

Tournay, November 25th, 2013.

To all of you who seek for peace,

PEACE!

The Worldly Council of Churches, an institution that gathers more than 300 christian churches, has just celebrated his 10th General Assembly in Busan (Korean Republic) from the 30th of October to the 9th of November, on the following theme : "God of life, guide us towards justice and peace!". They approved several declarations to this regard.

The most important declaration, "On the path of the fair peace", comes back to the biblical notion of peace, always related to justice. The first argument - "together, we believe" - admits that "peace constitutes a way of life that reflects our human participation to the love of God for the entire creation." The second - "together, we call" - defines four objectives to be reached : a fair peace in the communities, in order to be delivered from any kind of fear; a fair peace on earth, so that every life is bearable; a fair peace on the economic market, so that everyone can life with dignity; a fair peace between nations, in order to protect every human life. The third - "together, we are committed"- expresses the desire to build a culture of peace in the families, in the communities and in society. The fourth - "together, we advise the Worldly Council of Churches" - suggests actions to build a fair peace, such as the reduction of greenhouse gazes; the destruction of nuclear weapons and of all stocks of chemical weapons; measures to prevent robotic weapons such as the drones; the use of military budget for humanitarian help; ratification and application of a treaty to regulate arms trade.

The declaration "Politicization of religion and religious minorities' rights" calls every christian to intervene towards their governments, in order to protect efficiently the persons and communities that belong to religious minorities.

The declaration "Peace and reunification of the Korean peninsula" proposes an ending to all military exercises and to foreign intervention in order to guarantee the dynamic process of peace in the region.

The declaration "Human rights and apatrides" calls the churches to open the discussion with the States in order to convince them to give the nationality and official ID to apatrides.

The Assembly also expressed its concern towards christians in the Middle-East, the situation in Democratic Republic of the Congo and the commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the Armenian genocide of 1915.

So that these propositions and commitments inspire the christians of the entire world, let us pray :

*Lord, our Father, when your Son Jesus was born, the angels to announce the peace to all humanity. Send your Holy Spirit on the disciples of Christ: may he deprive their heart from all violence; may he inspire them to vanquish evil by the good; may he turn all the baptized in real makers of peace! And may all the Churches and christian confessions gather around peace, that He, the Prince of Peace, gives us, Amen!*

Merry Christmas!

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