



## CLOSING WORSHIP

### 37th WSCF GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2022

23 June - 01 July  
Berlin, Germany

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- **Prelude:** "Hine ma tov". (With the background music some SCMerS will enter with liturgical elements from various countries and after placing them in the altar they hold hands to dance: "Hine ma tov")  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U3qyr-8PMXc> perhaps video with photos of the days and the liturgies.

#### Words of introduction to the celebration

L: "Hine ma tov umanaim shevet ajim gam iajad"

This is the closing celebration of our General Assembly after a week together. Various moments have marked this pilgrimage from which we will carry names, faces, stories... Leaving Berlin, the dance of life must continue to be the dance of unity of the sisters and brothers in God's love: "Hine ma tov". We will travel new paths, we will dry tears, we will share full joys. We'll set the table, we'll break the bread. We will be Word, echo and song. We will host the strangers... knowing that God is faithful to his covenant of love with us and with all of Creation; that Jesus will always meet us and what seemed insignificant will become the Kingdom; and that the Holy Spirit will renew our strengths and our hopes. Amen.

- **Dance "Hine ma tov"** (The SCMerS exit the space dancing down the center of the temple hall.)



- **Let us pray:** God who dances with us the dance of life, show yourself in the midst of our communion, reveal to us your will and give us power to fulfill it, teach us your message and give us clear words and actions so that we can proclaim your love that unites us in Jesus Christ's name. And give us your Spirit, Lord, because where there is no Spirit, life cannot spring up; where there is no Spirit, the only thing possible is fear; where there is no Spirit, we cannot gather in your name; where there is no Spirit essential things are forgotten; and, where there is no Spirit, there can be no hope. Amen.
- **Song:** "Dios está aquí"/ "God is here today" (by Javier García Mateo)
- **Call to worship**
- **L1:** Let us praise God, whose paths of justice have affirmed our steps in every place where we are as students, in our jobs, in our homes, in our life in community, as a Federation, challenging us to defend the hope of the Kingdom and to proclaim its message in our midst.  
**L2:** Let us praise God who has filled our voice with new songs of gratitude for his company and daily blessings.  
**L3:** Let us praise God, whose wisdom has been celebrated from generation to generation, inviting us to tie our dreams, our efforts, our commitments along the way.

**Assembly response: Let us praise his name eternally and forever! Amen.**

- **Song:** "Many are the lightbeams" (Anders Frostenson) /Muchos resplandores, solo una luz (Trans: Pablo Sosa)
- **Confession of faults**  
**L:** We confess, Lord, that we are not always up to your dreams and our horizons. We need to convert, leaving outside of us that which distances us from one another and from you; we confess that sometimes we do not know how to burn with the fire of your Spirit; that we do not listen to your prophecy turned into word, image, neighbor, silence. We confess, Lord, that we do not always know how to make your promise our vocation. You know the secrets deep within us, there you dwell, o God.

Let us dedicate a moment of silence to recognize our faults, to ask the forgiveness of God and to allow ourselves to be challenged and transformed by his love. **(Payers in silence)**



Now, let us pray together as a community. We will respond “Deliver us from evil” in different languages.

**L:** When arrogance surrounds us...

**Assembly response:** Deliver us from evil.

**L:** If our word becomes harsh, unfair or hurtful...

**Assembly response:** Líbranos del mal.

**L:** Every day that fear silences the prophets...

**Assembly response:** Délivre nous du mal.

**L:** If we become blind, deaf or indifferent to others...

**Assembly response:** نجنا من الشر

إذا كان لدينا

(najna min alshari  
'iidha kan ladayna)

**L:** When we are unjust judges of other people's weaknesses...

**Assembly response:** Livrai-nos do mal.

**L:** From temptation, selfishness, violence...

**Assembly response:** Liberaci dal male.

**L:** If there is no room for the hungry...

**Assembly response:** Erlöse uns von dem Bösen.

**L:** In your light, by your alliance, with your justice...

**Assembly response:** Verlos ons van die bose.

**L:** You call us by our names, Lord of Life, you invite us to go out to the Kingdom, with our fears, but with your strength; with our doubts, but with your certainties; with our setbacks, but with your eyes on the horizon; with our insecurities, but with your promise; with our weakness, but with your hope; with our nothing but with your everything. Open our eyes, our ears, our hearts to see you, to hear and discern your will, to change ourselves and transform the world in which we live.

- **Song:** “Open my eyes, Lord” (Jesse Maribusan)  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eo6gZAUuQ3E>



Open my eyes, Lord  
Help me to see your face.  
Open my eyes, Lord.  
Help me to see.

Open my ears, Lord.  
Help me to hear your name.  
Open my ears, Lord.  
Help me to hear.

Open my heart, Lord.  
Help me to love like you.  
Open my heart, Lord.  
Help me to love.

