

World Day of Prayer International Committee – June 16-18, 2022

Chairperson Nomination



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My name is Joyce Larko Steiner. I was born on February 7, 1965, in Osu, a coastal community in Accra, Ghana and I am of the Anglican faith. I recently completed my PhD programme in Counselling Psychology. I have an MPhil in Guidance and Counselling and a BA in Social Work in addition to a degree in Gender and Development. I started my professional life as a home science teacher before I transitioned into social work. However, teaching has always

remained my passion. I am the Director of Programmes and Advocacy at the Christian Council of Ghana, where I have worked since 1994 in different positions leading training sessions for youth, women and others. I also supervise the provision of essential services to refugees, returnees, trafficked children, and persons living with HIV. I am a good planner and efficient in managing resources because of my extensive work with donors. I have great advocacy and lobbying skills, which I have acquired over time. I have worked at various levels in the WDP movement and understand the women's ministry and ecumenical work.

I started my ecumenical journey in 1994 when I joined the CCG as the youth coordinator with additional responsibility for the young women's initiative in Ghana. In 1996, I coordinated the African Young Women's Conference in Ghana with support from the youth desk of the World Council of Churches and the result a strong network that we established and worked with till we were all past the youth age. As a young woman I was involved with the celebration of WDP in Ghana. In 1995, I was the young woman who worked with the WDP Ghana writing committee as they prepared the celebration under the theme, "The Earth is a House for All People".

In 2003, I attended my first WDPIC International Meeting in England and then again in 2007 (Toronto). At the 2012 International Meeting (New York), I was elected as one of the two WDPIC Regional Representatives for Africa. My mandate was renewed for my second and last term in 2017 (Brazil). During my first term, we successfully organized the First Africa Regional Conference of WDP in Ghana and subsequently two sub-regional meetings in Angola (2016) and Zambia (2018). Our planned conference for 2020 in South Africa was disrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic but we have had several virtual engagements after that. I continue to support the gender programme of the AACC and WCC.

Locally, I have been the liaison person for WDP Ghana since 2002 by virtue of my position at the CCG which hosts the WDP committee. Women and Gender Ministry is my passion and I have worked a greater part of my life as an advocate for vulnerable women and children in the promotion of their rights. Since 2006, I have led the implementation of several projects that has led to the rescue of many trafficked children, who have been given educational opportunities. Additionally, the women's ministry of the CCG continues to educate, develop BCC materials and provide services for women who experience gender-based violence.

My vision for the next 100 years of WDP is to build a strong movement with a recognition of the younger generation and their preparedness to take the movement forward and add vibrance. I also wish to see more countries join the WDP movement whilst I help some other committees put more effort into their once vibrant ones.



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My name is Emmanuelle BAUER. I am 46 years old, and I am single. I have two brothers. I am a civil servant and I work as a clerk at the commercial court in Luxembourg. I was born in France, but I have been living in Luxembourg for over 40 years. Since 2008, I have also been able to acquire the Luxembourg nationality, thanks to a modification of the Luxembourg law on nationality, which allows to have the double nationality.

I am of protestant faith. I am very active in my church, and I am president of the consistory. I participate with our pastor in youth activities, such as the organization of mini-camp and others. Our church went through a severe crisis but in the last year, we have finally found a certain serenity and our church is moving forward again. I am also part of an alliance bringing together different denominations of Protestantism from different backgrounds/countries.

My experience with the World Day of Prayer began when my mom took me to my first celebration. I couldn't tell you which one it was, but I think it was at least 25 years ago. I soon became involved in organizing the celebrations. When my mom left the Luxembourg committee, she offered me to replace her. I was happy to do so.

When I joined the committee, I discovered the European and international meetings. My first meeting was a European meeting in 2005 in Strasbourg. It was there that I discovered the superior dimension of this movement, and I was overwhelmed by the atmosphere that was created. I came back from that meeting with my eyes filled with stars and I knew that I wanted to commit myself to this movement. In 2007 I had the chance to participate in my first international meeting. I remember that I was one of the youngest participants and it was so enriching to listen to the older ones and those who had a lot of experience in our movement.

In 2012, when I arrived in New York for our international meeting, I left as the European representative. I did this task for 2 terms, and it was a real honor for me to represent the European women with first Laurence Gangloff and then with Senka Sestak Peterlin. Without a doubt I could have done more for our region, but I know that our region, just like the other regions, is composed of creative, inventive women and that our movement will continue to expand and strengthen.

Even though I am a laywoman, and I did not study theology, nor did I have any training in this field, ecumenism is very present, because Luxembourg, with its cosmopolitan population, is also a place where religions rub shoulders every day. And I find that ecumenism is important in our lives as believers even if it is not always easy every day.

One of my skills is languages. I master 4 of them: French which is my mother tongue, English, German and Luxembourgish, even if it is not used much around the world, except in my adopted country. Without being pretentious, I switch quite easily from one language to another. If I had a little more time, I would like to learn other languages, like Spanish, among others. I don't know if it's considered a skill, but I'm a good listener and I'm more of a conciliator than a conflict maker. However, I can also be assertive when I see that a discussion or action is going nowhere and is going in circles.

