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World Forum on Theology and Liberation (WFTL) – Online, June 6-9, 2022 With World Social Forum (WSF) – Mexico, May 1-6, 2022

Action and Promise: Struggling Against Violence, Building Justice and Rethinking Relationality in the Time of Climate Change

CALL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS

To all interested groups and peoples,

It is with great pleasure that we invite you to submit proposals for contributions to the program of the 11th World Forum on Theology and Liberation (WFTL). Due to the current challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, our forum will be held in two stages:

(1) In the framework of the World Social Forum (WSF) 2022 in Mexico City, from 1st to 6th of May 2022, whose general theme is "Another world emerges from the coronavirus pandemic". The World Social Forum will be held in a hybrid format, with on-site and online activities, for the general audience of the WSF. The WFTL will present self-managed workshops, face-to-face and/or online.

(2) In an online theological forum one month later, from June 6th to 9th, 2022, on the theme **"Action and Promise:** Struggling Against Violence, Building Justice and Rethinking Relationality in the Context of Climate Change."

This year's theme invites us to consider action and promise and how to think about them in the struggles against violence, the construction of justice, and the challenge of rethinking the relationality in the time of climate change. The WFTL is an ecumenical, dialogical and plural space; it seeks to foster the creation of contextual spiritualities and theologies, in a perspective of liberation, with regard to the crucial issues of our time. This year's WFTL is organized by Mexico-based organizations, and by the WFTL's international members.

How to act, fight, love and hope in the time of climate change? Inscribing itself within the World Social Forum, the 2022. The theme will be developed through eleven thematic axes which should serve as points of reference for your contributions: 1 –Liberation as a hermeneutical and practical principle; 2– Liberation, Democracy and the Common Good; 3– Liberation and decoloniality; 4– Violence, Human rights, Rights of the Poor; 5– Environmental justice and food security; 6– Migration, climatic migrants and territorialities; 7– New languages and liberating reconstruction of symbolic and mythical languages; 8– Pact of religious traditions with policies of Justice, Peace and Ecology; 9– Gender, Feminism and Diversities; 10– Youth and intergenerational relations ; 11– or any other focal area that allows liberation. These are the anchor points of our creativity, directing our energies towards a shared goal: that a transformed world becomes a concrete reality.

Below, you will find instructions providing key information that should be included with your contribution proposals.

We ask you to submit a proposal by the **11th of March 2022**. If accepted the length of your presentation should not exceed 30 minutes. The WFTL's program will be organized, in large part, on the basis of the proposals we receive and accept; we will then follow up with you. For further information, you can contact Brandon Haskel-Martinez, the WFTL assistant coordinator, at haskel.brandon@gmail.com.

We look forward to sharing with participants from abroad practices and know-how of Puebla-based groups that are committed to building another world, which is both needed and possible.

CALL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS Guidelines and questions

For the WFTL from June 6th to 9th, 2022, which is held online, please submit the following information:

- 1. A working title for the submission
- 2. A 250-word professional biography
- 3. A 400-word summary of the presentation
- 4. The name of the organization and the participants (if any)
- 5. The format of the activity: "academic" (individual or panel presentation), popular education, artistic presentation, other (specify)
- 6. Language (the WFTL is held in four languages: Spanish, English, Portuguese and French)
- 7. The thematic axis (see the previous page)

Participation in the WSF from May 1st to 6th, 2022 – Survey

During the WFTL from June 6th to 9th, we will make a return on the WSF.

9. Do you plan to offer a workshop at the WSF in Mexico City in person? 10. If so, what kind of presentation?

Deadline to submit an activity proposal: **11**th **of March 2022** To: haskel.brandon@gmail.com

WFTL's official website : wftlofficial.org WSF's official website : wsf2022.org

Enclosed: Charter of Principles of the WFTL (English, Spanish, Portuguese, French):