

## **Euroteam Meeting in Stuttgart May 9-13, 2007**

Why Stuttgart ? Does Euroteam not has enough to do with the already existing proposals: Forced Migration, Bulletin, Erasmus, Youth meeting in Palermo in august 2007 aso?

It seemed important to us to reply positively not only to the european bishops initiative by our participation to the third ecumenical european assembly in Sibiu (Roumania) in september 2007, but also to the european initiative, launched years ago by Focolari Movement, San Egidio community and some new evangelical communities in Germany.

The meeting in Stuttgart is the second of this kind and called: **Together for Europe**. To the first one organized in 2004, CLCers from Germany, Luxemburg, Slovenia and England&Wales participated and were delighted by the fraternal and praying atmosphere.

→ Here the purpose of the meeting: “The common objective is to contribute to increasing the Christian soul of Europe by making visible the network of fraternity among movements and their commitment to spiritual and social renewal. Participants will come from all over Europe. The aim of the Congress is for the various movements to get to know one another better, and to communicate their own experiences as a service to society and to the Churches, leading to opportunities for shared commitments and collaboration.

Christian movements and communities - catholic, evangelical lutheran, anglican and orthodox ones - are freely coming together. While each movement keeps its own autonomy, on specific occasions they work together for shared goals, with each group giving the contribution of its own charism and particular spirituality.

It is not an organisational unity or a new structure. Instead *Together for Europe* tries to answer the much felt need today for a “relationship of communion,” “a culture of reciprocity”, through which different peoples and individuals can welcome each other, get to know each other, be reconciled and learn to respect and support each other.

**The relationship of communion** among groups, communities, associations and Christian movements, each of which has been gifted with different structures and charisms, is also lived out as practical solidarity, so that the values of Christian experience may become a resource for the whole of society.

**These movements, associations and communities** are involved in different areas of society: family, work, education, youth, economy, health, media, politics, art, the environment, sport, old and new forms of poverty, culture and peace.”

More can be read on the website [www.eruop2007.org](http://www.eruop2007.org) where this information is coming from.

Euroteam will have time enough to work for CLC Europe but we felt necessary to respond more actively to Jesus-Christ’s concern for unity amongst Christians, by being present among the other communities, to share our spirituality with as much people as possible.

November 2006, Monika Sander, member of Euroteam