

EWN Summer School – 27th July – 5th August 2008

Common Pledge of Participants

We the participants of the Ecumenical Water Network Summer School on Water, in 2008, are a group of 22 culturally, denominationally, vocationally and politically diverse young men and women who share in the many expressions of the one body of Christ and who are bound by a common passion to see clean, potable water freely available to all people on earth, as well as water that sustains the integrity of creation, for the glory of God.

In response to the global water crisis, especially issues of privatization, water management, water scarcity, gender & water, water rights and sanitation, which we have discerned and explored over the course of our time together; we as a group, with the help of the church and our local communities, pledge to change the world through:

- Advocacy for the human right to water through activities such as the lobbying of governments, international organizations, and our own church governing bodies.
- Education about the water crisis and its remedies to our religious communities and the wider public
- Support community-based development projects

Individually we confirm that we will plan and implement faith based activities on the issue of water toward the full realization of God's plan for our world. Each of our activities will be relevant to our home communities and contexts, using the diverse gifts God has given us. We as individuals also agree to be a living example of this commitment through our everyday actions.

We recognize that we have formed an irreplaceable bond over our time together, creating a beautiful rainbow of ecumenical partnership in which we commit to working together within our diversity, even when it is challenging, in order to bring about the realm of God through peace, love and justice.