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# Acronyms

**Celam:** Latin American and Caribbean Episcopal Council.

**CGC:** Celam Knowledge Management Centre.

**Cebitepal:** Centre for Biblical, Theological and Pastoral Formation of Celam.

**Ceprap:** Celam's Centre for Pastoral Action Programmes and Networks.

**Ceama:** Conferencia Eclesial del Amazonía.

**CPC:** Celam Communication Centre.

**Reman:** Ecclesial and Ecological Network of Mesoamerica.

**Regchag:** Red Eclesial Gran Chaco Acuífero Guaraní.

**Repam:** Pan-Amazonian Ecclesial Network.

**PCN:** Child Centrality Programme.

**Ceilac:** Commission for Integral Ecology of Latin America and the Caribbean.

# Celam's participation in the CNBB Assembly

Celam was present at the 61st Assembly of the National Conference of Bishops of Brazil (CNBB by its acronyms in Portuguese) held at the National Shrine of Aparecida from 10 to 19 April 2024. Jaime Spengler attended as president of the CNBB and of Celam, as well as the secretary general, Mgr. Lizardo Estrada Herrera, who shared four days of fraternal encounter with the Brazilian bishops.

On the morning of Saturday 13 April, Bishop Estrada presented the current operational structure of Celam and the lines of work for the period 2023-2027. He stressed that Celam is a collegial body at the service of the Episcopal Conferences and the particular Churches, indicating that “in Latin America and the Caribbean we have two main axes: the Ecclesial Assembly, which was held in 2021, and Synodality. From Celam we encourage the process of synodality. Synodality is what the Church expects for this time, as the Pope has told us; walking together is the constitutive path of the Church, a participatory and co-responsible Church”.



# Celam at the Assembly of the Bishops' Conference of Antilles

Lizardo Estrada Herrera, secretary general of Celam, and Fr. Pedro Brassesco, assistant secretary, took part in the 68th Plenary Assembly of the Bishops of the Antilles, held in Nassau (Bahamas) from 14 to 19 April. This Conference is made up of 21 ecclesiastical circumscriptions, five archdioceses, 14 dioceses, and two missions *sui iuris*.

During the days of deliberation, the representatives of Celam presented the path of renewal and restructuring carried out in recent times, the Global Plan 2023-2027 and the services that the organization offers to the bishops and to all the People of God.

Bishop Estrada expressed his gratitude for the opportunity to personally meet the Antillean pastors and learn more about the Church on pilgrimage in this region, recalling that “we are not a superstructure or a super conference, but a space created to foster collegiality among the bishops of Latin America and the Caribbean, and to define together common paths for the mission of the Church in the continent”.



# Communion with consecrated life in the 49th CLAR Board of Directors

The general-secretary of CELAM, Mgr. Lizardo Estrada Herrera, participated in the 49th Board of Directors of the Confederation of Religious Men and Women of Latin America and the Caribbean (CLAR), held in Tegucigalpa (Honduras) from 18 to 21 April.

Greeting the participants of the meeting, Bishop Estrada considered that it is a “propitious time to continue strengthening our bonds of communion to make possible a more synodal Church, under the sign of the participation of all of us who form part of the People of God, in the mission that the Lord has entrusted to us”.



He highlighted the richness of charisms and vocations in religious life, because “that is also our greatest greatness, our main treasure, our original contribution to consolidating a synodal Church based on the values of the Gospel as the Lord asks us: “whoever wants to be important, let him become a servant”.

Moreover, the Secretary General of Celam stressed that this experience of communion between bishops and consecrated life is rooted in the Trinitarian mystery: “It is realised in love which, transformed into service and mission” to open wide spaces for God and for the brothers and sisters.

Therefore, in the present context, “we feel committed to responding together, from our vocations and from our common dignity as baptized, to the enormous challenges that bind us together in the evangelizing mission”, concluded Bishop Estrada.



# Cebitepal inaugurates the Canonical Degree in Pastoral Theology

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The Cebitepal Training Centre is carrying out the Canonical Bachelor in Pastoral Theology, a blended learning course aimed at pastoral agents, priests, religious men and women, men and women religious, and lay men and women.

