small Group Work on Mission Conference <i>(i) Group 1: IP Sokoni & other Conf. input</i> <i>(ii) Group 2: IP Pre-Mission Conf</i>
	<u>Reference group:</u> <i>(i) ITEM 6: Ref Group Matters</i> <i>(ii) ITEM 4(2): Program & Strategic Plan 2018-2021</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Prioritizing</i> • <i>Implementation: Methodology & Timeline</i>
6.00	Dinner & Solidarity Cultural Celebration
7.00	Welcome & Greetings from NCCP Gen Sec
7.15	<i>Response</i>
7.30	Cultural Exchanges & Celebration
9.00	Bed

Tuesday 30 May

7.00am	Breakfast
8.45	Prayers (Bishop Mark MacDonald)
9.00	<u>Session 6: Plenary</u> ITEM 5(2): World Mission Conf. and IP Pre-Conf. <i>(i) Group Report, CWME: IP Sokoni & conf. input + IP Pre-Mission Conference</i> <i>(ii) Descitions, next steps</i>



10.30	Morning Break
11.00	<u>Session 7: Plenary</u> <i>(i) ITEM 7(2): ExCom Rep/Stmt Draft. Team: 1st Draft</i> <i>(ii) Mission from the Margins Solidarity Gath.: ITEM 8</i>
12.30pm	Lunch
2.00	<u>Parallell sessions 8:</u> 8a. <u>IP Reference Group:</u> <i>(i) ITEM 4(3): Contin. Work, Strategic Plan 2018-2021</i> 8b. <u>Resource persons - Small Group</u> <i>(i) ITEM 7(3): Revizing ExCom Rep/Stmt Draft</i>
3.30	Afternoon Break
4.00	<u>Session 9: Plenary</u> <i>(i) ITEM 4(4): Finalizing Strategic Plan 2018-2021</i> <i>(ii) ITEM 9: Strategies for strengthening IP network</i>
6.00	Dinner
7.30	<u>Session 9:</u> <i>ITEM 7(4): Finalizing ExCom Rep/Stmt: Final Draft</i>
8.30	Prayers (Bishop Sofie Petersen)
9.00	Bed/Social
Wednesday 31 May	
7.00am	Breakfast
9.00	<u>Session 10: Plenary</u> <i>ITEM 10: Future Meetings</i> <i>Logistics and wrap up</i> <i>Closing Worship (Tore)</i>
11.00	Final packing and farewells
12.30pm	Lunch & departures