

THE GLOBAL NETWORK OF RELIGIONS FOR CHILDREN is the only global network devoted exclusively to working on behalf of children's and young people's rights and wellbeing worldwide. Its membership is made up of faith-based organizations, religious leaders, and people working in community organizations in 82 countries on six continents.

This membership represents all major religions, as well as many spiritual traditions. In all work done by the **GNRC**, children and young people are active participants together with the adults.

One of the aims of the **GNRC** is to eradicate violence and poverty through education. In schools, the GNRC proposes to devote more work to ethical values than to religious education.

The Latin American Council of Churches (CLAI) forms the Network in Latin America. The challenge is to pray and reflect on our mission as **CLAI** churches in our work with children.

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GLOBAL NETWORK OF RELIGIONS FOR CHILDREN **GNRC**

"WORLD DAY OF PRAYER AND ACTION FOR CHILDREN"



THEOLOGICAL COMMUNITY OF MEXICO

Friday, 20 November 2009. 6:00 p.m.

Av. San Jerónimo 137 San Ángel

APPROACH

-WELCOME: Marcela Franco

-HYMN: "CON LA VOZ DE LOS PEQUEÑOS" [WITH THE VOICE OF CHILDREN]

**Refrain: With the voice of the children you prepared your praise,
so we would never want for joy and hope.**

Our hands draw a land fair and good,
our minds still dream of a world with no pain.
With our feet we dance a dance for life,
our heart feels that you never forget us.
Our mischievous eyes imagine another world
without anguish or pain, and playing all together.
Our ears alert, we listen to your Word
and fearless, with desire, we walk toward the dawn.

-LITANY OF AN ENCOUNTER: Suriana González

GUIDE: From all four cardinal directions, with shouts or simple statements, the wise people of the world insist:

ALL: CARE FOR AND PROTECT THE BOYS AND GIRLS

GUIDE: Intellectuals and workers, pacifists and progressives, scientists and humanists never forget:

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GUIDE: Christians: Catholics, Methodists, Presbyterians, Anglicans, Baptists; Jews, Muslims, Buddhists, and ancestral religions leave no doubt whatsoever:

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GUIDE: Our individual countries, those united in regional or international organizations have agreed to declare:

ALL: CARE FOR AND PROTECT THE BOYS AND GIRLS

GUIDE: God as recognized by the various religious traditions. The one to whom we attribute the wisdom of the eternal, the creation of the universe, God is pleased that humanity will:

**ALL: CARE FOR AND PROTECT THE BOYS AND GIRLS,
BECAUSE THEY ARE THE FUTURE AND THE PRESENT, THE
HOPE AND THE REASON FOR THE WORLD.**

-READINGS: Pastor Dalia Juárez

**Psalm 8.
Matthew 11:25-26.
Matthew 19:13-14**

What we will hear now is the testimony of Rosario, which was recorded in Panama during the 1st Congress of Women, Girls, and Teens from Latin America and the Caribbean organized by ICW Latina: International Community of Women living with HIV-AIDS.

-ROSARIO'S STORY: Read by Elizabeth Herrera

-MESSAGE: Dr. Raquel Cantú

-PRAYER FOR THE BOYS AND GIRLS: Pastor Lázaro González

GUIDE: Lord of Life, may our boys and girls be as You wish.

CONGREGANTS: May our FAITH help us find greater dignity and quality of life for all the children in our community, city, country, and world.

GUIDE: Lord, in many places, the idolatry of wealth is a threat to peace.

CONGREGANTS: Our planet is increasingly over-exploited and contaminated, and the children are the first to suffer when egoism takes hold of people's hearts. Give us the bravery to change this story!

GUIDE: Help us fight the causes of poverty, injustice, and oppression of children and their families.

CONGREGANTS: Give us strength to prevent today's boys and girls from being exploited, forced to work, or involved in drugs, from falling asleep and living with hunger and thirst, from not having a school to study in, a safe place to play, and from dying of causes that can be prevented.