The on-site classes start on 8 April and will run until 31 May at the Celam headquarters in Bogotá. According to Father Fabio Antunes, coordinator of the degree and director of Cebitepal, this program aims to train pastoral agents prepared to foster innovative processes that promote pastoral conversion, synodality, and a permanent state of mission.

# Celam's journey in April

## Meetings and gatherings

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- **Meeting of the Commission of Indian Theology Advisors.** It took place in Guatemala from April 2nd to 5th, with the participation of Fr Francisco Hernández (director of Ceprap). During the meeting, preparations were made for the second virtual meeting looking forward to the VIII Symposium on Indian Theology to be held in 2025.
- **Meeting of the Human Rights Nucleus of the Repam.** Held virtually on April 3rd, the meeting followed up on the work plan drawn up in November 2023, highlighting the delivery of the popular and technical version of the guide for political advocacy, the preparation of the fourth human rights school, and the monitoring of cases.
- **Virtual Assembly of the extended Commission of the Women in Church and Society Axis.** During the virtual assembly on April 4th, the progress of the work plan of the Animating Commission and the projections of the proposed Strategic Plan for 2024-2027 were socialized, as well as the letters sent to the Episcopal Conferences of the region to make contact with those who manage women's or related pastoral ministries. The participants were invited to participate in the virtual training cycle of the Women in Church and Society Axis.
- **Meeting of the Animating Team of the Latin American and Caribbean Network for the Culture of Care.** On April 4th, the coordinating team of this network formed by the prevention and

protection commissions of the Episcopal Conferences met virtually. Progress was made in the steps of accompaniment and exchange of experiences proposed at the meeting held in Chile in 2023, as well as in the discernment of the themes for this year's meeting, which will take place in Bogota (Colombia) in September.



- **Interreligious Forum: “The contributions of faith actors in peace negotiations”.** The Interreligious Council of Colombia, with the support of Religions for Peace Latin America and the Caribbean and the United States Institute of Peace, offered on April 4, the Interreligious Forum: “the contributions of faith actors in peace negotiations”, whose objective focused on the role of faith communities in peace negotiation processes.

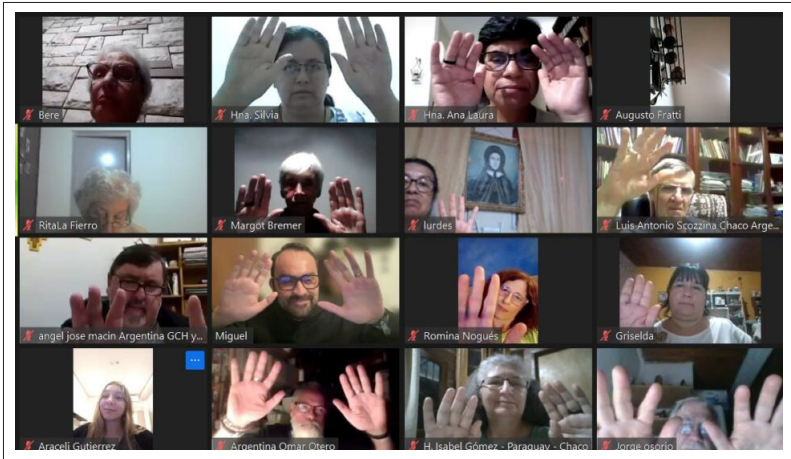
Lizardo Estrada, secretary general of Celam, took part in the forum. He emphasized that the interventions offered coincided with the common dream of working for the dignity of the human person, for peace, justice, human rights, the common home and the ecology of the environment, and therefore encouraged

them to always maintain this type of dialogue and to continue searching for all that unites them as Churches.

Bishop Estrada also invited “to form and motivate all those who are behind us, the groups, the individuals, not only to pray but also to commit themselves to the formation and structuring of a culture of peace”.

