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NEWSLETTER

TOWARD JERUSALEM COUNCIL II EUROPE

HELLO FRIENDS!

As I am preparing this Newsletter, Rosh Chodesh Elul, the beginning of the Hebrew month of Elul starts - which initiates the month of preparation for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

The Prayer Book Machzor advises 3 things as tools of preparation: repentance, prayer and charity.

Repentance is such an important part of TJCII - let's then take this month as a time of personal repentance and reflection about the need for repentance in our families, nations and denominations.

Joanna Malec, Kraków, Poland



MESSIANIC CONFERENCE IN LVIV



The Second Ecumenical Messianic Conference "The Unity of the Church and the People of Israel in God's Plan" was held in Lviv from July 19 to July 21. The Conference was organized by the Catholic charismatic community "Living Fire" (Lviv).

The event was attended by about 150 participants - representatives of different Christian denominations. The special guest of this year's conference was Bishop Dmytro Hryhorak - Bishop of the Buchach Diocese of the UGCC. Among the speakers of the meeting were people related to TJCII: Johannes Fichtenbauer, Boris Grisenko, Peter Oktaba OP, Mariusz Orczykowski OFM. The special guest of the meeting was Roman Catholic Bishop Edward Kava.

The March of Memory and Life took place before the Conference. Heinz Reuss and the delegation of Tübingen took part in the March. The March was organized by the Association of Independent Charismatic Churches of Ukraine and the Catholic Community «Living Fire».

On Thursday, July 18, 2019 in Lviv in the conference hall of the Curia Lviv Archdiocese of the Roman Catholic Church in Ukraine was organized an open meeting "Spiritual connection between the Church and Israel."

REPORT ON TJCII FORMATION CENTER 29. APRIL – 2. JUNE 2019 HAINBURG, AUSTRIA PART 2

OPEN EVENINGS

Many local people were very hopeful to meet and listen to teachings from our guest speakers, and so we had three “open” evenings – as it turned out all three of our teachers for the open evenings were Messianic Jewish believers – Eyal, Rabbi Marty, Dr. Richard Harvey. For the open evenings, the meeting room was transformed to accommodate 50 – 60 people. We always started and ended with worship and had a teaching in between. The Open Evenings were attended by many people who were known, but almost half of the attendees were new and are very excited to come again, which presents wonderful opportunities as well as new challenges. We are grateful to the Lord that the formation course could also be a blessing for the local communities.

I have always prayed. . .to be part of God’s plan in my generation: TJCII is an important part of God’s response to my prayer! The plan is of God, not mine! Hearing about it leads me to make a decision: Am I going to get involved with what God is doing these days or not? TJCII awakened me even more to say YES.

Matheus Alves, Brazil



I have learned who I am in the community of the Body; in all the diversity we had here. I have learned to be a gift. How to give and receive. God reminded me strongly who I am and what he is doing in me. . .I have changed. My thinking has changed. My plans are cancelled. . .the relationships that I’ve made here were and are part of the huge experience here”

Janek Grzanka, Poland

WEEKENDS

Each weekend – both Saturday and Sunday – were free, with the exception of the Sunday when we travelled to Poland. We all took advantage of the time to rest, go out to see surrounding places, pray and just enjoy fellowship together. Everyone was free to worship on Sunday as he or she pleased, though this isn’t easy as the choices in Hainburg are limited. The weekends were very important for “recovering” after the very intensive weeks. Everyone really learned (it seemed) to practice Shabbat!



WORSHIP & PRAYER

We experienced very blessed worship as the Lord had sent so many very talented worship leaders – this was a tremendous blessing.

Each day we had an hour of communal prayer together – some mornings we had worship, but other mornings we participated in other forms of prayer, such as the “liturgy of the hours” in the catholic tradition – which includes psalms, readings, intercessions. We had times of intercession, prayer walks, “lectio divina” and other prayers fashioned from Christian Orthodox traditions.

For me this course was about bringing people together from different nations and denominations, Jewish and Gentile, to learn about the history of Israel and the church, our glory and shame, our sins and divisions, but with a common hope of restoration, reconciliation, a unified bride being made ready for Yeshua's return.

Balint Mikulas, Hungar

THE FUTURE?

Before coming on the course, participants had already been in contact with the national leaders regarding involvement after the course. It was clear that everyone is returning with great motivation; we ask for prayer that the fire can remain burning! As for the course, it is clear to the facilitating team that this course should be repeated.

Soon we will meet to discuss more about the future and the details of the next course.

All participants, intercessors and facilitators evaluated the course, and this feedback should help us.



We ask intercessors to please keep praying for the individuals who were assigned to you – and for all to pray for the whole project, the first group, and for those who the Lord might be calling for the future.

SINCE RETURNING HOME

In the last months, the participants have all participated in various events in their home countries. In fact, in one weekend, even on the same day - Jan shared at a big ecumenical conference in Poland; Balint helped in various ways with the three day worship event in Budapest; and Rafael, Debora, and Matheus all gave testimony and sharing at a big ecumenical conference in Brazil.

We look forward to the future; we are grateful for the relationships that were formed in those five weeks; and we thank God for His tremendous love and gracious mercy in allowing us to walk with Him and with all of our fellow TJCI co-workers.

TJCI INTERCESSORS IN HAINBURG



From 30th till 31st of August the meeting of TJCI intercessors from Austria, Slovakia, Hungary, Poland and Ukraine takes place in Hainburg.

The aim of the meeting is to search together the Lord's will in regards of the common history of countries present at the meeting.

*Please send information on upcoming events and reports till **27th of September:** tjcii.communication@gmail.com or joannamalec83@gmail.com*