GUIDE: We wish for the wellbeing of the boys and girls and respect for their rights. We are going to protect them throughout their life, which is sacred.

CONGREGANTS: May Your spirit enlighten us to care for the children from their mother's womb, and guarantee their rights as citizens. May they

receive immunizations and mother's milk, proper nutrition, clean water, and opportunities for their full development.

GUIDE: Lord of Life, together with our boys and girls, and with a single voice, we give thanks for all the good done by so many people of good will.

ALL: Our strength is in You, and this force leads us to the action to build a world where all boys and girls can have life and live in prosperity. Amen!

**“Kyrie Eleison” is an ancient Christian expression that means,
Lord, have mercy .**

-HYMN: KYRIE CHILD (Roberto Baptista, Brazil)

Come, Lord, hear the clamor
Of all the world's children
Come, Lord, feel the pain
Which hurts so many of us so deeply
These children without bread, homeless
Who await your look in the streets
Come, Lord, hear the clamor
Of all the world's children
Come, Lord, feel the pain
Which hurts so many of us so deeply
Come with us and pay attention
Kyrie eleison, hear our prayer.

(Boys and girls)

- 1. I have the right** not to be discriminated against based on my race, sex, language, religion, political opinions, nationality, social class, economic position, birth, or other condition
- 2. I have the right** to have special protection and opportunities so I can develop physically, mentally, morally, spiritually, and socially, in a healthy and normal way, under conditions of freedom and dignity.
- 3. I have the right** from the time of my birth to have a name and a nationality.
- 4. I have the right** to enjoy social security benefits. I have the right to grow and develop in good health; to this end my mother and I should be

provided with special care, including prenatal and postnatal care. I have the right to adequate nutrition, housing, recreation, and medical services.

5. Those of us who are physically or mentally disabled or have a social disability should receive the treatment, education, and special care required for our particular case.

6. To fully develop my personality, I need love and understanding. Whenever possible, I want to grow up under the care and protection of my parents and always in an environment of affection and moral and material security.

7. I have the right to receive free education, at least through elementary school.

8. Under all circumstances I should be among the first to receive protection and assistance.

9. I need to be protected against all forms of abandonment, cruelty, and exploitation. No one can take me as the object of any type of slavery. We do not have to work prior to an appropriate minimum age.

10. Protect me against practices that may promote racial, religious, or any other type of discrimination.

11. I want to be educated in a spirit of understanding, tolerance, friendship among peoples, peace, and universal brotherhood.

-DRAMATIZATION: Elvira Franco, David Macías

(Adults)

- 1. Boys and girls have the right to play.**
- 2. Boys and girls have the right to** freedom of association and to share their points of view with others.
- 3. Boys and girls have the right to** state their opinions.
- 4. All boys and girls have the right to** a family.
- 5. Boys and girls have the right to** protection during armed conflicts.
- 6. All boys and girls have the right to** freedom of conscience.
- 7. Boys and girls have the right to** protection against neglect or negligent treatment.
- 8. Boys and girls have the right to** protection against child labor.

9. **Boys and girls have the right to** adequate information.
10. **Boys and girls have the right to** freedom of expression.
11. **Boys and girls have the right to** protection against slavery and kidnapping.
12. **Boys and girls have the right to** know and enjoy our culture.
13. **Boys and girls have the right to** protection against land mines.
14. **Boys and girls have the right to** protection against all forms of exploitation and sexual abuse.
15. **Boys and girls have the right to** privacy.
16. **Boys and girls have the right to** grow in a family that gives them affection and love.
17. **All boys and girls have the right to** a name and a nationality.
18. **All boys and girls have the right to** food and nutrition.
19. **All boys and girls have the right to** live in harmony.

-HYMN: Priscila Haro

-BLESSING

May God bless your life
May God keep you safe
May you grow in harmony with your surroundings
And may you live each day in happiness
Amen.

PARTY

-SNACK