- **Meeting with the Secretariat for Afro-American and Caribbean Pastoral Care - SEPAC.** At the meeting held on the 6th and 7th of April, the work plan was followed up, progress was made in the drafting of the contributions for the *Instrumentum laboris* of the Synod, and in the organization of the Encuentro de Pastoral Afro - EPA 2025, addressing the issue of theological foundations and generational change.
- **Meeting of the Pastoral Coordination Committee.** With the participation of the directors and coordinating bishops of the Councils of the Pastoral Centers of Celam, the meeting held on April 8<sup>th</sup> included an evaluation of the meeting of general secretaries, the proposal for the organization of meetings by regions was presented and the latest news from the centers, transversal projects and the Planning Directorate was shared.
- **III Territorial Dialogue: “women in the territory, caretakers of the common home”.** Promoted by Regchag, this virtual discussion took place on April 8<sup>th</sup> and was attended by 76 participants. The various panelists proposed that organization is what is proper to women, because every organization is a living organism. Various experiences of territorial work were presented, highlighting that there are many signs of life, because women love their territory, where they are housed and can be housed. The territory is the specific way of coexistence of all beings with the land, which is life and the integrating center of community life.

Click here to access the video of the III Territorial Dialogue:  
<https://fb.watch/rZes8Pfutb/>



- **A spiritual retreat for catechists.** It was held on April 9th, virtually, with the presence of 1,322 live participants, but it was viewed on tape by about 10,000 people. It was facilitated by Father Heriberto Cabrera SDB, from the Episcopal Conference of Chile. Click on the following link to see the video of the retreat:

<https://youtu.be/HsGtWsCSaA0?list=RDCMUCemS45Mnt-gzhnruQeLH5csQ>
- **Meeting of the Family Pastoral Network.** Held virtually on 9 April, this meeting presented the Pastoral de la Pastoral Familiar document for the second session of the XVI Assembly of the Synod. The network is made up of family pastoral delegates from the 22 bishops' conferences of Latin America and the Caribbean.
- **Meeting of the Latin America and the Caribbean Integral Ecology Steering Committee.** On 10 April this commission met to review the progress of the actions of the sub-commissions, the work on the identity and mission document, as well as the state of execution in the strategic framework. Instruments to be taken up and completed by the member organizations were analyzed.

- **Meeting of the coordinating team of the Liturgy Network.** On April 11<sup>th</sup>, the team in charge of animating the Liturgy Network, made up of the liturgy departments and commissions of the Episcopal Conferences, met to advance in the process of creating an instance of higher formation in liturgy through Cebitepal. It was also proposed to hold a virtual meeting to reflect on the liturgy in the framework of the year of prayer in preparation for the Jubilee 2025.
- **Meeting of the communication officers of the Bishops' Conferences.** Under the virtual modality, the CPC of Celam led this meeting on April 11<sup>th</sup>, with the participation of the coordinating bishop of the CPC Council, the Director, the leaders of strategy and media, and two representatives of the Dicastery for Communication, who shared with those responsible for communication in the Bishops' Conferences the CPC Strategic Plan 2023-2027, the planned agenda for the Jubilee of the World of Communications (January 2025) and the detailed proposal for the face-to-face meeting that will take place from 29-31 July at the Celam headquarters in Bogota.
- **Meeting of partners of the Child Centrality Program.** The face-to-face meeting was held at the Celam headquarters on 11 and 12 April, with the participation of 13 representatives of the organizations associated with the program: Celam, CLAR, CIEC, Fe y Alegría, World Vision and Movimiento con la Niñez y la Juventud.

A review of the objectives and general indications was made, recalling the frame of reference and identity. The operational initiatives of the BCP, including the "Footprints of Tenderness Walk", which is underway, were presented and suggestions were received, so that an evaluation of achievements and difficulties was possible.



- **Meeting on the Economy of Francisco and Clara.** On April 11th, based on the methodology of the conversation in the Spirit, the Identity document of the team formed in the face-to-face meeting in March was analyzed. It was considered necessary to express the objectives and convictions in a better way, to be an inspiration for others. It was evaluated the insertion in the communities and dialogue, not only religious but also with social organizations, was valued.
- **Meeting of the Coordinating Commission for the Pastoral Care of Native Peoples.** The proposed work plan was reviewed at the meeting on 12th April, and the contribution to be sent to the Synod as a pastoral ministry was read and discussed. The need for closer ties and communication with the Episcopal Conferences with Pastoral Care for Native Peoples was also raised.
- **Meeting of the Afro Pastoral.** On 12th April, the Afro Pastoral met virtually. The proposed document to be presented to the Synod Secretariat was analyzed. It was suggested to introduce aspects related to ministries, the importance of the presence of

black women in the life of the Church, as well as to review the low presence of Afros in the episcopal ministry.

