



5ª Asamblea GNRC 5th Assembly

**Walking Together:
Rainbow Challenges
after the Synod**



Welcome to Madrid!

Welcome to our city where, from August 21st to 25th, the Global Network of Rainbow Catholics organizes together with Crismhom (Madrid) and Ichthys (Sevilla) its 5th Assembly. This is a transformative event that brings together LGBTQ+ Catholics, families, friends and allies from around the world to share, learn, and celebrate our diverse community. The GNRC Assembly offers a platform to engage in meaningful dialogue, foster community connections, and address the unique challenges faced by our global community. This assembly serves as a beacon of hope and solidarity, uniting voices from all corners of the world to inspire change and promote inclusivity within the Catholic Church.

Empowering LGBTQ+ Catholics Worldwide



Useful information

Madrid, capital of Spain, is a nice and safe city with a very exciting cultural diversity and a vibrant night life (for detailed touristic information and a list of touristic highlights and thing-to-do in Madrid, visit the office site www.esmadrid.com/en).

The currency is Euro €, though standard credit/debit cards are widely accepted.

Public transportation is reliable and useful. Taxis are identified by a red band on their sides. Buses are blue, and a single ride costs 1.5€. Metro ticket cost depends on distances. However, both Metro and buses accept travel cards. These cards can be bought in Metro stations (2.5€) and can be charged with 10 trips (7.3€). Several persons can use the same card, each tapping at the entrance.

Participants in the Assembly should come to Spain with a valid health insurance. Citizens of EU countries can use the European Health Card.

The diplomatic network in Madrid comprises consulates of 122 different countries. Should you need to contact your consulate, check the information [here](#).

Useful information

Language in Madrid is Spanish. However, basic English is fairly understood in stores and public services.

The mobile network is reliable and covers the 100% of the city. The network is fully compatible with any EU mobile. Participants from outside EU should contact their phone company to know the roaming fees for Spain.

The time in Spain is Central European Time, that is, GMT+1. Measures (time, weight, length, volume, temperature) all follow the international metric system.

Electricity is 220V (50 Hz), with power plugs type C and F (more information [here](#)).

Tipping is optional in Spain. If you have liked the service (at restaurants), you can add around 10% of the bill in cash.

The venue

The accommodation and the celebration of the 5th GNRC Assembly will take place in

Colegio Mayor Miguel Antonio Caro, Avenida Séneca 6, 28040 Madrid
(link [here](#))

It is situated near Moncloa Metro station (Line 6 and 3), less than 10 min walking. From Madrid Barajas International Airport, taxis offer a flat rate of 33€. They provide receipts upon request. There are also two Metro stations at the airport (Terminals 1-2-3 and Terminal 4, Line 8). A single ride costs 2€ + 3€ airport fee. In addition, one needs to buy a travel card (2.5€) that can be used afterwards.

The Residence has a small swimming pool. Bring with you a swimming suit and your sunscreen. The building has AC in lecture halls. All rooms have AC and a private bathroom.

Please remember that outside temperature in Madrid can be very hot (sometimes higher than 35°C). You should drink water regularly and avoid long periods in direct sunlight.

The programme

Thursday, 21st

Registration and Welcome 16.30 – 18.00
Board Meeting 18.00 – 19.00.
Evening prayer 19.00 – 20.00
Social gathering including dinner

Friday, 22nd

Morning prayer 8.30 – 09.00
Breakfast 09.00 – 9.45
Meet up session 10.00 – 10.45
Break 10.45 – 11.15
Workshop 1, 11.15 – 12.00
James Alison (EN), Renato Lings (ES)
Free Time 12.00 – 12:45
Discussion on GNRC road map 12.45 – 13.30
Lunch 13.30 – 14.45
Regional Meetings (hybrid): 15.00 – 16.00
Break 16.00 – 16.30
Workshop 2, 16.30 – 17.30
Gonzalo Vilchis (ES), Renato Ling (EN)
Break 17.30 – 18.00
Workshop 3, 18.00 – 19.00
Meli Barber (EN), Niurka Gibaja Yábar (ES)
Evening prayer 19.00 – 20.00
Walking Tour Downtown Madrid at night

The programme

Saturday, 23rd

Morning prayer 08.30 –09.00

Breakfast 09.00 –09.45

Plenary conference 10.00-11.00

Cristina Inogés and María Luisa
Berzosa (ES) with Interpreting
service

Break 11.00-11.15

Plenary conference 11.15-12.15

Guest speaker from Africa with
Interpreting service

Free Time 12.15 – 13.30

Lunch 13.30 –14.45

Ordinary Assembly (hybrid) with
interpreting service 15.00-17.00

Free Time 17.00 –19.00

Prayer in the street. Open Air event.

