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To National/Regional Committees
Dear WDP sisters and friends,

"Come – Everything is Ready"
March 1st, 2019

This year the program was written by women in Slovenia, one of the smallest countries in Europe and a pretty young committee in the WDP movement.

At the core of the theme, an invitation – Come. And to enable the response – Everything is ready. Come to praise, thank, and proclaim the kingdom of love.

The invitation is grounded in the parable that Jesus told about a great dinner which was attended by the ones called off the streets, as the ones invited excused themselves. The community formed around the table is not enough to fill the house – there is still room. Who are missing from the table in your community? How would you invite and prepare the feast?

Throughout the worship service, we hear the stories of those who are coming to the table of bread, wine, water, and salt. Their stories reflect the political and economic situation from the time Slovenia was a socialist-communist state to today. Their stories are the voices of the refugee and migrant workers, the mothers, the grandmothers, the wives, and the Roma people. While listening to their stories, we

ask for forgiveness for being silent in the face of injustice, and we pray that God open our hearts to compassion and understanding. And we leave with a blessing prayer to mutually support one another on the path of freedom, justice, and peace.

The Children's Program is led by a bee! How fun is that! The story, the games and art activities are exciting ways to reach out to children, and also a great intergenerational opportunity for the communities celebrating WDP.

Rezka Arnus, the painter, captured the theme offering a table with the elements that bring people together in Slovenia, and by the table, the ones who responded to the invitation.

In case you want information about projects and initiatives recommended by WDP Slovenia, please contact us.

We want to thank the WDP Slovenia committee for their effort in having songs composed especially for the program, and also everyone who contributed directly or indirectly to the preparation of the 2019 program.

May the welcoming God enable us to set the table and fill the communities with hope, love, and joy!

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