## The Word of God

- Bible Readings:

### Genesis 7: 1a

*1.a The LORD then said to Noah, “Go into the ark, you and your whole family”*

### Genesis 7: 1a; 9: 8-17

*8 Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him: 9 “I now establish my covenant with you and with your descendants after you 10 and with every living creature that was with you—the birds, the livestock and all the wild animals, all those that came out of the ark with you—every living creature on earth. 11 I establish my covenant with you: Never again will all life be destroyed by the waters of a flood; never again will there be a flood to destroy the earth.”*

*12 And God said, “This is the sign of the covenant I am making between me and you and every living creature with you, a covenant for all generations to come: 13 I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth. 14 Whenever I bring clouds over the earth and the rainbow appears in the clouds, 15 I will remember my covenant between me and you and all living creatures of every kind. Never again will the waters become a flood to destroy all life. 16 Whenever the rainbow appears in*



*the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and all living creatures of every kind on the earth.”*

*17 So God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant I have established between me and all life on the earth.”*

Matthew 5: 13-16 (or 14-16)

*13 “You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.*

*14 “You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.*

**Message by Bishop Geevarghese Coorilos (10-15 minutes)**

- **Song of Acclamation of the Word**

**Responses to the Word of God**

**L:** We give thanks for the proclaimed Word that assures us that we are not alone. The Lord is our God and he loves us forever and ever. He does not forget his alliance, his promises, to Abraham, to Noah, to the disciples, of being with us, blessing our lives and history. Sincere words bring the echo of the promise that God made us one day, Love. Today we want to resignify from words and testimonies the symbol of God's Covenant with humanity and with all of creation offered to us in the text of Genesis 9 and who has accompanied us through this Assembly. The rainbow is one of the most surprising natural phenomena and one that arouses the greatest fascination. The combination of colors crossing the sky shows a unique image on those sunny and rainy days. Doing a quick search about this event, we can surely discover very interesting things:

-one cannot see all the colors of the rainbow (The rainbow is a continuous spectrum in which one color turns into another. Depending on the cultures, it is considered that there are between three and nine colors. Although this is only what the human eye can see since, in reality, it contains an infinity of colors);

-a rainbow can appear at night and it called “Moonbows” Although it needs sunlight to appear, it can also be shown with a full moon. This reflects the sun's rays emitted or hitting raindrops and give way to the appearance of a light spectrum that can be called 'night rainbow';



-it is impossible to see the end of the rainbow (This is because the radiation that forms this phenomenon depends on the distance and the angle at which the observer is, so the rainbow moves with you).

The invitation at this time is to recognize that in the testimonies of our sisters and brothers in Christ, there are also those of other people in our world today, but that there are infinite stories that we are not always able to hear, to see with our eyes as we cannot see all the rainbow colors; we know that they exist as part of God's wonderful creation that we must dignify and celebrate. God's light can reach even the darkness of our lives like a "Moonbows", and fill it with hope in its eternal promise of love. Finally, just as we cannot see the end of the rainbow, it is not possible to see the future but we can live with faith and trust in God who guides each next step of the path that is traveled in community. Amen.

(Seven SCMerS from different countries and regions will come to share testimonies while conforming the rainbow.)

1 Dalit caste in India (red) (2-3 minutes each) Asia

**Assembly response: We affirm God's love and your hope!**

2 Black people (orange) (SCM in Africa)

**Assembly response: We affirm God's love and your hope!**

3 Indigenous populations (yellow) (North America)

**Assembly response: We affirm God's love and your hope!**

4 Nature (green) (Europe)

**Assembly response: We affirm God's love and your hope!**

5 Lgbtq+ (indigo) (LAC)

**Assembly response: We affirm God's love and your hope!**

6 Migrants (Blue) (Middle East)

**Assembly response: We affirm God's love and your hope!**

7 Women (violete) (Middle East)

**Assembly response: We affirm God's love and your hope!**



**L:** Let's make a covenant: You have patience with me, that I will have courage, and we will sing a song like never heard before. You put the strength, I the weakness. And wrapped in your embrace, we will set out to seek justice. You set the horizon, I the passion. And shoulder to shoulder, towards that destiny we will guide life. Let's make a covenant: You put the Truth, I the restlessness. Your truth and my concern will be linked in the most eternal search. You put the Word, and I put the babble. And between listening, echo and silence we will give voice to the mystery. You put the tenderness, me, five loaves and two fish. The hunger of so many will be satisfied, and there will still be twelve baskets left over. You put the mercy, I some hits, and enough setbacks. And in the school of forgiveness, wisdom will sprout. Let's make a covenant, oh God: you stay by my side, and I'll dance with you. *(José María R. Olaizola, sj)*

- **Song:** “Rejoice in Hope”
- **Moment of thanksgiving and WSCF recognition to individuals, organizations, Host Committee, etc.**
- **Prayer for a safty return**
- **Blessing**

When we return to our homes, may you continue, O God, blessing our path as young Christians and as a Federation to live loving in your own way, to vibrate with the joy of the brother and tremble before his or her pain, to courageously shout a faith question; a friendly verdict; a promise of healing; a song of justice;

May the example of Jesus be present in the practice of justice and solidarity to raise our hands, finally freed from stones and chains, to give, in them, warmth, affection and hug!;

May your Spirit guide us so that those things that unite us make us leave behind our differences and be able to continue working and making your Kingdom a reality, in hope. Amen.

- **Postlude**

Some prayers have been adapted from Rezandovoy and PastoralSj.