Sunday, 24th

Morning Prayer 08.30 –09.00

Breakfast 09.00 –09.45

Fair with stands 10.00 –12.00

Break 12.00 –12.30

Ordinary Assembly (hybrid) with Interpreting service 12.30 –13.30

Lunch 13.30 –14.45

Old-New Board Meeting 15.00 –16.00.

Book Presentations 16.00 –18.00

Break 18.00 –18.30

Mass 20.00 –20.45

Dinner 21:00

Monday, 25th

Morning prayer 08.30 –09.00

Breakfast 09.00 –09.45

Evaluation & sharing thoughts/feelings 10.00 –11.00

Break 11.00-11.30

Farewell ceremony 11.30 –12.30

Closing: 12.30

Lunch 13.00

Speakers

Cristina Inogés

A prominent theologian from Spain, Cristina Inogés is known for her insightful contributions to the dialogue on inclusivity within the Catholic Church. Her work focuses on bridging gaps and fostering understanding among diverse communities.



María Luisa Berzosa

Hailing from Spain, Sister María Luisa Berzosa is a dedicated pastoral leader and advocate for social justice. Her efforts in empowering marginalized groups have been recognized internationally.

Pope Francis appointed her one of three women consultants to the Synod of Bishops in 2019 and referred to her very affectionally as 'the flower of all the gardens', she is said to have had the ear of the former Pope Francis.

Speakers

James Alison

James Alison is a renowned theologian whose work on reconciliation and truth-telling has inspired many. His sessions promise to offer deep insights into the spiritual journey of LGBTQ+ individuals. James is a theologian and openly gay priest. In 2017 he received a very unexpected call from Pope Francis who repeated several times that he had “the power of the keys”. James understood this as Francis treating him as a priest with universal jurisdiction.



Renato Lings

Born in Denmark, and living in Spain, K. Renato Lings holds degrees in Spanish, translation studies and theology. In addition to studying Latin, Greek, Hebrew and Nahuatl (Aztec), he has written and taught extensively on biblical interpretation, translation, and issues relating to gender and sexuality.

Speakers

Niurka Gibaja Yábar

Degree in Theology (UCA, El Salvador) and Master in Dogmatic Theology (U. Comillas, Spain), she is a cheerful, spiritual and activist woman. She has worked as a diversity coordinator with experience in training and support in LGBTI+ diversity, equality, and equity in the business field for the incorporation of trans talent into companies. She is part of the Women's Revolt group within the Church as well as CRISMHOM.



Arturo Retana Lobo

Microbiologist, philosopher and regional coordinator for Latin America of the GNRC. He founded the community Espacio Seguro – Costa Rica (Safe space – Costa Rica) in 2019. After three years as coordinator of this community, he leaves space for other people to take the leadership and gets involved in the GNRC (Global Network of Rainbow Catholics) as regional coordinator for Latin America.

Speakers

Meli Barber

a US-based social worker and adjunct professor in the School of Social Work of the Indiana University (Indianapolis). She was also a Therapeutic Foster Care manager and recruiter in the agency Safy of Indiana and a director of religious education, youth and young adult ministry in Saint Anthony Catholic Church (Indianapolis). She completed her bachelor and master studies in theology and philosophy in the University of Notre Dame (Indiana, USA) and a master of social work in Indiana University (Indianapolis).



Gonzalo Vilchis

Bachelor degree in business administration, master degree in accompaniment of couples and specialized in S. Ignatious spiritual exercises. He has collaborated from 2019 in the community *Sembrando Unidad en la Diversidad* and in REDCAM (Catholic Rainbow Network), both in Mexico. Since 2024 he works as coordinator of the regional representatives of the GNRC. One organizers of GNRC IV Assembly, Mexico (2022).

