



Migrant's Day, 18 December 2020

*"For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land – a land with brooks, streams and deep springs gushing out into the valley and hills" (Deut 8 : 7)*

Today is the UN Migrants day. We pay express our commitment towards people on the move: refugees, labour migrants, students and many others. All of them leaving their own habitat to contribute or built to a better world, for themselves and so many others. Taking initiative, looking ahead.

Migration is never easy. It always means leaving behind what is your own and it always means that extra effort is needed in the context where you come. Migration is a transnational development and a local issue: it is about huge numbers of people and welcoming individuals and finding new relationships.

Migration has many backgrounds and reasons. Conflict and disasters are the most news catching. However, many conflicts and problems are not on the news. Also, slowly we see more and more migration as a result of the climate crisis: failing crops, draught and storms. And we see more migration as a result of globalisation, increasing possibilities for online contacts and the global economy.

The CCME prays today for all migrants in the world. Almost 300 million people working, living or studying in another country. We pray for their blessing and wish them the home they seek. From a deep felt belief that the bible teaches us to welcome the stranger, we feel committed to their fate. We will put all our energy in the advocacy for migrants in Europe, on behalf of the European Churches.

We call upon The European leaders, national and local authorities to welcome migrants and take care of them. We call upon all churches and religions to open up for migrants. We call upon ourselves to be the land that God promised all of us.

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