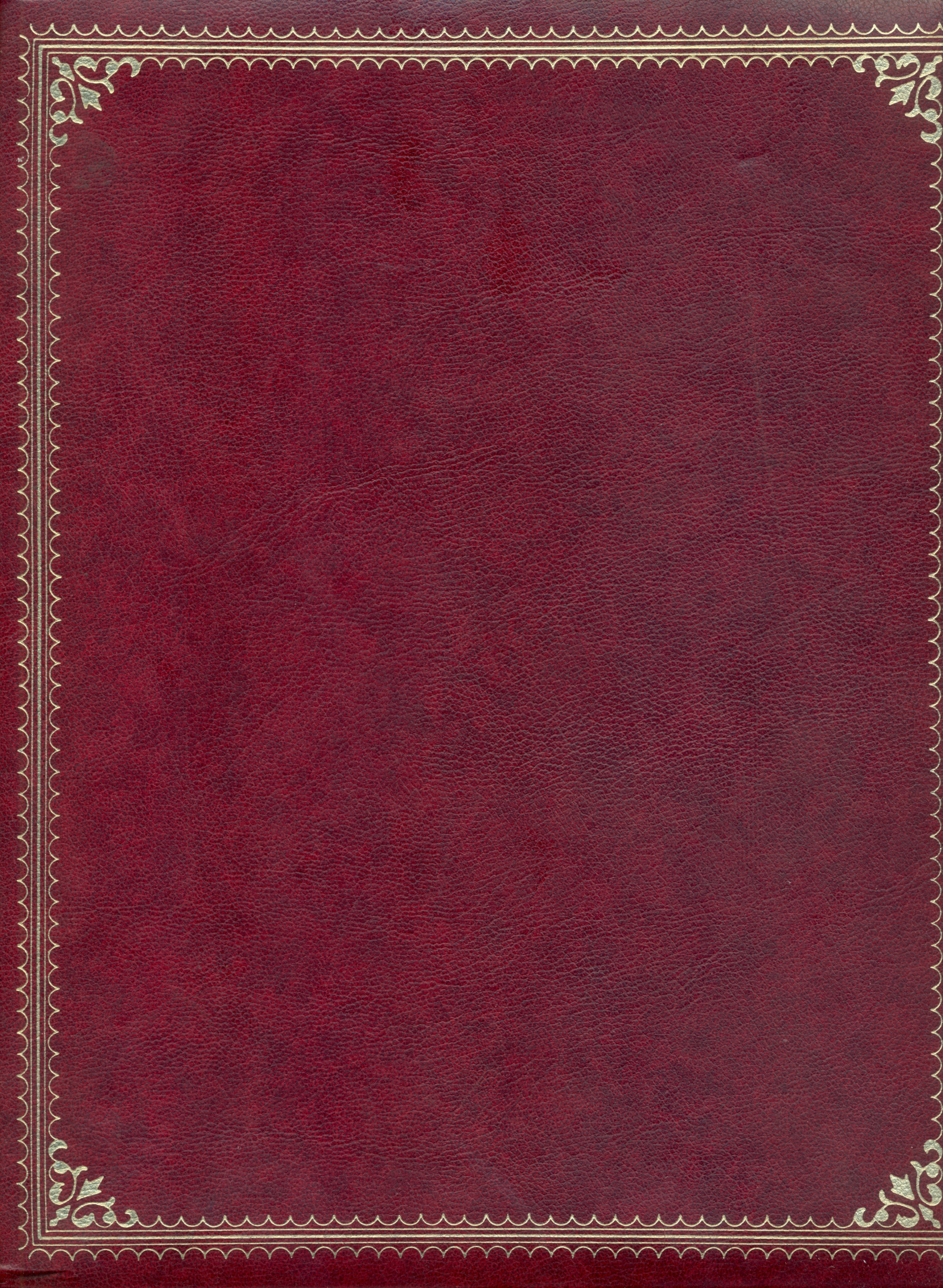




Chère Raïe,

Il est difficile de croire que tu vas vraiment partir, toi aussi, et faire la "retraite" de sucrôt! Le temps aura passé bien vite, trop vite... et l'on n'a retenu presque rien parmi les "anciens" au CoE, alors qu'il y a encore tant à apprendre pour être digne de la vocation à laquelle on a été appelé, un jour, par notre cher Philip.

Je suis reconnaissant que tu sois restée fidèle, toi, à cette vocation, jusqu'au bout. Il nous avait demandé de travailler sans relâche, à l'intégrité et à l'unité du Conseil, pour mobiliser enfin la synergie fantasmagorique que cet assemblage hétéroclite d'éléments disparates, mais chacun extraordinaire à sa manière, devait fournir à son Eglise, et à son peuple, pour en être à la fois questionnement incessant et accompagnement constant, pour qu'elle, pour qu'il, parviennent à l'unité telle qu'elle nous est donnée et promise dans la Trinité.

Je suis reconnaissant que tu aies si bien réussi à faire de cette unité III, une véritable Unité, et ce n'était pas une simple tâche! Tu lui as donné un profil, un rôle et une voix vis à vis du reste de la Maison, mais surtout à l'extérieur!