I have been participating in programs organized by an international NGO called CISV (Children International Summer Villages). I have been there as leader, camp director or staff for many years,

depending on the program I have been attending. The aim of CISV is that a more just and peaceful world is possible through intercultural exchange, education and friendship – starting with children.

My interests are numerous like most people, but I love to read and spend quality time with my friends and family. I love to travel, and I am very curious by nature. And when I am not interested in a subject or if I see that it is beyond my abilities, I know how to surround myself with competent people.

My friends and family would probably also say that I am not afraid to get in touch with people, probably because I am quite talkative. Even if I agree on this last point, for the rest I am quite reserved and shy and it takes me some time to get to know people before I can talk to them easily, and from then on, I am very approachable.

For the next 100 years, WDP will continue to grow and have a more important part in our world. I also hope that all women, as part of the World Day of Prayer, will find their place. And whatever their origins, let them know that they are equal and that they can be a leader.

When my committee wanted to nominate me for the position of president, I asked them why and they told me that if I were ever elected, the light would be turned on a small country and it would become a little more visible. This made me think and I realized that this is what we should try to set up for the next 100 years of our movement: that minorities should be put forward and that small countries should have the possibility to prepare a liturgy for the World Day of Prayer and not be told sorry you are "too small". The same goes for minority women. They must understand that they have the same right to be regional representatives or even president. Just because you're a minority doesn't mean you can't do something great.

Finally, we need to find a way for young and active women to get involved in the World Day of Prayer despite a very busy schedule. The pandemic has shown us that social networks and technological means can be an important way to stay in touch. It is probably time to really develop it while continuing to privilege face-to-face meetings. Every Christian woman should feel at home in our movement. She must feel welcome. It is up to us to find the means to achieve this over the next 100 years.

Comité Internacional del Día Mundial de la Oración – 16-18 de junio de 2022

Nominación para presidenta



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Mi nombre es Joyce Larko Steiner. Nací el 7 de febrero de 1965, en Osu, una comunidad costera de Accra, Ghana, y pertenezco a la iglesia Anglicana. Recientemente, completé mi doctorado en Counseling Psicológico. Tengo una maestría en filosofía en Counseling y Acompañamiento, una licenciatura en Trabajo social y un título en Género y Desarrollo. Comencé mi vida profesional trabajando como profesora de economía doméstica y posteriormente, me dediqué al trabajo social. Sin embargo, la docencia siempre fue mi pasión. Soy directora de Programas e Incidencia en el Consejo Cristiano de Ghana (CCG), donde he trabajado desde 1994, ocupando diferentes puestos y coordinando capacitaciones para jóvenes, mujeres y otros grupos.

Además, me dedico a supervisar la provisión de servicios esenciales a refugiados, repatriados, niños y niñas víctimas de trata y personas que viven con VIH. Soy buena planificando y gestionando recursos, dada mi amplia experiencia trabajando con diversos donantes. Tengo una gran capacidad de incidencia y cabildeo, que fui adquiriendo con el paso del tiempo. Trabajé en el movimiento del DMO en varios niveles y comprendo el ministerio de la mujer y el trabajo ecuménico.

Mi recorrido ecuménico comenzó en 1994, cuando me incorporé al CCG como coordinadora de la juventud, con una responsabilidad adicional relativa a la iniciativa de mujeres jóvenes en Ghana. En 1996, coordiné la Conferencia de Mujeres Jóvenes de África, que se llevó a cabo en Ghana con el apoyo de la Comisión de los Jóvenes del Consejo Mundial de Iglesias (CMI), y que dio como resultado una fuerte red que establecimos y con la que trabajamos hasta bien pasados nuestros años de juventud.

Cuando era joven, participé de la celebración del DMO en Ghana. En 1995, trabajé en el comité de redacción de Ghana, que preparó la celebración bajo el tema “La tierra es hogar de todas las personas”.

En 2003, asistí a mi primera Reunión Internacional del CIDMO en Inglaterra y en 2007, también estuve en Toronto. En la Reunión Internacional de 2012 (en Nueva York), fui seleccionada como una de las dos Representantes Regionales de CIDMO para África. Mi mandato se renovó por segunda y última vez en 2017 (Brasil). Durante el primer término, organicé con éxito la Primera Conferencia Regional del DMO de África en Ghana y, a continuación, dos encuentros subregionales en Angola (2016) y Zambia (2018). La conferencia que planificamos en 2020 en Sudáfrica se vio afectada por la pandemia de COVID-19; sin embargo, tuvimos varios encuentros virtuales luego de eso.

Por mi parte, sigo apoyando el programa de género de la Conferencia de Iglesias de Toda África (AACC, por sus siglas en inglés) y del CMI.