- **Ceilac General Assembly.** It was held on 15th April with the participation of all the member organizations. The base document of the network was presented and it was emphasized that it is very important to establish links with the academic world, for which the CGC can facilitate this relationship.

The Strategic Plan was presented and support was requested for a survey that will shed light on the necessary processes. The incorporation of the International Christian Service of Solidarity with the Peoples of Latin America, Oscar Arnulfo Romero (Sicsal) into Ceilac was also approved.

- **Remam women's meeting.** The first virtual meeting of women of the Mesoamerican Ecological Ecclesial Network (Remam) took place on 15th April with 60 participants from different countries, cultures and indigenous peoples. The aim of the meeting was to encourage a potential process on the role of women in the Church and in society.

The first part of the meeting focused on the challenges facing women in the Mesoamerican biome: access to water, different ways of violence, closed spaces in the Church, young people at various risks, clericalism, exclusivity in closed circles, various prejudices, invasion of territories by large corporations, alienating visions of spirituality, weakened citizen security, machismo, patriarchy, which leave few opportunities for women. The second part of the meeting provided an opportunity to explain what Celam and Cepar are all about. In particular, the process of restructuring Celam and the Ecclesial Assembly. Here it was pointed out that it is very important to make visible what is being done.

- **Meeting of the Dynamizing Commission of the Platform for Human Rights, Peace and Democracies.** The meeting held on April 15<sup>th</sup> reviewed the planning process, budgets, strategic



framework, the potential design of projects, and the support search.

- **Webinar: “Women in synodality” organized by CIRM.** The Conference of Major Superiors of Religious and Societies of Apostolic Life of Mexico held this virtual meeting on 16 April as a result of the webinar “Women in Synodality” organized by the Animating Commission of the Axis of Women in the Church and Society in March. It was proposed as a space for listening and reflection on the realities of women in religious life in Mexico.
- **Meeting of the Cepar and CPC teams.** On April 16<sup>th</sup>, this bilateral meeting took place between the members of these two Pastoral Centers of Celam, with the aim of coordinating joint actions in the framework of the processes that are being carried out.
- **Meeting of the Advisory Commission on Indian Theology.** In the virtual meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> April, the support of the Celam Communication Centre for the II Virtual Meeting and the VIII Symposium on Indian Theology was guaranteed.
- **Meeting “Community walking for peace”.** At this meeting, held on April 17<sup>th</sup>, Bishop Juan Gerardi was recognized, the communications course was remembered and it was reported that the mapping and survey of needs had been completed. Planned training sessions were held, and in the field of advocacy, a systematization of experiences was carried out, which will be presented soon.
- **Preparatory meeting for the Afro Pastoral Meeting.** It was held on 17<sup>th</sup> April with the participation of the Latin American Commission, the Pastoral Afro of Argentina, and the Planning Direction of Celam to advance in the preparations for the Afro Pastoral Meeting 2025 that will take place in Luján (Argentina). The chosen theme is “Manuel de la Virgen de Luján, the Afro-American face of the pilgrim people”. The themes to be addressed will be the “celebration of the preferential love of the Virgin towards

the discarded of history” and “the event of Luján as a parable of dignity, freedom and visibility”.

- **Meeting with the Dicastery for the Service of Integral Human Development.** On 19 April a meeting was held with Dr. Alessandra Silvi, Regional Coordinator for the Americas of the Listening and Dialogue Section of the Dicastery for the Service of Integral Human Development, with whom the processes developed by Ceparap were discussed. Special emphasis was placed on the Meeting between platforms of pastoral action to be held from 13 to 17 May 2024 at Celam.
- **A face-to-face meeting with the Pastoral Afro of Argentina.** It took place in Luján (Argentina) on 20 April, with the participation of Fr. Francisco Hernández (director of Ceparap) and in which progress was made in the coordination of the Encuentro de Pastoral Afro 2025.

