

# LIVING TOGETHER BETTER

## A KEY ANSWER TO THE WORLD SANITARY CRISIS



**Whenever we make efforts so as not to spread the virus, we demonstrate our deep will for living together.** We are becoming aware that we are not living alone, but with others.

The sanitary and human crisis we are living brings into focus that living together is a common concern. It proves the importance of the bonds that are uniting us to our community : our neighbours, our families or friends. We are interdependent from each others, whatever our origins, our creeds, our religion, our social status, our homes. **We share the same doubts, the same fears but also the same hopes.** It shows to what extent our social consciousness, our solidarity, our capacity for living together on a daily basis are essential.

May the 16<sup>th</sup> is the International Day of Living Together in Peace. Celebrated for two years in numerous countries, it has enabled thousands of people to come together to highlight the importance of the bonds that are uniting the human community.

Unfortunately, the current worldwide pandemic will not allow us to gather together this year, but it is an unprecedented opportunity **to be aware** of a fundamental truth : every day, all over the planet, in our respective communities:

*"Ensemble, nous pouvons faire en sorte que chacun de nos gestes individuels s'assemblent et deviennent un véritable mouvement collectif"*

### WE ARE LIVING TOGETHER !

The quarantine and the social distancing millions of us are still experiencing, make us rediscover the importance « the other » is having in our lives. We are in need for one another, even those we are not mixing with in everyday life. Be they those who are healing us, who are feeding us, who are taking care of us, who are maintaining our district or our city, they are part of our lives.

**On May 16<sup>th</sup> 2020, just pause and think about all that unites us.** Take a few minutes to talk about it with your relatives. Do something for the other. Reveal yourself to those lonely persons you know, be thankful to those still at work to provide us with our basic needs.

If this planetary crisis makes us aware of the effect of that living together on our community and on the bonds that are uniting us, we can be hopeful that, despite the troubles that will come up, the after will be better than the before.

Share this message widely on your social medias and let us know about your action to display our common will for better living together, by using the hashtags :

**#LIVINGTOGETHER** and **#IDLTP2020**

Together, we can make sure that all our individual gestures will come together to make up a truly collective movement.

Let us benefit from this **International Day of Living Together in Peace** to reflect upon the long-term impact of that crisis on all the people around us. If we can, individually and

collectively strengthen our conviction that we are already living together, and that it is possible to do so in harmony and peace, we will be able to further break the walls that are uselessly dividing us and regain from inside the truth that everyone of us is one with humankind.

**Collective for the International Day of Living Together in Peace**

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