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Dear friends and colleagues,
this springtime again, I would like to report about SIPCC activities and inform about plans.

2007

As far as the 2007-review is concerned I refer to the 12/2007 Christmas-letter Helmut and I have sent. Meanwhile the SIPCC-Accounting for 2007 is done (as well as the accounting for the ICPC-World-Congress in Krzyzowa). We are proud in mentioning that SIPCC could manage to collect quite some funds to enable SIPCC-members to participate in the World-Congress on PCC. So, we take this chance to say "thank you" to all those who helped us in that great effort!

2008

We friendly repeat our invitation to participate in the 20th International Seminar for Intercultural PCC

taking place Aug 31st - Sept 6th, 2008

at Evang.-theol. Faculty of Comenius-University, Bratislava, Slovakia:

Theme: **Identity in Times of Change - challenges for PCC, Churches and Religions**

Please help to advertise for the seminar in your context - as much as possible!

And: of course we need your help again in fundraising matters, too!

(we have more applications for scholarships -again- than we can respond to..)

In general I would like to mention that SIPCC went on with the trend we have set forward in the last few years, that is, to work with a model of cooperating with 'affiliated' institutions, in Germany and Europe especially.

In particular we will go on to cooperate with "Evangelische Akademie" at Bonn/Germany, where we will have our 2nd Annual Symposium for Intercultural PCC on "Viewing PCC as a 'drama' of interpersonal relations" - comparing spiritual accompaniment/help/care in a Hindu-context, in Judaism and in pcc-models following the onset of pastoral psychology.

We will also go on to cooperate with CIG, the **Christian-Muslim Dialogue Society of Cologne/Germany**. We have been cooperating last year conducting a symposium at "32. Deutscher Evangelischer Kirchentag Köln 2007" [DEKT] and have produced the Issue 14 (SIPCC-Series). We agreed to set up 2 task groups, one working on the issue of Muslim Spiritual Caregiving in the German context – focusing at hospital care giving (SIPCC); and the CIG as initiator for aiming at spiritual care/accompaniment in "Emergency Crisis Situations".

At the 2006 SIPCC-Seminar in Hamburg we agreed for further cooperation with the **Hamburg Academy of Missions** (affiliated Institute of the Faculty of Theology at Hamburg University) regarding issues of mutual concern in the fields of Mission and PCC. Just recently we completed our 2008 meeting. Sabine Förster, lecturer at the Academy, arranged and invited for sharing experiences and theories: „At the borderline - case studies combining aspects of Mission and PCC“.

In fall 2006 another cooperation started. **The Conference of European Churches set up a project "Healing of Memories in Romania"**. First results (reports in Church History of the historic regions of Romania) had been presented at EEA3 in Sibiu last year. Now this project HoM enters a second phase, designed to bring historical/faith groups together. SIPCC was involved in the planning of curricula for training moderators in a way close to CPE, and will be involved in the further steps.

Publications

- New **Doku Nr. 14** "Christian and Muslim PCC in Hospitals" (German only – sorry)
- About to be launched: ICPCW-World-Congress-Book "Treasure in Earthen Vessels", ed. H. Weiss / K. Temme [LIT Publishers, Muenster/Germany, ISBN 978-3-8258-1138-9]
- Plan: completely revised version "SIPCC-Handbook on intercultural & interreligious PCC"
- Plan: publishing a book "Biblical Meditations for PCC"

2009 – Next Steps and intentions

2009

- Symposium in Warszawa/Poland on: „**Pastoral Caregiving Persons in the Resistance Movements / contributions to prophetic caregiving**“; 5.-8. April 2009 – probably cooperating with the Polish Lutheran Pastors Association / Krzyzowa Foundation for European Understanding / International-Bonhoeffer-Society (dealing with the pastors / priests Poelchau, Delp, Bursche und Zieja)

- SIPCC-representation at **32rd DEKT in Bremen/Germany** (20.-24. May 2009)

- Plans and preparatory talks for the **21th International Seminar for Intercultural PCC** intended to take place in Haifa („Religions cohabitating“) 6.-11. Sept 2009 !

2010

the venue is set for **22nd Int. Seminar in Strasbourg/France**, and the theme „PCC and Migration“, date: 12.-18. Sept 2010 (Centre Culturel St. Thomas, - the Archbishopric of Strasbourg -)!

2011

first ideas and intentions to have the **23rd Int. Seminar at Evang. Akademy of Transsylvania** (Rumania), probably then dealing with „The Notion of Family – with regard to Globalisation“

I close this letter by sending you all good wishes,
enjoying the idea to seeing you soon in Bratislava,
or hoping to meeting you at some other occasions

