

- DIGNITY OF EVERY PERSON, CREATED IN THE IMAGE OF GOD
- biblical motives of migration (Abraham, Israel, Ruth, David (a migrant worker himself), Jesus, Apostels, expansion of christianity)
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- ALL PERSONS ARE EQUAL BEFORE THE LAW
- Human Rights Conventions (UN, CoE)
- migrant workers rights convention
- Ideal of open and inclusive communities and societies
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- THE ROLE OF RELIGION AS AN INSTRUMENT OF INTEGRATION
- recognition of realities and facing responsibility
- all humans are and have been always "wanderers"
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THEOLOGICALLY

HUMAN RIGHTS

SOCIALLY

RATIONAL E



migration is an overall reality in society today

migration is posing challenges to societies, political institutions and churches

obligation on churches and each christian to "welcome the stranger"

churches recognizing

WHY a MIGRATION YEAR 2010?

a "WORK IN PROGRESS" starts

The Conference of European Churches and the Churches' Commission for Migrants in Europe, at their parallel meetings in Cyprus, endorsed *planning, launching and implementation of a joint year european churches responding to migration 2010.*

The General Assembly of Churches' Commission for Migrants in Europe, 2008, Paralimni, Cyprus



The presidents of CEC, the moderator of CCME, the General Secretaries of CCME and CEC, at their joint session 2008, Paralimni, Cyprus





for...

EXCHANGE & ENCOURAGEMENT

through improvement of the visibility and
fostering the meaning of existing church programmes

to strengthen, improve and protect the legal status of migrants, refugees
and ethnic minority groups as a basis for inclusion and participation



to...

POSSIBLE ACTIVITIES

(what should happen in/ be after 2010)

- highlightening existing programmes vis-à-vis governments, political institutions, society at large
- recognition of the potential of diversity in society
- overcoming borders and facilitating the crossing of borders
- world economic crisis and movements of people due to the crisis
- facilitated participation in community and social life
- greater justice, solidarity and equality

- 2010 -

European churches responding to migration

- Visibility of the **churches' commitment to strangers**,
responding to the message of the bible
- Promotion of an **inclusive policy** at European and National level for migrants,
refugees and ethnic minority groups,
through work **for and with migrants**, refugees and ethnic minority groups

through:

- strengthening the **rights of migrants**
- effective **programmes welcoming migrants** and refugees
- enhance **encounter and participation**
- **combating exclusion** and unemployment
- monitoring and **improvement of detention conditions**
- **refugee protection**
- **studying** and researching national rules for legal **rights of migrants**
- advocating for the rights as contained in the **International Convention on the Rights of all Migrant workers** and the members of their families
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through:

- **Being Church together** - uniting in diversity
- **welcoming strangers** in our communities/ churches
- **diaconical assistance** and support for migrants and refugees
- enhance **participation of migrants** in communities
- **exchange and support for migrant churches** in the local area
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on political level:

**RIGHT TO A LONG TERM RESIDENCE STATUS
AFTER 5 YEARS OF LEGAL STAY,
IRRESPECTIVE OF THE REASONS OF STAY**

on church level:

**VISIBILITY OF CHURCHES' ENGAGEMENT
FOR INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES & SOCIETIES
AND WORK FOR AND WITH MIGRANTS**

OUR KEY AIMS