

## **Minutes of the 98<sup>th</sup> session, Monday, 30 April 2018**

19h-21h, John Knox Centre

Witnessing Together in Geneva - TEMOIGNER ENSEMBLE A GENEVE (TEAG)

**Presents:** Gabriel Amisi, EPG; Sonja Musy, Trevor Linnecar, Eric Vallelian, CPH; Roswitha Golder, CCLA; Joseph Kabongo, CIRJK; Espoir Adadzi, Hans Schmock, Anne-Catherine Schneider, Carl-André Spillmann, EPG; Ray Woodcock, Heinz Buschbeck, Lutheran Church, Geneva; Sophie OBene, Christ Nouvelle Alliance +; Nérée Zabsonré, Old Catholic Church, Lyon; Frank Adu-Gyamfi, the C.O.P.; Miriam Rodriguez, Evangelical Church of Plainpalais; Samuel Widmer, SEG/EELG Oratoire; Emmanuel Okyere-Bour, LOL; Joséphine Sanvee, Groupe Sida-Genève; Ligia Buvelot, Denis Buvelot, Independent Baptist Church; Yvette Milosevic, Anglican Church HTC; Arthur Askew, Church of Scotland; Aleksandar Resimic, Serbian Orthodox Church; Alexandre Goetschmann, KidsGames Genève.

**Excusés:** Carlos Sintado, Christine Sigwart, Heinz Buschbeck, Irène Gernsheim, Cyril Ritchie, Enzo Muser, Christian Tischhauser, Laurence Twaddle, Marcel Christinat, Lidya Afewerki, Hailom Kibrom, Lay Tshiala, Jacqueline Assis.

1. **Welcome by** Gabriel Amisi and prayer by Aleksandar Resimic

2. **Biblical Reflection**, by Sonja Musy.

In the Bible, "Do not be afraid" appears 366 times! Once a day, even for the leap-years! The participants are asked to give examples (Joseph to his brothers, Joshua, Ps 41; Daniel 10,12, announcement to Mary, Joseph, the shepherds, in the boat, the resurrection Paul to the Philippians, ..) in these passages, God tells us: Do not be afraid, I am there to give you strength to go forward.

3. Round of presentations

4. **Approval of Minutes 97 (5.3.2018)** after correction of numbering and date, accepted by the majority with 1 abstention.

5. **Presentation of the Ecumenical Community of Differently-abled people and their families (ECDA)** by Sonja Musy, Trevor Linnecar et Eric Vallelian

Two videos show the spiritual aspects (confirmations and baptisms) and festive aspects (orchestra) of the community. This ecumenical parish created in 2000, organises monthly services. On invitation, this community joins services of another parish.

Meetings of catechism take place regularly in 8 Geneva institutions, to teach the Gospel to handicapped children (polyhandicap, autism, ..) The challenge is to make the ECDA known to families who need of them. Organisation: parish council, spiritual committee, Protestant pastor and catholic pastoral assistant. A training for the Eucharist enables a specific commitment.

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## 6. **Presentation of a research** by Carl-André Spillmann

- The churches have an interest to be present on the internet.

Advantages : Greater visibility among both young people as well as the less young. Spread of information to a wider circle of people, and those who do not come regularly.

Confidence. Contacts.

Inconvenience : Time-consuming. Security. Virtual relations. Choice of broadcast.

Advice for use: Create a communication team who choose a strategy and manage what is shown (administrators). Protect against bad use. At first, CAS and RW will be the administrators, but the group should expand to include other people.

-The presentation of TEAG on social media such as Facebook and Twitter. Everyone is invited to click on "like" to join. Automation of news, from the blogs of the site.

- Survey for memory, on the theme of the identity of TEAG, (what is known, what are our expectations? paths for development). CAS will send out a link to participate. Reply to 15 questions takes about ten minutes.

