



## Du Liban à Rome



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### Final Message of the 15th General Assembly of MIAMSI in Rome

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**"How can we witness and engage ourselves in today's world for a more inclusive society?"**

"God loved the world so much that he gave His Only Begotten Son: so that all men who believe in him may not perish but obtain eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world, not to judge the world, but that through Him the world could be saved" (St John, 3:16-17).

This Assembly was due to take place in Lebanon in 2020. As the political and economic situation in Lebanon had become tragic and dangerous, it was necessary to choose another place, in this case the city of Rome (Italy).

The covid-19 pandemic prevented the participation of members of some countries, such as India.

The war unleashed by the Russian Federation against Ukraine is disturbing the whole world. The peace achieved after World War II was undermined. Europe feels threatened and weakened. The countries of the European Union denounce this unjustified aggression which does not respect human rights. The destructive power of weapons causes a large number of casualties among innocent civilians. The misfortune caused by the war is far superior to the ideals of conquest evoked by the aggressor. It is impossible to justify it from an ethical point of view.

The message from Burkina Faso's last General Assembly in 2016 called for conflict resolution through justice, dialogue, and respect for the dignity of every man. Unfortunately, we have seen an increase in conflicts. Instead of growing up in peace, the political and economic situation in the world has worsened with the advent of new causes of violence.

Several MIAMSI member countries are now concerned about the fragility of peace, both in their states and at their borders.

Gathered now in Rome, the members of MIAMSI want to give reason to their hope. Where hatred and individualism grew, love and solidarity abounded.

MIAMSI's motto is "Look, discern, transform."

We think fear paralyzes and divides. The feeling of helplessness leads to withdrawal for yourself or even to fatalism. In many countries, power and economic wealth are concentrated in the hands of an elite, while the majority of the population suffers from poverty and media manipulation without participation in decision-making. In this context, migrants, refugees, women, and children are particularly vulnerable.

MIAMSI members continue to believe in the power of truth discerned in the community. Called to transform cultural, political, educational, and economic mentalities and realities, they note the need to develop personal and collective thinking in order to understand and guide the fundamental choices of society, with the Gospel of the Risen Jesus Christ as a compass.

Immersed in the media society that often makes us spectators in front of screens, MIAMSI members choose to become actors, not only to act and give, but also to receive and share, in an experience of synergy with anyone of good will and reciprocity. As St. Francis of Assisi said, "It is to give what one receives."

It is not only young people who have the strength to act, but the wisdom of the elders also represents a precious heritage to be passed on to the new generations to build not walls, but bridges.

This is what Pope Francis addressed to us during his 4th catechesis about old age on 23 March 2022.

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