Je suis reconnaissant enfin que tu aies été, ouvertement, et sans t'en défendre, ce que tu es, une femme, et aies dit une parole de femme dans ce milieu encore si masculin qu'est non seulement ton Eglise, mais aussi le Conseil Océanographique. Grâce à toi, j'espère en être ouvert un peu à cette communauté des femmes et des hommes qui est l'Eglise que j'attends.

Et c'est peut-être de cela que je te suis le plus redevable Raïe, ma sœur. Tu es une de ces femmes, placées sur mon chemin, qui vis déjà ce foetus de Ramico Bellet qui vivraient toujours.

Merci Raïe, pour tout cela!

Que joie et paix soient ton lot chaque jour.

Et moi je vous dis: partez, Sara.

On vous a dit: ma fille, il faut veiller à votre santé, faire des bien garder d'être normale et saine, et tout à fait conforme à tout ce qu'il faut.

Et moi je vous dis: changez votre faiblesse en force, et soyez libre, Sara, ma sœur.

Chère Nanie,

Il est difficile de croire que tu vas vraiment partir, toi aussi, et faire la "retraite" de secret ! Le temps nous a passé bien vite, trop vite... et l'on n'a retenu presque rien parmi les "anciens" au CoE, alors qu'il y a encore tant à apprendre pour être digne de la vocation à laquelle on a été appelé, un jour, par notre cher Philip.

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Et c'est peut-être de cela que je te suis le plus redevable, Nanie, ma sœur. Tu es une de ces femmes, placées sur mon chemin, qui vis déjà ce foetus de Nanie Bellet qui m'aiment toujours.

Reviens Nanie, pour tout cela !

Que joie et paix soient ton lot chaque jour que Dieu te donne de vivre ailleurs, loin, mais toujours proche dans mon cœur ! Dieu te bénisse !

A bientôt, s'il le veut, quand et où Il le voudra !

Ante il

Muchas Gracias!! It will be
difficult to find other words to express
my gratitude - you paid the "prize"
of being the first woman - iorthodox! -
deputy! you have done it with
grace and endurance! We appoint
you 'Honorary' we are ambassadors to
the M. East, anticipate the
joy of visiting you next May!
all blessings.
Adios!

Vous savez, n'est-ce pas
chère Marie, que vous

viètez chère et proche -

soyez heureuse loin de nous maintenant, mais gardez-vous
dans votre cœur (si vous plaît!) Helga

Dear Marie,

I will always remember
your active support for our Documenta-
tion Service, and for me personally.
Please, do not forget the planned trip
to Amsterdam, together with

Yours, Caroline.

Dear Maria,
My best wishes for
your future back in
Egypt. If you ever leave
a party and need a vegetable
casserole please let me know.
It might give me a good
reason to come to
Cairo. All the best.
Love Anna.

Dear Marie,

It has been a joy and privilege indeed to closely endeavour with you in the General Secretariat, in many of its and ad hoc committees, sharing in daily ecumenical excitement and difficulties, challenges and hopes, learning from your rich experience and enjoying your friendly cooperation. I'll be missing all this!

Thank you wholeheartedly for your fruitful, devoted and gratifying service to the WC during an extremely important period of the history of the ecumenical movement. With your labour of faith, longing for visible unity of the Church through ecumenical learning, community of women and men and all embracing renewal of human community you have left deep marks and found memory not only in the General Secretariat and in programme list "A" but everywhere ---

This should be a source of satisfaction and inspiration for your next stage of activities and ecumenical commitment. May our Lord richly bless your future ministry to His Church and guide your footsteps towards further success!

Looking forward to enjoying your cooperation and friendship for many more years, my affection and prayerful wishes shall accompany you for ever.

Yours, Todor

Dear Marie,
 Ever since 1961 when I arrived, unannounced,
 in the middle of the night, at your home in
 Cairo, I have been grateful for your
 kindness and warm hospitality. Thank
 you, too, for all your help since you
 came to the WCC. All good wishes
 for a happy and active "retirement"
 with love, Annwi

Dear Marie,
 Now you finally have
 time to visit all your
 family scattered around
 the world. Enjoy these
 years and the sunshine
 of your country!
 All the best
 Bridita



Dear Marie,
 although our offices were not really
 far apart, it seems that we met but
 rarely, & the time I got to know you
 was the BCC meeting at Swanwick
 in 1982. How time has flown since
 then! I wish you all the very best
 for your retirement - I don't imagine
 you'll stop, but perhaps you'll manage
 to do some different things!

Love, Rosemary

Dear Marie,
 my very best wishes to
 you for a long and happy
 retirement. Thank you for
 your collaboration at work
 and for those occasions on
 which you played hostess
 to the G.S. gang!
 Yours sincerely
 Ann



Well, Marie, it's not the most flattering photo
 ever taken, but it was one of the nicest evenings
 of many at your apartment! You were here when
 I came in 1953 and I am here when you leave
 in 1986! Thank you for these years of friendship
 and ecumenical work together, of hospitality
 here and in Cairo, and stimulating challenges.
 All the best for the future. Come back soon.

Bill

P.S. - Don't think - no more memos from me!