Survey: <https://www.surveio.com/survey/d/W7U5T8I4Q5F9T3B1O>

Facebook page: [https://www.facebook.com/Témoigner-Ensemble-à-Genève-411980402605468/?modal=admin\\_todo\\_tour](https://www.facebook.com/Témoigner-Ensemble-à-Genève-411980402605468/?modal=admin_todo_tour)

Twitter account: <https://twitter.com/TEAG1200?lang=fr>

## 7. **Jeûne genevois 2018**, by the pilot group.

Gabriel Amisi, Ligia Buvelot, Roswitha Golder, Christine Housel, Joseph Kabongo, Enzo Müser, Greta Nania, Sophie OBene, Carl-André Spillmann, Christian Tischhauser, and Espoir Adadzi.

The theme: Gal 5.25 : **Moving in the Spirit, called to Transforming Discipleship**, in collaboration with Katalina and Andrew Williams-Tahaafe.

Bible study : Nicolas Monnier.

Song : Chaîne d'amour (Chain of Love) (JEM 734).

Activities for children, by the team KidsGame, Geneva : To facilitate the organisation, please enrol the children of your communities, mentioning their age by 30<sup>th</sup> August.

Gabriel Amisi will be absent on 6<sup>th</sup> September, as he is on retreat with his confirmation candidates.

**On 30th May, the people responsible for activities are meeting from 18h – 21h**, for a time of organisation, prayers, intercessions and singing, in the basement of the Temple of Montbrillant, 16 rue Baulacre. The prayer time will continue on the last Wednesday of the summer months, from 18h to 20h.

Communities already enrolled for 6.9.2018. **For those not yet enrolled please enrol by mail to: [ac.schneider@bluewin.ch](mailto:ac.schneider@bluewin.ch)**

- Morning welcome: Roswitha Golder, Joséphine Sanvee, Lay Tshiala, Ligia et Denis Buvelot, Frank Adu-Gyamfi

- Bread: Samuel Widmer, Heinz Buschbeck, Roswitha Golder

- Midday meal: savoury meal CCLA (Augusto Mestas), savoury meal Groupe Sida-Genève, CNA+ Montbrillant, Savoury meal Communauté missionnaire de réveil (Dorette Kall), Eglise baptiste indépendante (Ligia Buvelot).

- Desserts: C-A Spillmann, Sophie OBene, Yvette Milosevic, Eric Vallelian, association Bookafé (Rose Rossi).

- Fruits: R. Golder, Frank Adu-Gyamfi

- Entertainment: COPH, mime (Eric Vallelian), Chorale Jonas, chant (Christine Sigwart), Communauté missionnaire de réveil, chorale (Dorette Kall), El Shadaï, louange (Augusto Fiuri), Bookafé, musique, Eglise baptiste indépendante, danse (Ligia Buvelot)

- Parade: Eglise évangélique Plainpalais (Christian Tischhauser), Eglise orthodoxe érythréenne (Hailom Kibrom), COPH (Eric Vallelian), CCLA (Augusto Mestas), Groupe Sida-Genève, bus (Joséphine Sanvee), Communauté missionnaire de réveil (Dorette Kall), Eglise baptiste indépendante (Ligia Buvelot)

- Children : please advise as soon as possible ... before 30th August !

**8. Next Meeting -Prochaine rencontre Monday, 11 June, 2018 19h to 21h -Próxima reunión**

**9. Any Other Business - Divers - Asuntos Varios**

- **The Other God**, by Marion Muller Colard, Friday, 1st June at 20h. Chapelle of the Oratoire.

- **To live without legal documents – what effect on my health ?** research of participants for a scientific and confidential study. Infos 076 794 55 05  
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- **KidsGames**, Alexandre Goetschmann presents the summer activities, for children of 7-14 years, from 5th to 10th August at the Lignon, from 12-18th August at the Evaux park at Onex. A training as coach (from 18 years) or assistant-coach (from 16 years) is offered free of charge. Flyers available. His team will be present on 6<sup>th</sup> September for activities and amusement for the children. [www.kidsgeneve.com](http://www.kidsgeneve.com)

- **In thought and prayer for families in mourning**

- **Eric Vallelian informs us of his health concerns**

**Prayer**, by Ligia Buvelot

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