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***The Manresa 2022 Pact:
Multireligious and Multisectoral Global Pact for the Development of
Resilient, Sustainable, Safe, and Inclusive Cities***

We, members of faith communities from across the world, including representatives of Indigenous spiritual traditions, as well as academic experts on climate change and representatives of the City Council of Manresa, gathered (27-30 November 2022) in the City of Manresa for the forum ***At a Crossroads: A Multi-religious Intergenerational Response to the Social and Environmental Crises***, catalysing a multi-religious and multi-sectoral intergenerational movement for inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable cities (SDG 11) under the stewardship of *Religions for Peace*, the Manresa City Council, and Religions for Peace Spain.

The Manresa 2022 Pact is the result of a journey that began with the Lindau ***Conference of the World Council of Religious Leaders on Faith and Diplomacy: Generations in Dialogue*** highlighting the power of multi-religious and intergenerational collaboration. This journey continued with the Earth Day event ***Love and Respect the Earth: Multi-Religious Collaboration to Address the Climate Crisis*** and the COP27 side event ***Realizing Ambition through Ethical, Intergenerational and Multisectoral Responses to Climate Crises***.

In honour of Saint Ignatius of Loyola, a pilgrim who sojourned in Manresa 500 years ago and taught the power of inner transformation, together we walked along the Camí Ignasià (the Ignatian Way). This multireligious pilgrimage experience allowed us to collectively pause and consider the world around us and our place within it. It served as a reminder of Saint Ignatius's invitation to a process of personal growth and to live in peace and unity. Over three days of meetings, debates, reflections and workshops in the city of Manresa, we reached a shared, transformative understanding on the spiritual urgency of caring for our long-suffering common home, the Earth, which nourishes and sustains all humans, all sentient beings and the entire community of life. As followers of diverse traditions, beliefs and practices, we share the Manresa Pact as a new vision for living in harmony with each other and with the Earth.

We are at a crossroads. Climate change is fuelling social and environmental crises that affect cities where most of the world's population live, including refugees and those displaced by the effects of climate change. We must create inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable cities to alleviate the effects of the social and environmental crises that impact everyone, particularly the most vulnerable.

The complexity of the climate crisis and its effects calls for a multisectoral, interreligious, intergenerational and gender-sensitive approach. This will require a transformation of our perspectives on the environment and a review of the coherence our consumptive lifestyles with a sustainable environment. Motivated by the ethical principles and values of our faiths' teachings and by cooperative and visionary leadership, we recognize the key role of local and global religious actors including religious leaders, women, men and youth as agents committed to transformation.

The effects of the climate crisis on youth are particularly acute because this generation will inherit a planet plagued with socio-economic and environmental challenges and injustices. We recognize the critical role of youth leadership as part of a global response to solve the climate crisis, and we



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commit to walking alongside the young leaders that will enable us all to work in the present to build a better future.

As a transformation process, we commit to:

- Continue this transformative work, in solidarity, each of us, well beyond this meeting, from our respective communities, regions, and nations.
- Ensure more intergenerational, interreligious, and multisectoral exchanges for social development and innovation to address inequality and discrimination so that all communities can prosper from justice and equity in inclusive, safe, resilient, and sustainable cities.
- Reflect on our private and community consumption and the ways our personal and collective actions can contribute to alleviating pollution and climate change and create more humane spaces within cities.
- Promote awareness that natural resources are finite, that actions to protect the environment must be balanced with market dynamics, that having more is not always better, and that without peace in our hearts, there cannot be an integral transformative ecology.
- Actively reach out to diverse media and other social agents to promote truthful, fair and evidence-based information on the effects of climate change and aid the process of transformation towards conscious and responsible lifestyles.
- Work with national and local governments, including cities, in a multisectoral approach to achieve nationally determined commitments.

With these commitments in mind, we advocate for the following actions:

- Carrying out annual climate improvement actions in our cities.
- The inclusive participation of citizens and community members in the development of sustainable infrastructures in cities.
- Implementing holistic projects that promote and protect the health and wellbeing of all life, based on the values of justice, inclusion, and comprehensive ecological responsibility.
- Publishing and sensitizing people on the disproportionate impact of climate change on communities throughout the world.
- Incorporating environmental education material into religious educational institutions
- Establishing a multireligious, multisectoral, intergenerational, and gender-sensitive virtual learning hub for sharing best practices and information to create more inclusive, sustainable, and secure societies.

And for evidence of common recognition, we signed the Manresa 2022 Pact, on 30 November, with the following people and institutions, connected with the “Mother Earth” and in communion with all other beings.

Signature:

Mr. Marc Aloy i Guàrdia
Mayor of Manresa

Signature:

Prof. Azza Karam
Secretary General of Religions for Peace