

## September Prayer Letter

In August the DOTAC regional conference took place in Minneapolis, USA, this month the DRAE regional conference will take place in Neuendettelsau, Germany and in October the DAP regional conference will take place in Manila, Philippines.

We diaconal siblings are happy that we can finally meet again in person after 4 years. Thanks be to God for this opportunity to be together as an ecumenical, international fellowship. Each regional conference has chosen its own topic, which is deepened in Bible studies, discussion groups and worship services. With singing and prayer, the concerns are brought before God in the confidence that God is in our midst.

**Matthew 18:20 says: Where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them.**

Jesus gave us this great promise: whether in small groups or in large gatherings. When we meet in his name and meet each other in love, then he is present. He knows that a community is stronger than an individual! We need each other in everyday life, in worries and problems, in happy events and in fulfilling our diaconal mission. At the conferences we share our experiences from the various diaconal projects. We hear about the challenges, but also about the signs of God, which are sources of strength for us. When we then disperse again to all continents, we know that when the sun goes down on me and the new day awakens on another continent, we are connected in a worldwide network of small and large communities. The common, worldwide intercession connects us and carries us through the times.

We pray:

Creator God,

We give thanks for the freedom of travel of our sisters and brothers, because it makes it possible to come together under your Word.

We gratefully look back on the "Gather at the River" in Minneapolis: the encounters, the reunion, sharing, and the devotions with our brothers and sisters from the Caribbean and the Americas.

We ask you for a safe journey to and from Germany and a blessed time together for the participants of the DRAE conference from Africa and Europe.

We will deal with the topic "Hope in a fragile world".

In intercession we think of those responsible and the speakers.

We pray for the planning team and the preparatory group for the DAP conference.

We ask for peace on all continents.

Give us hope for the fragile world,

let us not tire of caring for one another.

Strengthen our communities and bless our work. Amen

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