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Dear member of ReDi,

We trust that you are in good health. The corona pandemic is slowing down in some countries but it remains a worldwide challenge. Diaconal work is present in many ways in assisting and comforting people. The first studies on churches becoming more diaconal through the pandemic are published. There is much to learn, and it will be very interesting to see how diaconal work will develop and adjust to new challenges. This might also be a topic for regional ReDi groups: comparing lessons learnt from the pandemic.

ReDi Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of ReDi took place on 8 November 2021. This was the second annual meeting, as the first one in September did not reach quorum and had to be postponed. The online meeting had a total of 17 participants. The activity report and annual accounts of 2020 were presented and approved, and new suggestions for the ReDi membership fees were discussed. The new suggestion entails reduced conference fees for institutional members, as well as reduced fees for students and institutional members from the Global South. The annual meeting voted in favour of the suggestion.

Reports from Practice – Briefs from Research Projects and Practice

We have renamed the webpage “Reports from Practice” (under the heading “News” on our website) to “[Briefs from research projects and practice](#),” with the same goal of posting any relevant contributions from the field. The submitted write ups may include, but not limited to:

- Description of an ongoing research project
- Description of an innovative or current approach to practice
- Discussion of a research theme or issue which affects practice or arises from it
- Summary of a research process
- Summary of a recently concluded research project
- A brief essay on challenges and innovations relevant to the practice and research in diaconia

Not only is the expectation of briefs less formal, but we also hope that by using the concept of briefs and not reports, we will encourage contributors (practitioners) to participate in the ongoing process of knowledge sharing and knowledge production.

MoU with Diakonia World Federation

Redi has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Diakonia World Federation. The MoU is designed to develop the relationship between ReDi and DWF and facilitate the common working between the two organisations on areas of mutual interest. It outlines principles of co-operation on which to develop common activities, which will be developed when opportunity arises.

Mondays in May: DOTAC’s Seminar Series on Diakonia

DOTAC (Diakonia of the Americas and Caribbean) is an ecumenical group of Christian diaconal communities in North America, the Caribbean, Central America, & South America. Each year during the month of May, DOTAC host a seminar series on various topics. For information on the programme for 2022, please visit the following [link](#).

Save the Date: CODE Forum in Helsinki, 27-30 September 2022

The CODE Forum brings researchers and practitioners together around approaches which relate community development and diakonia. It is a space for the exchange and

development of research and practice. The Forum is linked to the CODE research group at VID and will take place in Helsinki by the invitation of DIAK. More information on the programme can be found [here](#).

ReDi Conference 2023 – We want to hear from you!

The conference team at VID has decided to postpone the ReDi conference to Spring 2023, to ensure that participation in person will be possible. The conference is planned in a hybrid format and the theme will be Spaces of Diakonia. More information on the theme can be found [here](#). A final date has not yet been set, and to avoid overlaps with other conferences and events, we want to hear from you! There are two suggested dates: **31 May to 1 June 2023** or **1 to 3 June 2023**. We kindly ask you to fill in the following [google document](#) and let us know if you are aware of any other conferences taking place at the same time.

On behalf of the ReDi Executive Board,

Johannes Eurich, Chairperson