En el ámbito local, desde 2002, soy la persona de enlace para el DMO de Ghana, dado mi trabajo en el CCG, que funciona como sede del Comité del DMO. El ministerio de mujeres y género es mi pasión y durante gran parte de mi vida trabajé promoviendo los derechos de mujeres y niñas en situación de vulnerabilidad. Desde 2006, lidero también la implementación de diversos proyectos que llevaron a poder rescatar a muchas niñas y niños víctimas de trata, a quienes se les otorgaron oportunidades de

educación. El ministerio de las mujeres del CCG continúa educando, desarrollando materiales para la BBC y proporcionando servicios a mujeres víctimas de violencias basadas en género.

Mi visión para los próximos 100 años del DMO es construir un movimiento fuerte, que reconozca a las generaciones más jóvenes y su capacidad de llevarlo adelante y de aportarle nueva vitalidad. Me gustaría ver a más países unirse al DMO y, al mismo tiempo, ayudar a comités, que en otros momentos fueron muy activos, a dedicarle más esfuerzo a la tarea.

Comité exécutif du Comité international de la Journée Mondiale de Prière

Nomination de la présidente



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Je m'appelle Joyce Larko Steiner. Je suis née le 7 février 1965 au Ghana, à Osu, une communauté côtière d'Accra. Je suis de confession anglicane. J'ai récemment achevé mon cursus de doctorat en psychologie de l'orientation. Je détiens un mastère en orientation et conseil, une licence en travail social, ainsi qu'un diplôme sur égalité des sexes et développement. J'ai commencé ma vie professionnelle comme enseignante en économie domestique avant de m'orienter vers le travail social. Cependant, l'enseignement est toujours resté

ma passion. Je suis la directrice des programmes et de la défense des causes pour le Conseil Chrétien du Ghana (GCC), où j'ai travaillé depuis 1994 à différents postes, dirigeant des sessions de formation pour les jeunes, les femmes, etc... Je supervise également la mise à disposition de services essentiels aux réfugiés, aux rapatriés, aux enfants victimes de trafic et aux personnes vivant avec le VIH. En raison de mon travail intense avec des donateurs, je suis une bonne planificatrice, efficace dans la gestion des ressources. Au fil du temps, j'ai acquis des compétences conséquentes en matière de défense des causes et de lobbying. J'ai travaillé à différents niveaux du mouvement JMP et je comprends ce que signifie le ministère auprès des femmes et le travail œcuménique.

Mon parcours œcuménique a commencé en 1994 lorsque j'ai rejoint le GCC en tant que coordinatrice de la jeunesse, avec la responsabilité supplémentaire d'une initiative auprès des jeunes femmes ghanéennes. En 1996, avec le soutien du bureau « jeunesse » du Conseil œcuménique des Églises, j'ai été la coordinatrice pour la Conférence des jeunes femmes africaines, qui s'est tenue au Ghana. Cet événement a donné lieu à la création d'un réseau solide avec lequel nous avons fonctionné jusqu'à ce que nous ayons toutes dépassé « l'âge nous classant parmi la jeunesse ». En tant que jeune femme, j'ai pris part aux célébrations de la JMP au Ghana. En 1995, j'ai travaillé avec le comité de rédaction de la Journée Mondiale de Prière au Ghana comme représentante des « jeunes femmes » lors de la préparation de la célébration sur le thème "La terre est une maison pour tous les peuples".

En 2003, j'ai assisté à ma première réunion internationale de la JMP Internationale en Angleterre, puis à la suivante en 2007 à Toronto. Lors de la réunion internationale de 2012 à New York, j'ai été élue l'une des deux représentantes régionales de la JMP Internationale pour l'Afrique. Mon mandat a été renouvelé pour une deuxième et dernier fois en 2017 au Brésil. Lors mon premier mandat, nous avons organisé avec succès au Ghana la première conférence régionale africaine de la JMP, puis deux réunions sous-régionales, une en Angola (2016) et une en Zambie (2018). Notre conférence prévue pour 2020 en Afrique du Sud a été perturbée par la pandémie de COVID-19 mais nous avons eu plusieurs contacts virtuels par la suite. Je continue à soutenir le programme de la CETA et du COE sur l'égalité des sexes.

Depuis 2002, en vertu de mon poste au GCC qui héberge le comité de la JMP, je suis la personne contact de la JMP au Ghana. Je suis passionnée par le ministère des femmes et la question de l'égalité des sexes et j'ai travaillé une grande partie de ma vie à la promotion et à la défense des droits des femmes et des enfants vulnérables. Depuis 2006, j'ai chapeauté la mise en œuvre de plusieurs projets qui ont permis de sauver de nombreux enfants victimes de la traite des êtres humains, et de leur offrir des options

d'éducation. En outre, le ministère du GCC auprès des femmes se poursuit dans les domaines de l'éducation, du développement de matériel pédagogique BCC, c'est-à-dire sur la communication pour le changement de comportement, et la fourniture de services aux femmes victimes de violences sexuelles et sexistes.

Ma vision de la JMP pour les 100 prochaines années est de construire un mouvement fort qui reconnaît la jeune génération et sa détermination à faire progresser le mouvement en lui insufflant le dynamisme de la jeunesse. Je souhaite également que davantage de pays rejoignent le mouvement JMP et que je puisse aider les comités dont les activités étaient autrefois si dynamiques, à redoubler leurs efforts et à se remettre en chemin.