

European Council of Lay Dominican Fraternities ECLDF

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To all Lay Dominican Fraternities/Chapters
in European Provinces and Vicariates

Tuesday, 9 March 2010

Dear brothers and sisters in saint Dominic,

The European Council of Lay Dominican Fraternities (ECLDF) would like to wish you all a happy and fruitful 2010 and a blessed Lent. You will find the **audited Financial Report for 2009** in the annex to this letter.

On the day of our audition (29 December 2009) the auditor and our treasurer found that only **19%** of our provinces and vicariates had paid their annual contribution: 5 provinces and vicariates out of 27. We would like to thank all those who supported us in 2009 and ask the remaining **81%** to make every effort to support the work of the ECLDF in order to enable us to organize the next European Assembly in Caleruega in 2011 and build up a future-oriented ECLDF organization.

We would also like to inform you about the contribution flow for the period 2006-2009. As you can see, only five or six provinces and vicariates contributed each year. It should also be pointed out that only two of them are regular contributors.

Contribution flow 2006-2009 to the ECLDF

	2006	2007	2008	2009
Payment by	5 provinces & vicariates	6 provinces & vicariates	6 provinces & vicariates	5 provinces & vicariates
Total	€1,284.00	€1,498.68	€369.00	€1,472.12

If all provinces and vicariates paid their annual contribution, the ECLDF could organize without any problems the European Assembly which brings us together every three years. In Slovakia in 2008, the delegates' participation fees only covered about half the costs relating to the organization of the Assembly. Consequently, as the ECLDF Communication Officer Jean-Michel Solente reported in his last press release, the ECLDF is currently looking for additional sources of finance to organize the next Assembly. However, given that support from lay Dominican fraternities themselves is so poor, it might prove difficult to convince external sponsors to subsidize us.

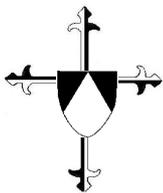
At the 7th European Assembly in Slovakia, the delegates approved a motion whereby the Assembly took on responsibility for the payment of an annual contribution of 1.50 euro per professed fraternity member in each province or vicariate. The annual European contribution, which was voluntary, has thus become compulsory. This was a decision of the Assembly, so let us all pull together to implement it. In this way, Dominican fraternities will express their practical support to the ECLDF activities as they were summarized in our previous press releases.

We would like to ask for your cooperation on two counts:

- Please ask your provincial/vicarial president or treasurer what happened with the 2009 European contribution (we would appreciate it if you could also ask about previous years).

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If there are any problems in paying late contributions and in paying the 2010 contribution, please tell us what could be done to settle the matter. We need your contributions **BY 30 MAY 2010 AT THE LATEST**.

- Please invite all the lay Dominicans, friars, sisters and nuns within your province or vicariate to support the organization of the next European Assembly of lay Dominican fraternities by making a donation to the ECLDF so that we can organize our Assembly next year in Caleruega, Spain.

The Spanish lay Dominicans who will host the European Assembly in Caleruega in May 2011 are already pouring their energy and enthusiasm into organizing the next Assembly and working very hard. They are looking forward to meeting all the delegates there.

Practical information for paying contributions or donations:

- As in previous years, here is the ECLDF account number and the relevant financial information required by your bank for an international transfer:

PAX Bank e.G.
Von-Werth-Straße 25-27
50670 Köln, Germany

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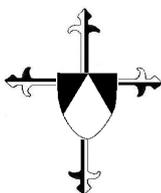
Please do not forget to specify on the transfer form whether the money is a **contribution or a donation** and what is **the year applicable**: “Contribution 2010 (or 2009 or 2008) to the European Council of Lay Dominican Fraternities” or “Donation 2010 to the ECLDF”.
Another essential point concerning the transfer form: please indicate **your name, address and, most importantly, the name of your province or vicariate**.

- This year, we are offering you an additional possibility: payment by cheque if this is easier for you. If you choose this option, please add a supplement of 10 euros to cover part of the cashing costs.

Thank you very much in advance for your cooperation!

Your European Council of Lay Dominican Fraternities (ECLDF)

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Expenses/ Income

Expenses 2009 - € 2.716,64

• Income 2009 - + € 1.979,86

Carryover 2008

+ € 5.493,57

Balance December 2009: + € 4.756,79

Hamburg, 29.12.2009


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Expenses/ Income 2009

Income

Contributions (2008/ 2009)	€ + 1.472,12
Donations (2009)	€ + 488,00
Interest Bank (2009)	€ + 19,74
	<u>€ + 1.979,86</u>

Expenses

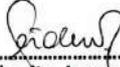
Onlinebanking (2009/ 2010)	€ - 50,00
ECLDF-Meetings (2009)	€ - 2.575,64
Traveling Website Laicatuspreadicans	€ - 91,00
	<u>€ - 2.716,64</u>

Difference between income and expenses 2009

€ 736,78

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