

## Txintxa and the Theological Resource Workgroup

### **Background**

As you know, during the International Council (IC) in Utrecht, IC delegates and Network Coordinators, together with the ILT, invited the Theological Resource Workgroup to assist with the follow-up of the Spirituality Forum. The IC asked this group to launch a reflection process in every country within the International Grail and with all participants.

We called this process Txintxa and we have been engaged in it for the last two years. Taking the suggestions made by the countries in their follow-up to the Spirituality Forum, namely 1.) Deepening Christian Roots; 2.) Cultural Changes and Spiritual Challenges; and 3.) Ecumenical and Inter-religious Dialogue, we hoped to build a foundation for common understanding and knowledge.

The reflection process had, as its starting point, texts and questions prepared by Grail participants for the whole Grail. In particular, we were trying to make a space for the wisdom, hopes and fears of Grail groups to emerge especially in relation to our national realities and our endeavor to maintain our unity in diversity internationally.

The first text was prepared by the Milan group, on the origins of Christianity and was sent in 2009. A summary of responses was made by the Milan group and Ruth Crowe. In 2010 we sent the second round of texts on Cultural Changes and Spiritual Challenges, prepared by Sara Laisse and Marian Ronan. We also included a text by Rachel Donders, We are now working on the summary of the second round. We will not be able to continue with the third round of texts on Ecumenical and Inter-religious Dialogue until after the IGA.

We believe the responses show clearly, as we would expect, the complexity of our world today, and the cultural and spiritual contexts in which international Grail women live and work. If as Grail women have the opportunity to read the Txintxa responses (1 and 2) together we will all gain more of a common understanding.

### **Questions for reflection:**

- How would you evaluate the Txintxa process over the last two years?
- Would you like the process to continue into the future?
- What changes would you suggest for this process?
- Do you have any particular suggestions for themes for future study?
- What else would you like this workgroup to do?

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### **Other ideas for Theological Resource Workgroup**

- Publication of reflections from the Txintxa process (suggested that Grail women at Pilgrim Place might take on this task)
- Recommendations for other common readings but without a feedback process
- Summaries of theological writings and perspectives with suggestions for further reading on the same topic (short bibliography)