



The European Network of Health Care Chaplaincy

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Olá!

A new letter to give to you the latest news about our Lisbon Consultation. Guest of Ecumenical Patriarch, the Committee, met in Istanbul, last days of September. There, we planed the theme and the programme. In Lisbon, we will be building bridges, growing hope. This will be the theme of the 9th ENHCC Consultation: **"BUILDING BRIDGES, GROWING HOPE"**. I'm including a copy of the provisional programme.

We will be meeting at the Mother House of a Portuguese Congregation of Sisters who is all over the world offering health care to the poor: the Congregação das Franciscanas Hospitaleiras da Imaculada Conceição. From their house, we see the sea. There are beautiful gardens, a cascade, a hermitage and an angel. All this calls us to build bridges and to grow hope. Together we will try to find ways to meet this challenge. The house is near Lisbon (25 minutes from the airport). It's not far.

With this letter you receive the registration form. Please returns this by the end of February with the payment. We have a small amount of money available to sponsor participants who need financial help. If you really need it, please tell us and when we know all the needs, we'll be in touch with you.

We ask you too, to send the description of health care chaplaincy in your Country. Even if you have written it before, please update it. So we can learn about one another and build bridges amongst our selves. For the same reason, can you also introduce yourself and your work? It will be nice.

If it is difficult for you to write it in English, don't worry, we can help. We also may be able to translate from Español, Français and Deutch. With this information, we plan to print a booklet to give to all representatives. If it's possible, send your text by e-mail to Lisbon@eurochaplains.org. This information, if you agree, well also appears on the Network Website. There, you can find more information about Lisbon Consultation.

If we can help you, or if you have any questions, please get in touch. With the special support of Comissão Nacional de Pastoral da Saúde (National Pastoral Health Care Commission of Portugal) we will try to answer you.

We will meet at Lisbon and we will hear Fado, the typical song of the Capital of Portugal. You will also have the pleasure of tasting real and old Port Wine, produced on the banks of Douro, the river that flows from Spain to the sea, at Porto.

In centuries gone by, Portugal brought new worlds to the world. It's from Portugal I have the pleasure to invite you to come to build bridges and grow hope, bringing new worlds to your world, discovering new ways to travel together as the European Network of Health and Care Chaplaincy.

I'll be waiting to greet you!

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