**Virtual Easter retreat for children and adolescents.** In response to what was expressed by the Ecclesial Assembly of Latin America and the Caribbean on the priority of “defending the rights of children and young people to have a family and to be cared for and educated with love”, on 20 April, the spiritual retreat was held virtually, with the participation of more than 350 children and adolescents from the Latin American and Caribbean continent. This was the continuation of a series of spiritual retreats proposed by Celam during Lent and Easter. You can access the video memory of the retreat here: <https://www.youtube.com/live/mrT3lWnQ2aU?si=XvbwHu2iy9P2eWmJ>

- **Second monthly meeting of the Pastoral Coordination Committee.** In this second meeting of the month, held on 22<sup>nd</sup> of April, progress was made in the discernment for the organization of regional meetings, to set in motion a more concrete articulation between the Episcopal Conferences of each region. They also exchanged news about the work of each center and the coordination of the transversal projects: integral ecology, global

educational pact, synodal Church in going out and itineraries of missionary discipleship.

- **Launch of the Laudate Deum Route.** On April 22nd, in the framework of International Mother Earth Day, the launch of the “Laudate Deum Route”, an initiative promoted by the Commission for Integral Ecology (Ceilac), attached to the Ceparap of Celam, took place through social networks. This is an instance of articulation so that the member organizations and territorial networks can generate spaces for advocacy in search of the common good. The event was also the formal presentation of Ceilac, which is made up of 23 organizations, all working to protect and defend water, land, and territory. You can access the video memorial of the event here:

<https://www.youtube.com/live/a22E3iHEHbM?si=csB2D-dVcmcKq5pVM>

- **Meeting between the CPC and Cameco.** With the participation of the reference for Latin America of the Catholic Media Council (Cameco), a meeting was held on April 22nd with the Director of the Celam Centre for Communication, Óscar Elizalde Prada, in which also participated the deputy secretary of Celam, Fr Pedro Brassesco, and the CPC media leader, Paola Calderón Gómez. Cameco is a consultancy specializing in media in Africa, Asia, Latin America, Central and Eastern Europe, the Middle East, and the Pacific. This meeting allowed the exploration of joint projects and spaces for mutual collaboration in a spirit of service and synodality.
- **Face-to-face meeting “Indigenous Peoples’ Week” in the Diocese of Oran (Argentina).** This meeting was organized by the Aboriginal Pastoral of the Diocese of Oran on 23rd and 24th April. 60 people from various ethnic groups attended it. Fr. Francisco Hernández, director of Ceparap, was also present. It was an important step towards recognizing diversity to be a missionary and synodal Church. There was a deepening of listening to the

territories and reflection on a human rights perspective to collaborate in the transformation of the realities suffered by the people. The importance of face-to-face meetings, and listening to young people, was also valued.

- **Meeting of the Latin American and Caribbean Network for the Culture of Care.** In this new meeting, the team continued to organize the meeting of the care and protection commissions of the Episcopal Conferences next September, and a proposal was made to discuss the framework guidelines disseminated by the Pontifical Council for the Protection of Minors.
- **IV Territorial Dialogue: “Migration, the crossroads of humanity”.** On 25th April, the 4th Dialogue organized by Regchag took place, which presented various aspects of the difficult reality of migration. Sister Dolores Palencia, Jesuit priest Rafael Moreno, priest Flavio Lauría, and Professor Gerardo Cruz, coordinated by the executive secretary of Regchag, Miguel Cruz, presented concrete information and their own experiences in the territories.
- **Face-to-face meeting “Towards an Earth without evil”.** Organized by Regchag and the National Movement Caretakers of the Common Home, this meeting took place on 26th and 27<sup>th</sup> of April in Paraná (Argentina). To strengthen the Territorial Dialogues for water.

It was a collective listening meeting that allowed for the identification of the pains and hopes of the organizations and inhabitants of the territory of the Argentinean coast and surrounding areas - Guarani Aquifer Biome - concerning access, contamination, sovereignty, and care of water. In this space, the “Pact for Water” was also brought to life, which will allow a process of defense and care for this vital resource to begin in the context of the Regchag.

- **Network of National Catechetical Commissions.** The virtual meeting took place on 30<sup>th</sup> of April and was attended by representatives of 16 departments and catechetical commissions of bishops' conferences. It allowed us to advance in the construction of the input for the next phase of the Synod. An evaluation was also made of the virtual Easter retreat for catechists, which was very well attended.



