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To the attention of the Leaders of all
Cevaa member-Churches
Presidents, Moderators,
General Secretaries, Synodal Secretaries

Montpellier, 1st July, 2020

Concerns: postponement of the General Assembly from October 2020 to October 2021

Dear Church Leaders,

May the Peace of Christ be with you!

The Executive Council of the Cevaa met on 24, 25 and 27 June 2020, in sessions by videoconference. All members of the Council took part in the sessions from their respective countries of residence.

The members of the Council discussed the current global health context with Covid-19 and the organization of our General Assembly, initially scheduled from 17 to 24 October 2020. They considered several scenarios, depending on whether current health distancing measures will be maintained, strengthened or relaxed. Covid-19 is still present and the virus continues to circulate. Barrier gestures are in force in all countries, and will not be abandoned immediately. The pandemic continues to progress in Africa and Latin America, and the peak is not reached yet. The air borders of some countries are still closed, the openings will be gradual and will vary according to the country of origin; quarantine measures according to the provenance are plausible. Visa applications are still suspended. There is still a climate of fear and mistrust.

In view of all this, and referring to Articles 21 and 22 of our Bylaws, which stipulate: "The General Assembly is convened by the Executive Council for its ordinary session three months in advance, at the venues and dates it chooses. If, for any reason, the session cannot be convened as planned, the Executive Council sets as soon as possible a new date and possibly a new venue", **the members of the Council decided that the General Assembly will be postponed for one year, and take place from 02 to 10 October 2021 in Bossey, Switzerland.** This means that:

- The terms of the current President and Executive Council are extended by one year.
- The current Coordinations continue their work until the next General Assembly.
- The Moderator and Vice-Moderator of the General Assembly remain unchanged.

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope!" (Rom. 15, 13).

With my fraternal greetings in Christ.



For the Executive Council of the Cevaa
The President: Mrs. Henriette MBATCHOU