

## **EN-RE meeting Strasbourg May 11, 2024**

### **Report from France : Réseaux du Parvis, FHEDLES**

**(report from Comité de la Jupe is established separately)**

#### Réseaux du Parvis

Annual assembly has been held in November 2023 physically in Brittany. During the year, we also had two board meetings and six steering committee, most in Zoom.

Enlistment on the European Commission Transparency Register has been renewed. Among issues in which our federation Parvis is particularly interested: humanitarian actions, migrations, actions against discrimination.

In coordination with other friendly movements, following-up progress synodal activities was one of our main issues.

In October 2023, one representative from Parvis attended the World Synodal Assembly of lay people in Rome "Spirit Unbounded": Title "Human rights in the Emerging Catholic Church"

Several press releases have been issued during the year:

- To express rupture with the so-called "Catholic", but in fact extreme right vote
- In open letter to French bishops, to stress on reforms strongly needed further to sexual abuses and Synodal Church to build.
- Critics against regulation regarding retirement reform

Actions which should be pursued, and more developed:

- Increase and improve our visibility in the media
- Overcome difficulties of our periodic review with increasing number of readers and possibly making connections with publishing friendly movements

#### FHEDLES

Main activity during the year was to increase close relations with other movements of which members average age is much lower. This concerns in particular Comité de la Jupe which is already EN-RE member. Merging of the two structures is on the way and expected to be finalized by end of 2024.

Close relations have been established with CEPFE (Commission d'Etudes sur la place des Femmes dans l'Eglise) and *Oh My Goddess*.

Circulation activities of our book *Un Combat pour l'Egalité, Genre en Christianisme* have been pursued. Digital version is being prepared.

Press release *Future of Church, with or without women* in October at the time of Synod on synodality in view of underlining how slow are evolutions of women's situation of in the Church.

In cooperation with high level University teachers, our unit *Gender in Christianity* prepares a symposium whose title is: *Gender, liturgy and Christianity*.