

“Give Us Today Our Daily Bread”

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Hello! I am Victoria Cortez, and I am bishop of the Lutheran Church of Nicaragua. I am a member of the LWF Executive Committee, and I represent the Latin American Region as Vice-President.

I am very happy with the theme of the Assembly taking place in Stuttgart in 2010, because it shows that the Federation believes that faith is practical. It is not only a faith that we bring to our worship, but it is also a faith that stands alongside the people. It is part of the life of our congregations. I speak in that way because I come from Central America, a region that is truly poor, but where we believe that that should not be so.

The Gospel has two very clear aspects: Word and Sacrament, and diakonia. We can see that these words ‘Give us this day our daily bread’ are precisely an expression of both faith and diakonia. It is a hope that we shall all see the need to work for the poor, to discover that we all have dreams for a better world. Because tomorrow the world will be a better place, if we have God in our hearts and believe that God is love.

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