Dear Marie,

I hope to see you again one day in Egypt -
 now that I know how fascinating your country is!

All the best to you,
 Rosemarie Kilchenmann

Dear Marie,

I hope I will be able
to visit you when I come to
see my daughter!!! A
nice "perspective". Many
thanks for your hospitality
which I have greatly appreciated.
Many greetings! Margie

With every best wish
for the future

Ronique Denny

But as we go, we accompany
our vote in future.

Caroline Leduc

With my very best
wishes for your future
Joan Haworth.

Dear Marie,

Thank you for all the times when
we have shared and discussed us together my
memory is of MINI TEA and I look forward to
the day when Dorothy + I can drink that with
you in Egypt! I cannot believe you will be doing less
when you leave here but more and at a different
rhythm. May God bless you and keep you the next
stage of the pilgrimage. Dorothy + Trevor Davis.



I am very sorry
to see you leave.
My very best wishes
for your new
period of life
accompany you.

Malena Wilke

Marie,

Our paths crossed not often enough, always too brief, and yet
I am marked by these crossings. In women, for difference,
for alternate ways of being heard: thanks. I was glad
to sing for you in Iceland; somehow the ceremonial
expressions of appreciation seemed inadequate — not
that you asked for more. I hope we'll meet again, in
Europe, or Cairo, or? And welcome and welcome, not
good-bye. Until then. W. J. J.



I wish you every happiness in
your future life and hope to see
you many times in the future
in Geneva. With every good
wish
Hugh Kenyon

With every good wish
for your new life in Egypt
Catherine Iunkli

With very best
wishes for a
happy "retirement"
Jane Penfold.

All the best wishes for a
happy interesting retirement
and a new creative and
rewarding future.

Tony Wang

Malgré une activité quelque peu
"ingrate", j'ai beaucoup apprécié
votre présence à la tête d'une
de "mes" Unités! Merci pour
tout et au plaisir de vous revoir
souvent. Votre,
Hermann de Graaf

As Finance Man. I
didn't have the chance
to meet you very often.
However, I do know
you defend the interests
of Women in the world.



That has an excellent topic
in your life! Enjoy your
retirement in full happiness
With those so dear to you
The tender Kori

Chacune de vos
visites à "la caisse"
était pour moi un
grand plaisir.
Merci pour votre
gentillesse et
mes vœux les
meilleurs pour
votre vie de
demain
Arlette K.

Dear Marie,

I know you're not thinking
of retiring - but going on
to new + greater things!

I will miss you. Thank
you for your support and
encouragement at all times

It has made my life here
at WCC more interesting &
more challenging. Hope to
see you on the cross country
trails in the coming winters.

Love - Jeanne



Dear Marie, Thank
you for achieving
the rare result of
being a super
executive & remaining
a WOMAN. All of
us appreciated
your warmth &
helpfulness. We
will miss you so
much.

Tamara

Dear Marie,

"Some people make the world
more special just by being in it."
You are one of them, and many
thanks for being here at WCC. See
you on the camel's back someday!

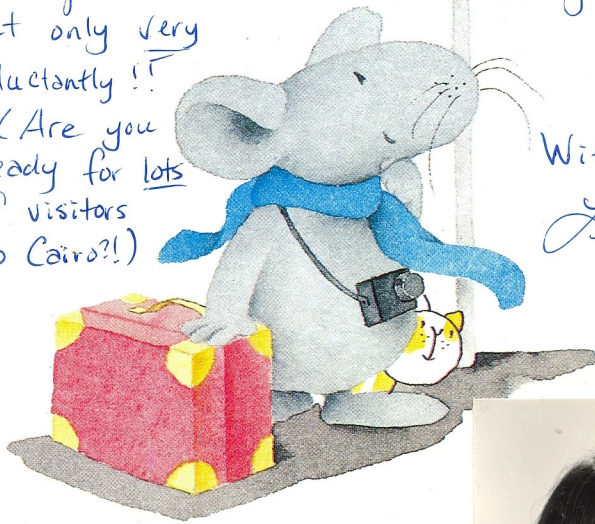
Love, Pris

P.S. My sense of humour "compels"
me to include this ↓



Dear Marie: This "house" will definitely
not be the same without you;

The Unit will very
much miss your
"drive" and support
for us in our work and
I... (Where to start?...)
thank you for all that
and given me!! Well, we
but only very
reluctantly!!

(Are you
ready for lots
of visitors
to Cairo?!) 

you've taught
let you go

With love,
Lynda!



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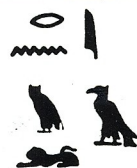
To

Marie

Anekh-Oudja-Seneb

from

the Youth Gang!



Herbali

Claude

Uea

Niamala





Cyclamen persicum



Dear Marie,
I am wishing
you all the best
for the many
things that you
are surely going
to undertake,
perhaps in a more
leisurely way?

Gisela Jorgens-Kindler

Dear Marie,
I wish you all
the best and much
Happiness for your
future retirement.
Gillian



Campanula
rotundifolia

Dear Marie,

We are most grateful for your kind support and understanding in our work over the years, and we join in wishing you the very best for the future, unknown as it inevitably must be in many respects - all strength, wisdom and courage be yours!



