

Grußbotschaft von Martha Inés Romero, Generalsekretärin von Pax Christi International, an die Teilnehmenden der pax christi – Deutsche Sektion Gedenkveranstaltung zum 80. Jahrestag des Endes des 2. Weltkriegs am 10./11. Mai 2025 in Magdeburg

Greetings from Columbia, dear brothers and sisters at Park Christi, Germany.

It is a pleasure to be with you at this gathering.

I want briefly to reflect about how Park Christi International responds to the global challenges and threats to democracy, peace and justice.

My name is Martinez Romero, serving to the movement as Secretary General.

The peace sought by Backstreet International stems from a believing in the intrinsic dignity and interconnectedness of all human beings and with the nature the world is confronting now.

Several threats, nuclear threat, the scarcity of drinking water in vast region of the world, the growing global warming, the dramatic consequences of the overload of natural resources crucial for for life.

The violence and exclusions community suffer every day.

Everywhere we are faced with a new world disorder in which the civilizational values that brings cohesion to the people and to international relations are at stake.

Powers over others, Prosperity based on business and consumerism.

You give me your critical minerals for my energy transitions, which pollutes as much or more than fossil fuels, and I give you peace.

It is a transactional diplomacy of the authoritarianism.

Narcissism, the restriction of democracy, fake news are the new way of governing the world.

We are facing a word marked by xenophobia, by the exclusion of thousands and thousands of immigrants and refugees, by the exacerbated affirmation of natural values in contempt for the values of others.

Such attitudes, transformed into official policies, can be a source of serious conflicts, the crescendo of which can even threaten the human species and our common home.

But there is hope.

But Swiss International as a global peace movement has promoted A spirituality rooted in right relationships with a priority on the most marginalised in our peripheries.

We advocate for nuclear disarmament and campaign for the elimination of nuclear weapons and the promotion of a nuclear free world.

Our area demands strong and conclusive measures to protect life and creation for Park Street.

There is no peace without ecological justice.

Conflicts around land, water, and other resources are increasing, and there is a need of comprehensive approaches to conflict transformation.

We accompany Indigenous and other vulnerable communities affected by instructives who resist with nonviolent means for environmental sustainability and just democratic and inclusive transitions respecting their rights and the right to be in peace in their lands in Latin America and the Caribbean, my region.

We are learning with a humble and solidarity commitment about the way our Indigenous and Afro descendant communities live an eco – spirituality rooted in their relationship with the Mother Earth.

We advocate for the rights and dignity of refugees and migrants, promoting community integration and a further and more equitable migration policies, and the importance of addressing the structural causes of irregular migration such as poverty, inequality and violence.

Forged in the broken relationships of a brutal world, PACs Christie began its journey 80 years ago with a vision based on the Gospel, Love your enemies, and rooted in a deep belief that reconciliation was possible.

Shaped over the years by people of faith struggling to make peace in the midst of injustice and war, violence and reparation, our movement brings to this moment in history a renewed commitment to make real in our lives and in our work for peace the values we claim to hold.

Now, when we are celebrating our 80th anniversary as Truth Movement, Pakisti has reframed its commitment More than ever.

In the coming years, we will continue to value and learn from the work of each member organisation like you, Pakisti Germany members, as well as of each faith-based organisation and network we work with.

In an increasingly interconnected world where challenges to peace are so often global as well as local, we also seek ways to deepen our connections and build on the peace building experience in our network, to address together some of the most pressing threats and to nourish together some of the greatest possibilities for peace.

Thank you very much.