

**Monday 28 December | “Attentive to signs of hope”**

**3pm**

**Workshop | "I was a stranger and you welcomed me": discovering new horizons of hope with migrants and refugees**

- ▶ With Orsi Hardi (Hungary/France) and Amaya Valcarcel (Spain/Italy)
- ▶ in English, French, Spanish, German and Polish

Orsi Hardi, born in Hungary, has been living in Taizé with her family for over 20 years and is part of the refugee welcome team in Taizé.



Amaya Valcárcel, a Spanish refugee lawyer, works with the Jesuit Refugee Service, an international Catholic NGO with a mission to serve, accompany and advocate on behalf of refugees and forcibly displaced people in 56 countries. She collaborates closely with the Vatican's Migrants and Refugees Section, an action-oriented office personally directed by Pope Francis to ensure that those forced to flee are not shut out or left behind.



You can ask them questions in advance of the workshop by writing to < [solidarity@taize.fr](mailto:solidarity@taize.fr) >.

5pm

**Workshop | Violence, injustice and anger: a conversation about some of the tensions in our world today**

- ▶ With a group of volunteers and several pre-recorded presentations
- ▶ in English, French, Spanish, Italian and Portuguese

Volunteers in Taizé who will facilitate the workshop, from left to right:

Jaime (Espagne),  
Charly (France),  
Merit (Germany)  
Maaïke (Netherlands)  
Isabelle (Swiss-Chile)

Amy Hunter (USA)



Marion Muller-Collard (France)



Rabbi Lévi Keleman (Israël)



Archbishop Felix Machado (Inde)



Naylla Tabara (Lebanon)



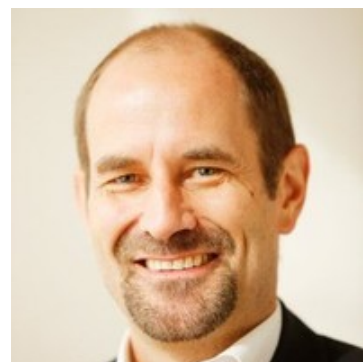
## Tuesday 29 December | “Living as brothers and sisters”

3pm

### Workshop | Moving from competition to cooperation: the challenges to public health in the time of COVID-19.

- ▶ With Dr. Christoph Benn (Germany/Switzerland)
- ▶ in English, French, Spanish, Portuguese and Polish

Christoph Benn is a German doctor who currently lives in Switzerland. He was for several years a manager of the Global Fund to fight AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria. Currently, he works as Director of International Relations at the Joep Lange Institute, in the Geneva office. With his wife Elisabeth, he has been coming to Taizé regularly for over thirty years.



5pm

### Workshop | Committing oneself and holding on to one's convictions: a conversation with young people involved in various social and political initiatives.

- ▶ With Kenzie Bok (USA) and Daniele Vico (Italy) and pre-recorded presentations from different countries.
- ▶ in English, French, Spanish, Italian and German

In this workshop, we will meet young people involved in the social and political life of their cities and towns, and whose commitments are real signs of hope. Kenzie Bok (United States) is the youngest city councilor in Boston, she will speak among other things about housing access policies. Daniele Vico (Italy) will explain to us how, together with dozens of volunteers, he participated in a meal initiative for the homeless in the city of Turin during the lockdown. Other young people will share their commitments to safeguard creation and to welcome migrants. You can ask them questions in advance of the workshop by writing to < [solidarity@taize.fr](mailto:solidarity@taize.fr) >.



Kenzie Bok



Daniele Vico



## Wednesday 30 December | “Believing – trusting in a presence”

3pm

### Workshop | What is the Church? A dialogue between four Christians coming from different traditions.

- ▶ With Father Joan Lena (Albania/Netherlands), Joy Candelario (Philippines), Apostle Lord Donkor (Ghana/United Kingdom) and Rev. Rita Powell (United States)
- ▶ in English, French, Spanish, Polish, Portuguese and Italian

**Fr Joan Lena**, from Albania, lives and works in Amsterdam, Netherlands. He serves at the St Nicholas of Myra Russian Orthodox church in Amsterdam.