Brigitte Schneider Anne Hoffmann

David Philpot

Simone Zehrer Pan Chapuis.



Dear Marie

The other Paques join me in saying a sincere "Thank You" for your steady encouragement as we struggled to find our way during our early days here in Geneva.

All of us in Unit III will miss your energetic advocacy of the Unit's goals, but you may be sure that the inspiration of your leadership will be with us for a long time.

Blessings on you as you walk confidently into the future.

Sincerely, Sanford

Dear Maria,

The prayer which you wrote for IMMANUEL continues to accompany me and many people around the world. It reminds us of that other biblical Egypt:

The land of refuge where under the tree of Material Mary rested, where on the stone of the dark underground church in old Cairo the evil was placed.

You have reincarnated for us the ancient figure of the welcoming Egyptica. You showed us Mary, the mother of Jesus, as a real woman: with a warm living body and soul, with a strong will to revolt and to serve. Keep your joyful heart, and thanks for your presence among us. Amen-Ruedi



Dear Marie:
 It was indeed a real
 and fantastic pleasure to
 have been able to work with
 you during this 6 years (Good, you
 fast they go by...). Many thanks for
 your permanent encouragement and constant
 support I received from you. All the best
 now for your future, knowing that now you are
 located in another site, but still being very much
 part of the one economical family.
 Un gran abrazo!!!
 Carlos Sitarob



Dear Marie, thank you for all what
 you did for Unit III, and specially
 for us women. All good wishes for
 your probably very active "retirement".
 Stay like constant

Though we did not often meet,
 I have learnt to value your
 wisdom and your strength.
 All good wishes and happiness
 for the future. —
 Sophie Tischhauser



... for the whole people of God

"... to equip
God's people
for their
ministry
... attaining
to the full
measure
of the
fullness
of Christ."
Eph. 4:12

Spiritual Formation

Dear Marie,

You have been a source of support and inspiration for us,
challenging us into PARTICIPATION & in to taking the
WHOLE PEOPLE OF GOD
seriously.

At the same time giving us understanding why we needed it.

The very best Marie
Nayle Goodborn



We shall miss you here, but will gain you there, where PEOPLE are
and ACTION happens

You have touched us, and the touch has been a blessing

Diane Schubert

May God Bless you into your next
stage of life.

Sam Amick

Travel well - God go with you
Retirement is when real business
begins JBR

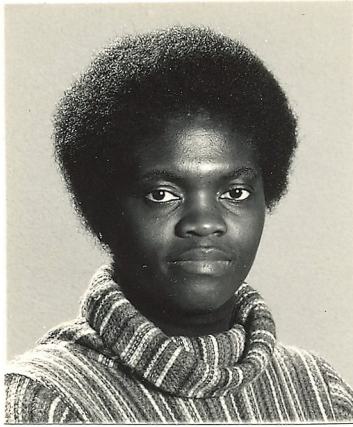
ministerial formation



Dear Marie,
 We certainly miss you. Yet
 glad to know that you are in spirit.
 will always be with us in flowers, that
 Thank you for the people of God share
 gifts and celebration. For the love and
 you have "the whole people of life
 and of all creation. We thank and praise God
 concern for building family lives. It has been a
 upholding family to be your colleague and
 friend. We thank and praise God for
 for you. For and always join me
 with those words. We look forward
 to receiving you in the Pacific
 and your family, friends in few
 years. Our best wishes and prayers
 are with you in your next
 pilgrimage. Much love.
 Lorraine



Dear Marie,
 Thanks for really being an
 enabler in Unit III. We'll miss
 you but RCh is happy in a
 way that you are going back to
 the local. 'Wye Nyame Nko'
 Good bless & love
 Welby



Dear Marie,
 here a symbol
 for you who are on
 the threshold of
 retirement:
 Matth. 6:26 ff.
 We wish you all God's
 guidance and
 blessings for this
 new period of
 your life (the
 'only human one'
 as Valdemar says
 out of experience!)
 With thanks for
 your leadership
 of Unit III.
 Denise Valdemar



Dear Marie,
 The above picture was
 taken in Minia. At we
 part I think I know
 you better in the context.
 I should have gone to
 Egypt earlier. We should
 see each other in Japan
 some day - Can you come?
 Thank you for your leader-
 ship & fellowships. Zora

Dear Marie,
 I go before you
 I leave with you Mother Julian's
 words 'He said not
 Thou shalt not be tempted
 Thou shalt not be troubled
 ... He said
 Thou shalt not be overcome'
 Thank you for real encouragement
 & an example of gallantry &
 spirit. Enjoy being home
 Much love, Owen C.

性 - sex

心 = heart 生 = Life

忙 - busy

心 = heart 亡 = Lost



Loving, struggling woman
courageous as a desert mother
midlife to a lot of Q's work
in this house - God bless you and
your people. And thanks for
support and challenges!

Anna Karin

Fem.
Sexuality Studies

Dear Marie,

Though we never had much chance to talk,
the few opportunities to do so were privileged moments
for me. I shall always remember you as an
ideal person: loving, caring, competent, and a
shining example of womanhood for us all.

