Terugkoppeling aan Nederlandse Jaarvergadering van de WPM Kees & Saskia

Answering that of God in everyone



World Plenary Meeting

Venue: Vanderbijlpark, near Johannesburg, South Africa from August 5 to 12, 2024 online and inperson Participants: 500 Friends from 53 countries and from 95 Yearly Meetings, worship groups and Quaker organizations. Theme: 'Living the Spirit of Ubuntu: Responding with Hope to God's Call to Cherish Creation and One Another'.

Ubuntu:

A Zulu word meaning "I am because we are"

Format





Concerns

Interrelatedness

three themes of Ubuntu and community, care for creation and repairing historical and ongoing injustice are intertwined and inseparable."

Interrelatedness

without justice – climate justice, racial justice, social justice, economic justice - there can be no true peace."

Injustices

climate & ecological historical & ongoing injustices, colonization, forced displacement, slavery, economic exploitation and racism, sexual discrimination and disunity over sexual orientation, gender-based violence and patriarchy

Harms

Grief in the face of the exponential impact of historical & ongoing injustice, and climate & ecological breakdown

The Kabarak call in 2012, reiterated in Pisac in 2016, remains central and continues to form a basis for ongoing discernment and commitment towards eco-justice.



We are called to disrupt patterns of oppression and division;

to acknowledge offences;

to challenge false notions of white supremacy;

to repudiate doctrines of discovery;

to make amends and to work for reparative and retrospective justice.

We are called to acknowledge our brokenness, pain and trauma and the need for God's healing power as we face up to climate crisis and the ongoing effects of historical injustices "with radical hope, trust in our collective ability to recognize, repent, redeem and restore and to work together in beautiful and transformative ways.

We are called to prioritize climate and eco-justice; to map their actions for care for creation, to invigorate and encourage radical action, and to nurture a sense of togetherness and to challenge the corporations and governments which are failing to live up to their international climate and biodiversity commitments. We are called as Yearly Meetings and FWCC are to take up this work; to begin by examining our own Quaker communities; to engage in dialogue across the FWCC Sections; to centre the voices of those who have endured pain, to take action with and alongside allies, to educate and train ourselves, and to share reports of what Friends are doing so that we can learn from one another.

We are called to be patterns and examples, to share gifts and skills, to be brave, to become radically inclusive and to celebrate diversity.

We are called to a radical transformative change that envisions a new creation characterized by inclusivity, diversity, simplicity and sufficiency

Commitment to collaboration

We affirm the work of QUNO, Quaker agencies and other partners in taking our concerns forward with a commitment to support and uphold those Friends who take non-violent direct action

> We recognize that we are not alone in this journey; that there several faith institutions that are reckoning with the enormity of the past, present and on-going injustices and have initiated mechanisms for redress, including establishing reparations fund. FWCC will seek to partner with such institutions.

FWCC World Office will:

Write to all people suffering prison or restricted movement as Conscientious Objectors, and all Quakers suffering prison or restricted movement due to any form of nonviolent work for peace or climate justice, and work with partners for the release of people restricted in this way.

Proactively offer prayerful and financial solidarity with Friends and Friends supporting neighbours in the face of extreme weather events through the Climate Emergency Fund. Write to other Christian World Communions (and faith bodies?) sharing Friends' concern for Historic and Continuing injustice and asking what other communities are doing towards that end, so that we can learn from one another.

|Netherlands Yearly will?

Blijft actief door verschillende Nederlandse Vrienden individueel en/of collectief bij eco-justice and peace werk zoals inclusieve veiligheid werkgroep, quno, vv qcea, etc, etc,?

Blijft actief betrokken bij samenwerkingen op (inter)reliques gebied en andere maatschappelijke initiatieven voor een betere wereld