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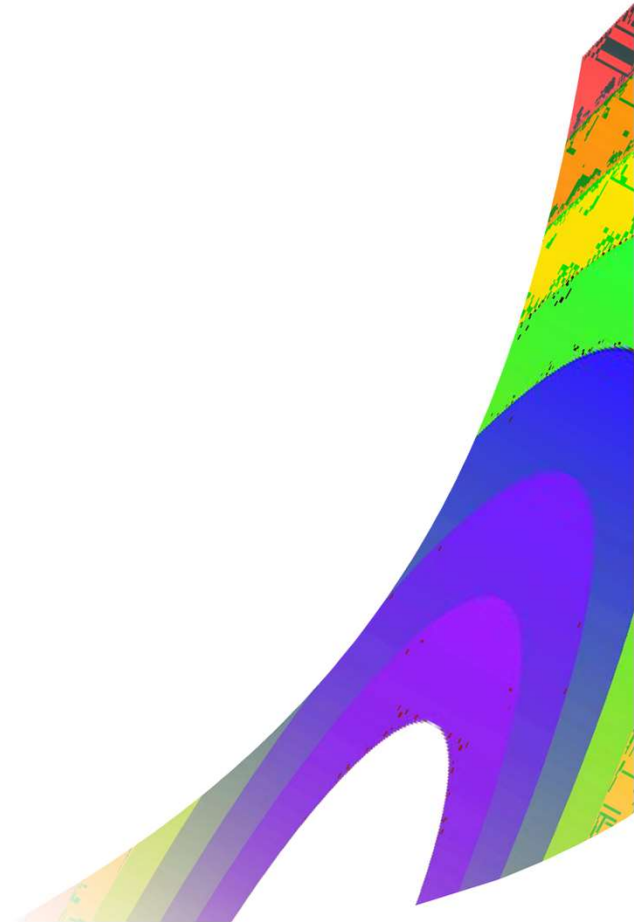
Please bring a/the flag from your home country.

If you wish, feel free to dress in the traditional clothing of your country, especially during the opening ceremony.

We invite you to bring some typical sweets from your home country that can be shared and enjoyed during breaks. Baked and processed goods, candy, and chocolate are all welcome!

Emergency phone number: 112

Organization number (only for emergencies) +34 646 33 97 30



Christian glossary - Lexique chrétien - Vocabulario cristiano - Lessico cristiano



God, Lord, Jesus Christ, Saviour disciples, apostles, saints apostolic and roman catholic Church pope, archbishop, bishop churchman, chergyman, priest minister, pastor, preacher believers, faithful, laypersons	Dieu, Seigneur, Jésus Christ, Sauveur disciples, apôtres, saints Église catholique apostolique romaine pape, archevêque, évêque prêtre, curé, diacre ministre, pasteur, prédicateur croyants, fidèles, laïcs	Dios, Señor, Jesucristo, Salvador discípulos, apóstoles, santos Iglesia católica apostólica romana papa, arzobispo, obispo sacerdote, cura, párroco, diácono ministro, pastor, predicador creyentes, fieles, laicos	Dio, Signore, Gesù Cristo, Salvatore discepoli, apostoli, santi Chiesa cattolica apostolica romana papa, arcivescovo, vescovo sacerdote, prete, parroco, diacono ministro, pastore, predicatore credenti, fedeli, laici
faith, belief, conscience, piety Bible, Gospels, Sacred scripture doctrine, catechism, teaching Father, Son, Holy Spirit (Trinity) sacraments : baptism, etc. marriage, civil partnership virtue, grace, sin charity, mercy, reconciliation	foi, croyance, conscience, piété Bible, Évangiles, Écritures saintes doctrine, catéchisme, enseignement Père, Fils, Saint esprit (Trinité) sacrements : baptême, etc. mariage, union civile vertu, grâce, péché charité, miséricorde, réconciliation	fe, creencia, conciencia, piedad Biblia, Evangelios, Sagrada escritura doctrina, catecismo, enseñanza Padre, Hijo, Espíritu santo (Trinidad) sacramentos : bautismo, etc. matrimonio, unión civil virtud, gracia, pecado caridad, misericordia, reconciliación	fedele, credenza, coscienza, pietà Bibbia, Vangeli, Sacre scritture dottrina, catechismo, insegnamento Padre, Figlio, Spirito Santo (Trinità) sacramenti: battesimo, etc. matrimonio, unione civile virtù, grazia, peccato carità, misericordia, riconciliazione
church, parish, community mass, worship, religious office holy / eucharistic communion blessing, to bless, to sanctify prayer, to pray, to beg Jubilee 2025, “pilgrims of hope” ecumenism, interreligious dialogue tolerance, benevolence, brotherhood civil, secular(ized) society	église, paroisse, communauté messe, culte, service religieux communion, eucharistie bénédiction, bénir, sanctifier prière, prier, supplier Jubilé 2025, “pèlerins d’espérance” œcuménisme , dialogue interreligieux tolérance, bienveillance, fraternité société civile, laïque, sécularisée	iglesia, parroquia, comunidad misa, culto, servicio religioso comunión, celebración eucarística bendición, bendecir, santificar oración, rezar, rogar Jubileo 2025, “peregrinos de esperanza” ecumenismo, diálogo interreligioso tolerancia, benevolencia, fraternidad sociedad civil, laica, secularizada	chiesa, parrocchia, comunità messa, culto, servizio religioso comunione, eucaristia benedizione , benedire, santificare preghiera, pregare, supplicare Giubileo 2025, “pellegrini di speranza” ecumenismo, dialogo interreligioso tolleranza, benevolenza, fratellanza società civile, laica, secolarizzata