See the best

Joanne Weil

Marie,

Masamba est déjà parti mais je pense à
toi et me souviens de toute ton amitié et ton
affection. Bi Ku Ngambi kenda yako.

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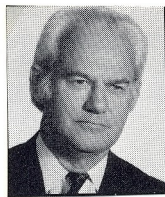
Chère Marie,

Quelle façon de me!
Entousiasme, joie de vivre!
Que cette nouvelle étape vous
soit bonne, sereine! (Plus de
lettres à traduire... dommage!)
Michelle

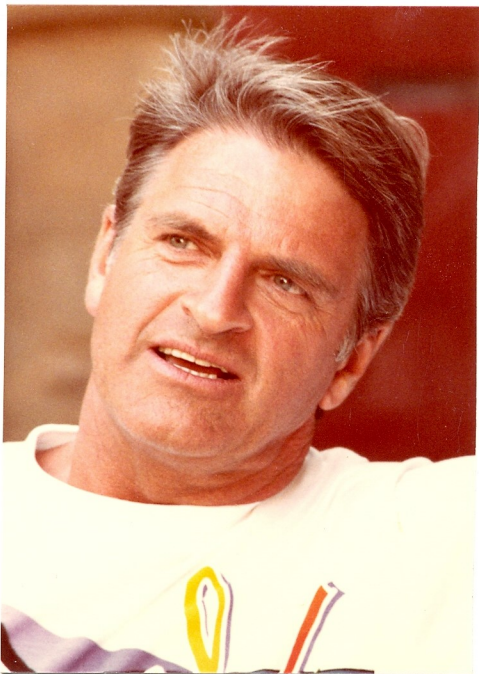


Meilleurs vœux pour
une longue et heureuse retraite.
Solange

Dear Marie:



May I claim a well corner
with Unit III colleagues? Sorry I
had to leave just as you arrived
in '80! My loss!! (Be sure I've been
diligent by your constant
emphasis on the ministry of
the whole people of God. All
blessings in the years to come,
Ralph



Dear Marie,

In case you're wondering
about what it is all about,
in Southern France (where your
friends are), just remember
the last thing Albert Camus said,
in Southern France: il y a deux
choses, finalement, qui
comptent; Les amis, autour
d'une table. Bienvenue, grand
à venir
[Signature]

Church and Society.

Veronica Voz

Dear Mary

You will be missed:

as a woman
as a leader
as an Orthodox
as a Middle Easterner
as an Arab

Keep in touch
and

God Bless You



You are a crossroad:

between Orthodox and Evangelicals
between the East & West
between liberated women & tradition

Ghassan

The 'House' will be different without you!
Thank you for having shared with us
yourself! Best wishes for a happy
time back home,
Margaret Bischof

With all best
wishes for the
future.
Patricia Berger

Dear Mary,
It's a shame I got to know
you when you were about to leave WCC;
But the few occasions I met you, were
good enough to make me miss you.
May our good Lord bless you
during your retirement
Love Mary Salikungeri



A reminder of our meeting
in Tonga in 1981.

With every best wish for
the future. *Shirley*

Dear Marie it has been a privilege to have
known you and to have yet another link around the
world! Thank you for your friendship, leadership
and the sharing which has been possible, especially
through the Women's Task Force .. every good wish
for many years of health, peace, happiness and joy.

affectionately

Shirley



Both Gerry and I keep
happy memories of your warm
personality which remembers
us so many good years in
your part of the world. *Pai Lantunan*

Marie Lantunan



Thank you for the many
contributions to this house,
to the women's concerns and
to the ecumenical movement.
All good wishes,

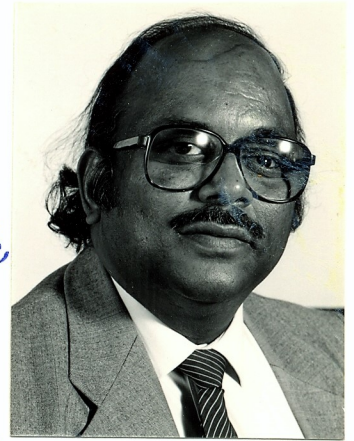
Helmut Reuschle

Dear Marie,

Both as a friend and as
an outspoken Associate General Secretary
who did not hesitate to call a spade
a spade we will miss you.

Your simplicity is your strength,
you sparkle with charm.

May God be with you in
your future years and grant you
continuing wisdom and strength - and
many new challenges!



Sau

Thank you for all
you have contributed to our
life here and all good wishes
for your life at home in the
future. God bless.
Joyce McNulty

Dear Marie.

Thank you for being you -
Although our paths did not cross
too often you will remain a
vivid memory of energy, commitment
and spirit. All best wishes for
you now "more leisurely pace".

Jim

Marie -

Are you really leaving us???
Not really, I am sure - but as you
go on to another ministry you do so
with the gratitude, the love, the
concern and the prayer we reserve
for very special persons - like you!
I am tremendously thankful for your
friendship, support, kindness, and
challenge - time and again! May
the good Lord bless you abundantly...
He surely will!

Engene Stachwell

Dear Marie,
You have been an encouragement.
With deep appreciation, Raymond Timpf.



