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Conselho Nacional da Juventude Evangélica

Porto Alegre, October 23, 2026.

To
The Church of Norway
P. Einar Tjelle

Subject: Invitation to the 27th National Congress of Evangelical Lutheran Youth (CONGRENAJE)

Dear brothers and sisters from the Church of Norway,

With joy and hope, we greet you with the words of the motto of the 27th National Congress of the Evangelical Lutheran Youth (CONGRENAJE) of Brazil: *"Perfect love drives out fear" (1 John 4.18b).*

From July 18 to 23, 2027, we will be gathering in the city of Santa Cruz do Sul, State of Rio Grande do Sul, an area that is part of the Centro-campanha Sul Synod for another edition of this very special event. We would like to invite and encourage young representatives from the Church of Norway to join us for this unique opportunity to celebrate faith, fellowship, and youth protagonism in our church. CONGRENAJE is more than a congress — it is a space of encounter, learning, inspiration, and shared dreams. It is a moment to feel the strength of community, to hear and be heard, and to be renewed in our commitment to God's mission in the world.

In past editions, we've had participations that have contributed greatly to the development of the Church's international relations and to strengthening the partnership between the IECLB and the Church of Norway. The presence of young people from the Church of Norway was a blessing and opened new horizons for young Brazilians. We would love to have the youth of the Church of Norway with us again.

The event theme will be **"Courage for peacemaking"**, accompanied by the motto according to 1 John 4.18: **"Perfect love drives out fear".**

CONGRENAJE is the largest and most representative space for the Evangelical Lutheran Youth of the Evangelical Church of the Lutheran Confession in Brazil (IECLB). The event will include panels, moments of reflection, meditations, Bible studies, interactive workshops, and space for our partners to share their work.

Venue:
Parque da Oktoberfest de Santa Cruz do Sul
Rua Galvão Costa, 755 - Santa Cruz do Sul,Rio Grande do Sul

We plan to bring together around 1600 young people from all over Brazil. To share the opportunity of experiencing this event with brothers and sisters from all over the world provides a transformative experience. Together, we highlight the diversity present in the Church and share different cultures, faith experiences, dreams and life goals.

For our foreign guests, the organization of the 27th CONGRENAJE will cover meals, participation in the scheduled activities, event materials, official participant kit, and a space in shared accommodations (school gyms) during the days of the event. We will also provide transportation from **Porto Alegre International Airport – Salgado Filho** (IATA code: POA) to the event venue, as well as the return trip to the airport at the end of the event.

The programs will be held in Portuguese. Interpretation into Spanish and English will be provided for visitors from abroad.

We kindly ask you to confirm the participation and the names of the youth representatives from your Church who will be taking part in the event by the **December 1st, 2026 .** Please pay attention to documents related to visa, if applicable. We are available to support you with providing these documents.

For information about the 27th CONGRENAJE, access the official page on the Lutheran Portal: https://www.luterano.org.br/27-congrenaje/ (in Portuguese) or our social media: @jeieclb on Instagram and facebook.com/JEIECLB. If you have any questions, feel free to get in touch with the IECLB Youth Desk at juventudes@ieclb.org.br or via WhatsApp at +55 (51) 98235-1461.

Whether you come from near or far, your presence will make a difference. We hope to welcome youth from all parts of Brazil and beyond, strengthening the

bonds that unite us as members of the Body of Christ. Come and be part of this beautiful journey with us!

We look forward to hearing from you and hope that, in partnership, we can develop actions that come from our hearts and bear fruits of love, justice, and hope.

With gratitude and in Christ,

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