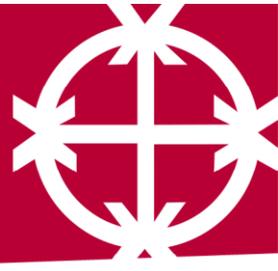


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MISSION STATEMENT OF THE 28TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCTION:

FIMCAP connects young people across the world in youth exchanges, in learning and networking opportunities and in intercultural teams who work on a common goal. Through this, we encourage young people to be active volunteers on a continental and global level and create long-term bonds between people from different backgrounds.

As active young Christians around the globe and in FIMCAP, we work in solidarity and strive for a better and just future and the preservation of creation. We are inspired by the two encyclicals, *Laudato Si* and *Fratelli Tutti*, in which the Pope says: "Young people demand change. They wonder how anyone can claim to be building a better future without thinking of the environmental crisis and the sufferings of the excluded". The triple planetary crisis is the challenge of our time. It can only be solved together and with intergenerational and intersectional solidarity. It requires action now.

The state of the world has a strong impact on youth organisations, and on connections in society. Armed conflicts, triple planetary crisis, and the COVID-19 pandemic are just a few of the crises that have made it harder for youth organisations to reach children and youth to participate in activities. Many of these are mutually reinforcing. We refuse to give up hope and strive to ensure that young people are not left behind. We can more effectively deal with the crises in solidarity.

We see the young people not just as the leaders of tomorrow, but as the leaders of today. That is why the delegates of the 28th General Assembly developed strategies on how to champion solidarity through diversity, inclusion, and equality.

ACTION PLAN:

This Action Plan addresses the areas of communication, empowerment and action.

COMMUNICATION:

We want to constantly inspire each other in our youth work on solidarity by sharing our stories and best practices. This simple act of communication brings us closer to each other. Furthermore, we want to use inclusive language to communicate in a way that is respectful

and brings everybody into the conversation. The sum of our communication actions will initiate change.

EMPOWERMENT :

FIMCAP shall be a safe space, where people are treated with respect and empathy, they can voice their opinion without being judged, shamed or punished. FIMCAP wants to empower member organisations to do the same.

We want to address inequalities, for example gender, social, economic, or political inequality, wherever they exist. We want to stand in solidarity with minorities, who face discrimination, to empower them.

ACTION:

We advocate for global solidarity and climate justice in societies worldwide. We seek to influence international policies to that effect. We as FIMCAP and its member organisations want to work towards ecological conversion by setting up concrete actions for activities and meetings. We want to raise awareness and offer inspiration by sharing good practices to create and expand sustainable societies.

CONCLUSION:

FIMCAP aspires to achieve these goals, but can only do so if its member organisations commit to them and work towards solidarity. A separate tool box has been created to support, facilitate and inspire. This tool box is an open, on-going collection of resources, tools, methodologies, platforms, best practices, ideas, and ways to achieve our goals. All member organisations can contribute to and pull from the tool box.

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