Marie:

May the Light of God shine on you
wherever you'll go
whatever you'll do!
Love and Peace
Many.

Dear Marie,

Even though you
leave us, please know
that our prayers &
love go with you.
May you & your family
be richly blessed in
all your undertakings.
We'll see you again!
Love + peace
Dale Cott

Chère Marie,

La brèche faite par ta présence, toute
de souvenance et de ferveur est définitive, j'en suis certaine!
Merci d'avoir partagé ces deux ans au sein du C.O.C.
Que le Dieu de Sarah et d'Abraham te bénisse et te
précède sur le chemin de l'avenir.
Pierre Fisch

Marie -

It seems barely a few months
ago that you took your first
run on the ski slopes - probably
hasn't been all down hill once, but
with many happy memories, & all
good wishes.

Saur

Dear Marie,
I am grateful for your
friendship, through these years
together in the WCC and into
the future yet to come. I
have many pleasant memories
of your generous hospitality
and of good conversations
together. In this small
world, I count on seeing
you many times in Geneva
and elsewhere. All of God's
richest blessings on you
and all that you choose
to do.
Jean Stronberg

Que la Mère de Dieu, Marie,
soit ta protectrice et
qu'elle intercede auprès de son Fils
pour toi et ton âme,
A ton Service

Chère Marie

Un grand merci pour votre soutien
surtout dans la Boîte Test Face.

With love and gratitude
for your constant
"Philoxenia",
Pierre.

Dear Marie,

Many thanks
for your inspiration,
friendship and
solidarity. You are
a marvellous woman
of the Gospel and a
challenge to the
future. God's blessing
Am

For the Sykes woman
you have many thanks
+ Bishop Sergey
Russian Orthodox Church

Dear Marie, neighbor and family-member,
I thank God and admire you for having
remained Marie - a warm and forceful
woman despite your high position here.

We will miss you at our picknick-
table on the balcony.

Love and good speed
Ingrid, Carl, Sarah, Philip,
Louise and Christopher
Nielsen

Dear Marie:

I'll never forget
your delight in "inheriting"
Champ & Arnie from us! I
hope your six years plus have
been as happy for you as ours
were here. It's nice to think that
with your retirement we may look
actually see more of you — we'll look
forward to that and to hearing about
the new adventures in your life. Love joins
me in hoping that the future will bring
you all that you are wishing for!

God bless!
Joyce

Best wishes
Gill Howie

Dear Marie, Many thanks for your
stimulating & provocative company & the inspiration
to fight for what one believes, & especially for
your gift of a son, Rogui, to our work
in civil & society. Every blessing — David Gorking

Avec tous mes vœux
pour un avenir
heureux et ensoleillé
H. Zellweger



Marie - you'll go and I won't
 have the chance to find out from you
 the answers to all the questions that
 confound me! Too little time in this first
 year to even stop and formulate questions - barely
 time to hurl oneself into the unknown answer.
 (you'll remember your own first months and understand)
 Arne's and my prayers for blessing in great
 measure, as you have brought in ^{plenty} great meaning
 those with whom you worked here. We have a shared
 past - great, well, mutual friends, the study. So I
 dare to look forward with hope for a shared future.

Much love
 Ruth Smith



VIC CASAMENITO

Watching the Beatles.

Are you
surprised
that people
still can dance and sing
in a world
on its
head?

DYLAN THOMAS

Marie,
keep on dancing, singing, and above
all, laughing. Erich Weingartner

Marie,
we will miss you. Thanks for
all the wonderful support you
have us in the CCIA. Regards

Marian Dorley

All the best and
good wishes - Christine



Dear Marie,

I'm leaving WCC to "retire"
again the morning of your
party, so will miss seeing
you then. I'm sure you will
continue to be busy if my own
plans are any indication of
what happens to retired people! Thank you
for many things including increasing
my interest in the Middle East countries
and Egypt. If there is anything I can
do for nursing - especially in the community
do let me know.

I pray God continues to bless you
and use you for His great purpose.
With love - Ruth Harman

PO Box 65
Cedar Crest
NM, 87008
USA



Dear Marie,

Thank you for smiling when the times were rough! Your strength & perseverance are an inspiration to those of us trying to find our way in the ecumenical world.

Blessings on your life and work,

In sisterhood

Marta Zimmerman
CCF

Dear Marie,

We didn't have many occasions to share; but I still remember the warm hospitality at your home at Reinhold's farewell party. We are leaving this house at the same time. Let us work, that many more strong women enter this house. With best wishes for you and your family.

Annie Künzle



Dear Marie
 We have always
 counted on your CMC's
 contribution to the
 General Secretariat
 would commission
 CMC Commission
 rooted deep in
 those same insights
 making sense of
 many thanks for
 your support in
 continued love
 and support and
 W.C.C. the
 movement-
 brought the
 your culture and
 insights into your
 current efforts in
 a bit more human
 we have ethnoid
 can be some for you-
 prayers for you-
 Ernie K. Law

Merci pour vote
 gentillesse, vote
 sourire toujours
 aussi chaleureux.
 Tous mes vœux
 Chantal
 Chancheshhorn

Paggala in sana
 Kago ng
 Dios Maykapal!
 If we get to go
 to Egypt, we'll
 drop by!
 MABUHAY!

