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Dear Sisters and Brothers, dear Friends,

The 2014 European elections are over and gone but the task of enlivening democracy and encouraging everyone, especially young people, to play their part is still very important. This collection of eight cards is being brought to the attention of the churches to make them more aware of European questions, especially in the area of democratic participation in society. The cards are intended for all people and all groups which share our vision. Young Swiss professionals from St Gallen designed the graphics and the Working Group on Education of the Conference of European Churches prepared the texts. The cards present a vision of the Europe we aspire to and where we would like to live.

The cards show that education in the broadest sense is essential to make people realise how crucial it is to participate in democracy and that living together in a democratic society means taking responsibility for one another in mutual solidarity. In its role as an organization of churches CEC is encouraging a dialogue between cultures and religions at the level of the “greater Europe “as represented by the Council of Europe. The question of training young people for life in a democracy (education for democratic citizenship) is being taken more and more seriously by the political institutions, but it would seem that they have underestimated the role and the contribution that could be made by the churches.

You can distribute these cards in various ways and places: to trigger discussions in schools, colleges and universities; in confirmation classes; in parishes and to other groups, in particular young people; at gatherings and events you organize or participate in; more generally you could give them out to clergy and other church workers, to all those having formal or less formal responsibilities in the life of the church, inviting them to make the best use of them. You could also use them as postcards to send to relatives, friends or colleagues; or simply place them on tables in churches and church-related institutions, or in public spaces like cafés, etc. These are only some examples. We invite you to find out what would be appropriate to your usual practices and in your particular situation.

To order the cards, please write to the CSC/CEC Office in Strasbourg, at: csc@cec-kek.fr.

The sets of 8 cards are available in three languages: English, French and German. Minimum order is of 10 sets.

The price per set decreases with the number of sets ordered:

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10 sets = 27 Euros (mailing costs included)
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In your email, please indicate the language and the number of sets of 8 cards you want, the person/institution to whom they should be sent and the postal address.

With your order, you will receive the invoice and the indications for payment through a bank transfer.

Thank you very much for your interest in our initiative.

With best regards,



Guy Liagre
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