He completed his doctoral thesis in Byzantine Paleography on codices with homilies of Church Fathers, titled “The Panegyrikon Codex Type and its Liturgical Function. A New Catalogue Model”, and has worked for the last sixteen years as a Bible translator for the Interconfessional Bible Society of Albania. He is Assistant Professor, Faculty of Religion and Theology, at the St Irenaeus Orthodox Institute of Theology. Fr Joan Spend a year as a volunteer in Taizé in 2006 and visit Taizé regularly.  
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**Rev. Rita Powell** from the USA is the chaplain for the Harvard Episcopal Community.

Rita studied religion at Columbia University and Yale Divinity School. She spent time living and working with the monastic community in Taizé, France, and served as Youth Missioner in South Dakota before coming to Boston to lead Liturgy and Music at Trinity Church in Copley Square. She is a student and teacher of a variety of ecstatic practices including yoga, endurance sports, singing, dancing, theater, poetry, and contemplative prayer. She is married and has two children.

“I am so looking forward to being a part of this adventure.”  
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**Lord Elorm Donkor** is from Ghana; he serves as Apostle-District Pastor in the Church of Pentecost-UK.

Lord completed his PhD on 'Christian Morality in Ghanaian Pentecostalism: A Theological Analysis of Virtue Theory as a Framework for Integrating Christian and Akan Moral Schemes' (NTC), 2011 at the University of Birmingham. He is the Principal of the Birmingham Christian College – Crowther Hall, Selly Oak. Lord cooperated with the 2018 Global Christian Forum in Bogota. He visited twice Taizé and helped with the 2017 Taizé meeting in Birmingham.

“We are all doing well, locked down but able to teach and to manage the college in increased workload.”

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**Jessica Joy Candelario** is from the Philippines. She currently works as a pastoral associate at Bukal ng Tipan, Maryhill Retreat Center.

Joy completed her Ph.D. in Practical Theology, St. Thomas University, Miami. Her dissertation was about ecclesial participation and practices in the context of extrajudicial killings in the Philippines. Joy is a longtime youth minister and served as Executive Secretary for the Youth Desk under the Federation of Asian Bishops' Conferences. She has visited Taizé several times, worked in partnership with Taizé brothers for Asian youth meetings, and helped organize some of the international Pilgrimages of Trust in Manila. "The pandemic gap is reshaping people's lives and reshaping our mission at Bukal ng Tipan."

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**5pm**

### **Workshop | Responding to the climate emergency: where do we stand now?**

- ▶ With climatologist Jean Jouzel (France)
- ▶ in French, English, Spanish and German

Jean Jouzel is a French climatologist. In 1994, he was appointed member of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), and served as vice-chair of the scientific group of this institution between 2002 and 2015. In August 2019, he moderated a conference at Taizé as part of the week of reflection on environmental issues.

You can submit questions in advance for this workshop by writing to < [eco@taize.fr](mailto:eco@taize.fr) >





## Thursday 31 December | “Discerning a new horizon”

3pm

**Workshop** | Seeking and finding God in our lives: how can a centuries-old spiritual tradition help us today?

- ▶ With sister Muriel and sister Sonila, Sisters of Saint Andrew
- ▶ in English, French, Spanish, Polish and German

Sister Muriel, from France, and sister Sonila, from Albania, have been living in the community of the Sisters of Saint Andrew located in Ameugny, the village adjacent to Taizé, for over 15 years.



5pm

**Workshop** | A journey of faith and doubt: exploring ways to pray

- ▶ With a group of volunteers
- ▶ in English, French, Spanish, Portuguese and Italian

From left to right :

Kai (Germany),  
Moritz (Germany),  
Hanna (Germany),  
Ines (Germany),  
Rineke (Netherlands)  
brother Jean-Marc.