Good luck, So
 bless!
 Jean Pierre



all best wishes,
 Valerie Hedin

Ave Marie

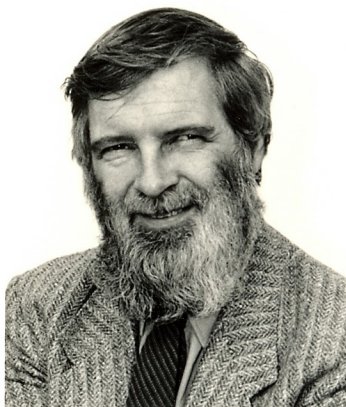
We will miss you as a mother
and a sister - but we hope not
to miss you very much because
we can visit and write.

قال عيسى والله ربي وربكم فاعبدوه

يا اصفى: السلام عليكم
ورحمة الله وبركاته

Best wishes for a
long & happy
retirement.

Andrew



Stuart Brown

Thank you for
your presence
among us, presence
which will never
disappear. Love / L.B.C.

Dear Marie
I am sure it was not long to
break new ground and be the
first woman in leadership within
the General Secretariat. By the
contribution you have made to the
House, however, you have made it
easier for all women who will follow
you. Thank you for what you have
contributed to enrich the life here, and
for your commitment and support
to Dialogue. May God's blessings go
with you - Wesley



Marie -
I shall always
be grateful for your
toleration and
understanding of
my views with
which you could not
possibly agree. I shall
miss you. - Allan



Dear Marie,

Best wishes for a happy retirement back in Egypt and which will give you much time to spend with your family. It was a privilege knowing you and I hope that our paths will cross again.

Cordially Renate Beghen

Chère Marie,

Votre présence discrète et efficace va manquer à cette maison, mais nous sommes certains que, où que vous soyez, l'Eglise du Seigneur sera bien servie. Avec mon affection fraternelle,
Fr. Max Thurian, de Taizé

I will remember you with warm during the women's assembly at Vancouver. Yes, we will miss your joyful face and your conversations words you sometimes said publicly. Once in my life I hope to visit your country and to learn from it more about our Jewish-Christian origins. Fr. Max Thurian, de Taizé

Dear Marie,

Your presence in this house was certainly like a "fresh wind", and I am grateful for that inspiring, questioning and 'pushing' influence. You reminded us theologians of the reality and insights of the whole People of God and, thereby, helped us to remain modest (as far as possible, since theologians like to be appreciated as people with a special training and competence).

Your non-conformistic views and attitudes have made this house more lively than it could have been without your contributions. Something will be lacking when you have departed. God be with you.

Guinter Hasmann.



Chère Marie,

Merci de votre présence au sein du COE, de votre gentillesse et amabilité.

Au revoir et à bientôt en Egypte.

Amicalement

Madeleine L.

With all good wishes
and God's blessings
as you return to
Egypt. Love,

Cécilia



Ἀγαπητή (Dear) Μαρίας,
 "Εὐχομαι ἐκ βαθέων ὡς πάντες
 εὐλογίαν ὡς καὶ ἐπεὶ καὶ
 ἡ Μητέρα τοῦ Θεοῦ, ἡ Θεοτόκος
 καὶ ὅς συνοδεύει εἰς τὴν νέαν
 φάβιν τῆς ζωῆς σου.
 Ἡ ἀρετὴ καὶ εὐχὴ εἰς τὴν
 ἐκκλησίαν σου, ἡ καὶ ὡς οὖν.
 ἡ ἀγάπη, ἡ ἀποδοχὴ, ἡ
 μαρτυρία καὶ ἡ ἀκούσις σου διὰ τὴν ἐκκλησίαν
 τοῦ Χριστοῦ. Ἐννοεῖς, ἔχοντας!"

Fr. Genadios

Dear Marie,

I am sorry that you are leaving but I am glad that
 you are returning home, back to Africa - to continue to serve
 our people. We certainly will meet again. And I wish
 you every happiness in your new work.

With many good wishes
 James Mutumbura



May Atimada Maria.

It was a privilege
to be able to share
work with you.

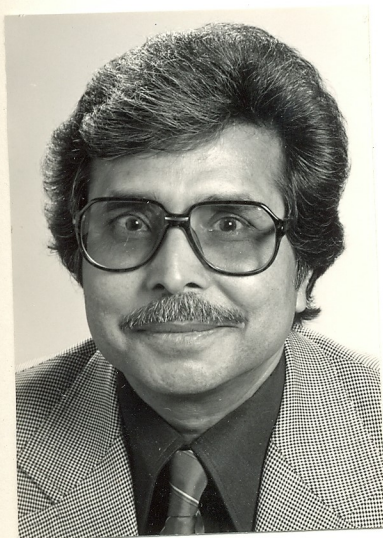
Hope we'll stay in touch
Salam! Supoldo

Dear Marie,

Asha and I will remember you as a
good and warm friend. You have made a considerable
contribution to keep the WCC human. Your ~~straight~~ open
and candid expression of views strengthened those who wanted
to speak their mind. We will remember you and often think
of you as you go into your glorious retirement.

