

## COMMITMENTS FOR AN ECUMENICAL ACTION FOR CLIMATE JUSTICE IN LATIN AMERICA

Those who participated in the Seminar on Biblical and Theological Perspectives and challenges of the climate crisis for the churches in Latin America and the Caribbean, which was held in Barranquilla, Colombia, September 3-5, within the framework of the visit of the General Secretary of the World Council of Churches, Rev. Olav Fykse Tveit, agreed on the following commitments to work for the care of creation and the search for climate justice:

- Creation of a process for mobilization of our churches and the ecumenical movement in the region which is going to be identified as: **Ecumenical Action for Climate Justice in Latin America**
- Creation of a shared website in the social networks (administered by OurVoices until the COP21) in which each organization, church and group will be able to keep spreading and promoting the commitment and local work in which each of our organizations are involved in terms of Climate Justice. This space will be also useful to feedback what each organization is doing and to keep our network in touch.
- **Summon** other networks, each of our churches and ecumenical organizations so that they join and participate in this mobilization.
- **Transmit** to the WCC that we will be carrying out a series of actions until the COP21, reaffirming our commitment to the creation care and the search for Climate justice.
- Working in sharing and developing pedagogical materials about Climate Justice which can reach and be resources of our local communities, and create a resource bank, which will be shared through a Blog, tweet and Facebook and other ways of communication that are common to our churches and communities.
- Thinking about the already existing resources of the WCC, doing the translation of materials that are useful for the topic of Climate Justice, adapting them and making them available in the languages of our **people**: Spanish, Portuguese and **native** languages.
- Translating our files and materials into English so that the WCC help to make them known and to raise awareness about the perspectives and efforts for Climate Justice in Latin America.
- Coordinate actions with churches and worldwide organizations such as **Act Alianza**, WCC in Europe and churches and Ecumenical organizations of North America, Africa and Asia.
- Encouraging churches to multiply the production of prayers, songs, liturgies which have relation with the topic of Climate Justice and the Creation care and to encourage them to share those productions through our common space in the social networks.
- Participating and motivating mobilization of our organizations, churches and groups in local or global efforts, such as: **World March for climate** which is going to be held on November 29<sup>th</sup> before the COP21 in Paris.
- Promoting local gatherings and initiatives for the creation care and the search for Climate Justice, moments of prayer for the earth, fasts for the climate (each 1<sup>st</sup> day of the month), etc.
- Introduce ourselves as **Ecumenical Action for Climate Justice in Latin America** in the efforts towards the COP21 and in other gatherings, such as the inauguration of the regional office of **ACT Alianza**, in El Salvador, on October 22<sup>nd</sup>.

- Promoting and including the work of student, young and children training regarding to Eco Justice and taking advantage of the already existing supplies, such as the guide of popular reading about Eco Justice of the WSCF LAC.

During the seminar, it was produced a material of Bible study for the churches and the ecumenical movement about the reality of the Climate Crisis with a biblical and theological perspective; an invitation to the local mobilization and to the advocacy in our countries and also global in order to achieve an agreement which allows the Climate Justice and protects the common house that God has given us.

In the seminar, more than a hundred people participated from churches of different Christian traditions, students of Theology and indigenous leaders of Colombian churches. It was organized by **CLAI**, the WSCF LAC, OurVoices, **AIPRAL**, **CREAS** and the Reformed University. It counted on the support of WCC and **ACT Alianza**.



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