

FUNDAMENTAL LANDMARKS

Several Congresses and mass Manifestations have been important landmarks: Stuttgart (2004 and 2007); Brussels and simultaneously in 152 European cities (2012); and Munich (2016). The common vision of a Europe embracing solidarity, peace, reconciliation, justice and fraternity ought to be open to the needs of the peoples. The leaders and representatives of the Christian Movements and Communities make up the group of "Friends" that has a steering Committee; they are the leaven and point of reference in diverse Countries.



Munich 2016



Stuttgart 2007



Stuttgart 2004

"Unity in diversity"



Vienna 2017

EUROPE DAY

Each year, on May 9, we celebrate the Europe Day. On this occasion we organize prayer meetings and other events of various types in many cities. These events are meant to contribute toward a reconciled Together and to promote the motto of the European Union, 'Unity in diversity'.



Loppiano (Florence) 2009



Brussels 2012

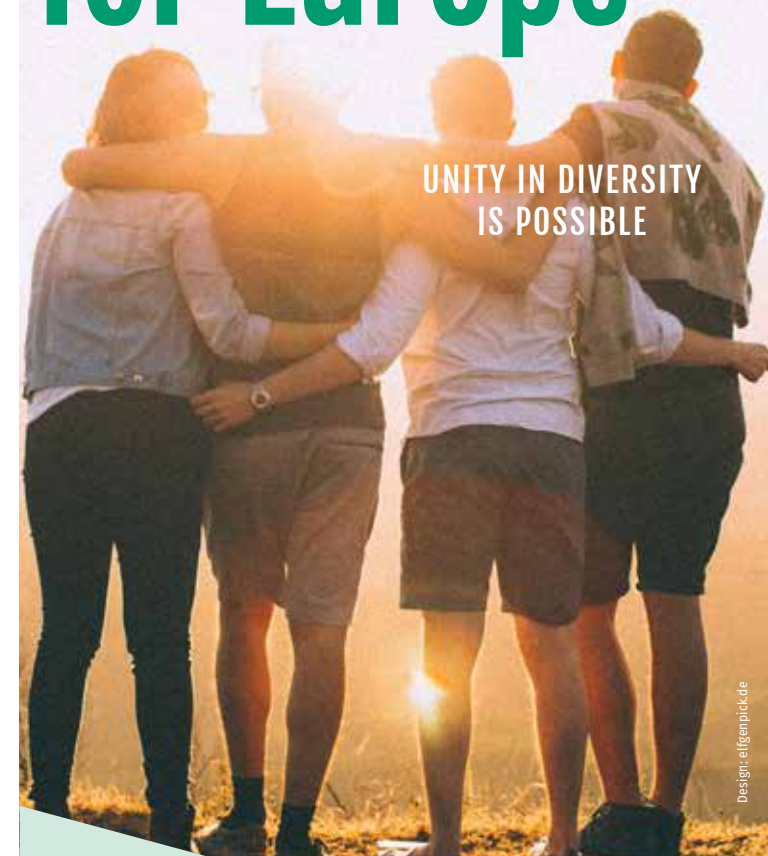
SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Each Movement and Community is already living beyond the boundaries of Nations and languages. Being Together strengthens the reality of a united Christian people in Europe; it contributes toward the unity of the Continent from the Atlantic to the Urals, and makes this unity visible. Together for Europe may be considered as a permanent platform for dialogue, even between East and West, which gives rise to a new culture in Europe, "House of Nations and Family of peoples".

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HISTORICAL NOTE

In 1999, on the occasion of the signing of the 'Joint Declaration on the Doctrine of Justification', representatives of Movements of various Churches met with Chiara Lubich (Focolare Movement), Helmut Nicklas (YMCA) and Andrea Riccardi (St Egidio) at the ecumenical Centre at Ottmaring (Augsburg). They all experienced a profound communion among them and decided to start journeying together under the guidance of the Spirit of God: "No fixed plans are needed because the score is written in heaven". This inspiration became a reality in 2002 with the commitment of "Together for Europe".



Ottmaring 1999

"Where two or three are united in my name, I'm in their midst"
(MT 18, 20).

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THE FOUNDATIONS

The Gospel, which constitutes a common foundation, led the members of Movements and Communities of diverse Churches to make a pact of mutual love in light of Jesus' New Commandment (Jn 13, 34). Wherever this love is lived out, the Risen Christ is present in virtue of his promise: "Where two or three are united in my name, I'm in their midst" (Mt 18, 20). This experience characterizes every meeting and further collaboration, and promotes a reconciled communion. Diversity becomes richness. The TfE groups act as promoters of friendship and fraternity; they mutually strengthen each other in their commitment in favour of society and, in many places, they act as a network.



Stuttgart 2004



Stuttgart 2004



Prague 2018



Prague 2018

Its objective is to translate the basic values of the Christian faith in concrete responses to the challenges of a Continent in crisis. The unity of the people of God – made up of persons in communion with their own Church – constitutes the main motivation for a commitment toward a united Europe. In this way, historical, political and religious 'walls', whether visible or not, may be torn down. This entails promoting the dignity of each human person, and that the ensuing relationships develop into a "culture of Together" for Europe and the world.



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"Together for Europe (TfE)" is an ecumenical network with an inherent force that facilitates the encounter and unity. It is made up of more than 300 Christian Movements and Communities and is present in many European Countries.