With Love from both of us,

Amwar



محبت کرنے والے کا گھر ہے جوگے
میری دنیا میں سب سے قیمتی گھر ہے
"There will be lot of people who love
you in this world, count us also
among their company"

Dear Marie -
Lots of sunshine is
awaiting you - not only
in the literal sense, I am sure.
Think of us once in a while, for
"renewance is a form of meeting"
(as Kahlil Gibran put it)
All the very best,
Heidi

Merci de votre présence,
de l'intérêt que vous
manifesterez pour nous -
Avec mon bon souvenir
à mes vœux les
meilleurs -
Francine Tulpica

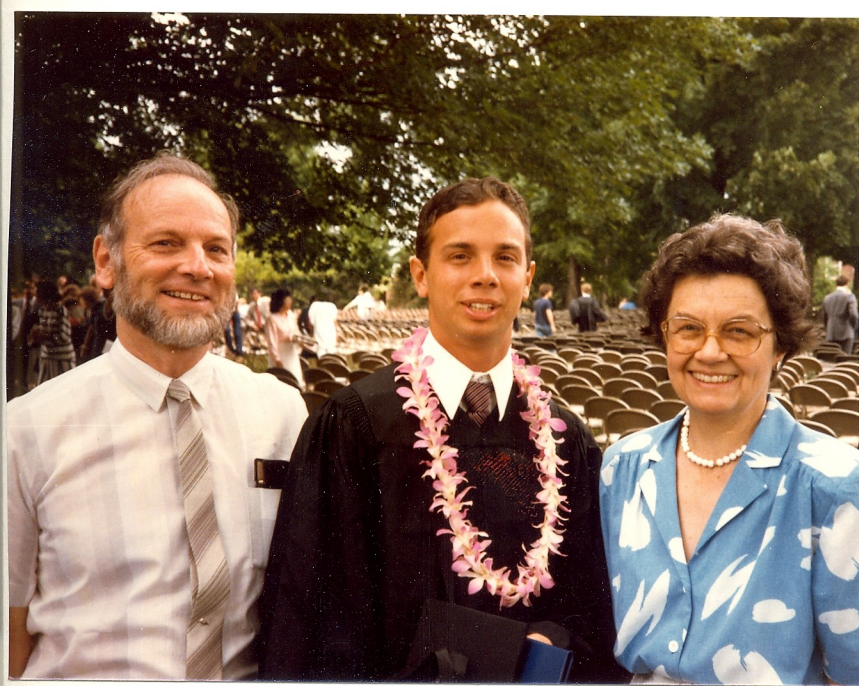
Dear Marie -

Our thoughts and thanks
go with you, as you take
refuge in sunny and ancient
Egypt, as did Jacob and
Jesus and many more since
then. We are grateful
for the gifts which you
brought to this house.
Best wishes and love

Theo & Ruth Tschay

With all good wishes
for the future. We'll
miss you. Joan Kelly

Dear Marie A big thank you especially for your concern and personal interest. I do hope that your leaving Geneva does not mean leaving the struggle - I know it won't. But I wish for you that your returning to the "source" - the family and your home country will give you new strength and support which is so much needed in this struggle in which "even young women get weary!" All the best and I hope to see you again. Love, Barbara.



Dear Marie

Heidi and I and our
Egyptian son Philip wish
you well in your new
activities following such
rich (for us) years in
Geneva. Enjoy Egypt for us.
Bob

April 1987

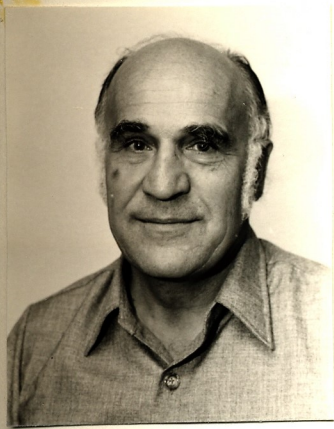
Dear Mrs Assad,

Though from a small corner/
organisation in the House (but
"small is beautiful"!), I have very
much been aware of your presence
in the WCE and your concern to
freeing women from any oppressive
situation, which, sometimes, you
had to admit, was a concern de
longue haleine", but the cause is
irresistibly advancing! I have
always felt very close to the stand
you took and I thank you very much
for showing this to us so clearly.

Prayerful wishes for all you
continue to undertake!

Love from Pederline van der Aalst





With a deep sense of gratitude
for your contribution to the
Ecumenical Movement and more
precisely to the World Council of
Churches

May 1, 1987

With many wishes as you are back
in Egypt

Armen Petut
World Alliance of Reformed Churches



Chère Marie,
Merci de votre gentillesse et
votre efficacité dont nous avons
fait preuve toutes les fois que
nous avons pu vous en faire
un usage personnel. Gilbert André-Monnet



Maria,
It has been a pleasure to know you
and also to become acquainted
with some of your family. I am
of course thinking especially of your
son Mary who helped John Taylor
and I at a Central Committee here.
His artistic ability was very much
appreciated as well as his gentlemanliness.

Let us keep in touch.
All best wishes for a
happy retirement.
We say
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