LGBTQIA+ glossary / Lexique LGBTQIA+ / Vocabulario LGTBQIA+ / Lessico LGBTQIA+



rainbow, community, diversity	arc-en-ciel, communauté, diversité	arcoíris, comunidad, diversidad	arcobaleno, comunità, diversità
LGBTQIA+ : lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, asexual+	LGBTQIA+ : lesbienne, gay, bisexuel, transgenre, queer, intersexe, asexuel+	LGTBIQ+ : lesbiana, gay, transgénero, bisexual, intersexo, queer, asexual +	LGBTQIA+ : lesbica, gay, bisessuale, trangender, queer, intersex, asessuale+
straight, allies, LGBTQIA+friendly	hétérosexuel, allié, LGBTQIA+ friendly	heterosexual, aliado, LGTBQIA+ friendly	eterosessuale, alleato, LGBTQIA+friendly
affective / sexual orientation	orientation affective / sexuelle	orientación afectiva / sexual	orientamento affettivo / sessuale
gender identity, cisgender transgender, non-binary, gender-fluid	identité de genre : cisgenre, transgenre, non-binaire, fluide	identidad de género: cisgénero, transgénero, fluido	identità di genere: cisgenere, transgenere, non binario, fluido
diversity, self-determination	diversité, autodétermination	diversidad, autodeterminación	diversità, autodeterminazione
associative / activist environment	milieu associatif / militant	ámbito asociativo / militante	ambiente associativo, militante
representative, spokesperson	représentant, porte-parole	representante, portavoz	rappresentante, portavoce
cause, claim, rights	cause, revendication, droits	causa, reivindicación, derechos	causa, rivendicazione, diritti
pride, visibility, confidence	fierté, visibilité, confiance	orgullo, visibilidad, confianza	orgoglio, visibilità, fiducia
respect, dignity, esteem	respect, dignité, estime	respeto, dignidad, estima	rispetto, dignità, stima
consideration, recognition	considération, reconnaissance	consideración, reconocimiento	considerazione, riconoscimento
LGBTQI+phobia, bullying, harassment, stigmatization, discrimination, marginalization, rejection, shame	LGBTQIA+phobie, harcèlement, stigmatisation, discrimination, marginalisation, rejet, honte	LGTBIQ+fóbia, bullying, estigma, discriminación, marginación, rechazo, vergüenza	LGBTQIA+fobia, molestie, stigmatizzazione, discriminazione, emarginazione, rifiuto, vergogna
to welcome, to take care, to support	accueillir, accompagner, soutenir	acoger, acompañar, respaldar	accogliere, accompagnare, sostenere
safe / welcoming place, shelter	lieu sûr, accueillant, refuge	lugar seguro, acogedor, refugio	luogo sicuro, accogliente , rifugio
unconditional, universal, inclusive	inconditionnel, universel, inclusif	incondicional, universal, inclusivo	incondizionato, universale, inclusivo
means, tools, ressources	moyens, outils, ressources	medios, herramientas, recursos	mezzi, strumenti, risorse
awareness, education, consulting,	sensibilisation, éducation, conseil	sensibilización, educación, asesoramiento	sensibilizzazione, educazione, consulenza
to pretend, to keep quiet, to hide	feindre, se taire, se cacher	fingir, callarse, esconderse	fingere, tacere, nascondersi
coming out of the closet	sortir du placard	salir del armario	uscire allo scoperto
to accept o.s., to break free, to assume	s'accepter, se libérer, s'assumer	aceptarse, liberarse, asumirse	accettarsi, liberarsi, assumersi