- **Initiative to strengthen the culture of mapping as a tool for pastoral prophetic action of territorial networks of integral ecology.** Meetings were held with the executive secretaries and teams of the RETEIS (Remam, Regchag and Repam). This initiative seeks to get to know and articulate the mapping initiatives, diagnoses, or similar that the networks are working on, identify common points to have a regional perspective, connect the mappings of Latin America and the Caribbean, and define a joint itinerary around the culture of mapping in the church in the region.

- **Virtual training cycle of the Women in the Church and Society Axis.** The course develops a Pastoral Grant comprising five talks to be held during 2024, in response to the needs of foundation and formation on the subject, expressed by the participants in the process of the Animating Commission of the Axis Women in Society and the Church. The first talk was held on 30 April and had as its central theme: “Paradigms and biblical foundations”. Dr. María Helena Morra gave the talk, 400 people attended the event. You can access the link for information and materials here: [https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1T2tBvu1tJsLoFI-8oTuqCucplCy3gVzH?usp=drive\\_link](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1T2tBvu1tJsLoFI-8oTuqCucplCy3gVzH?usp=drive_link)

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## Episcopal appointments

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- 2<sup>nd</sup> of April: Bishop Guillermo Teodoro Elías Millares, auxiliary bishop of Lima (Peru) was appointed Apostolic Administrator of Piura (Peru).
- 3<sup>rd</sup> of April: Mgr Carlos Alberto Breis Pereira, O.F.M., coadjutor archbishop of Maceió (Brazil), takes over the pastoral government of the archdiocese after the resignation of his predecessor.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> of April: Pope Francis appoints Fr Víctor Carabés Chávez, M.N.M., director of the Escuela Hogar de Mérida, in the archdiocese of Yucatán, as bishop of Tenancingo (Mexico).
- 5<sup>th</sup> of April: the Holy Father appoints Mgr Enrique José Balzan, of the clergy of Copiapó, auxiliary bishop of La Serena (Chile), vicar general, assigning him the titular see of La Imperial.
- 19<sup>th</sup> of April: Pope Francis appoints Fr Ramiro Alejandro Herrera Herrera, auxiliary bishop of the metropolitan archdiocese of Portoviejo (Ecuador), from the clergy of the metropolitan archdiocese of Guayaquil, until now vicar general of the diocese of Babahoyo, assigning him the titular see of Medeli.
- 24<sup>th</sup> of April: Pope Francis appoints Mgr Antônio Carlos Cruz Santos, M.S.C. as bishop of the diocese of Petrolina (Brazil), transferring him from the see of Caicó.
- 30<sup>th</sup> of April: Pope Francis appoints Fr Geraldo dos Reis Maia, a member of the clergy of the archdiocese of Uberaba, until now rector of the Propaedeutic Seminary and parish administrator of São José in Uberaba-MG, as bishop of the diocese of Araçuaí (Brazil).

## Resignations

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- 2nd of April: Archbishop José Antonio Eguren Anselmi, S.C.V., Archbishop of Piura (Peru).
- 3rd of April: Archbishop Antônio Muniz Fernandes, O.Carm., Archbishop of Maceió (Brazil).
- 24th of April: Mgr Francisco Canindé Palhano, Bishop of Petrolina (Brazil).
- 30th of April: Mgr Esmeraldo Barreto de Farias, Bishop of Araçuaí (Brazil).

## Deaths

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- April 1st: Mgr José Trinidad González Rodríguez, auxiliary bishop emeritus of Guadalajara (Mexico).
- April 15th: Cardinal Pedro Rubiano Sàenz, Archbishop Emeritus of Bogotá (Colombia).



# Invitations and announcements



- **Latin American and Caribbean Congress of Theology in a Synodal Key**

Celam announces the first Latin American and Caribbean Congress on “Theology in a Synodal Key for a Synodal Church”. The Congress will be held at Celam’s Bogotá (Colombia) headquarters from 9th to 11th August 2024.

It will be a space to promote greater communion on the path of Latin American and Caribbean Catholic theological reflection at the service of a synodal Church and a creative and synodal way of doing theology.

Further information: <https://cngcelam.haif.app/>

- **Second Meeting of those responsible for the prevention of abuse in the Episcopal Conferences of Latin America and the Caribbean.**

It will be held at the Celam headquarters in Bogota from the 3rd to 5<sup>th</sup> of September 2024. Two representatives of the prevention commissions of the Bishops' Conferences (the responsible bishop and a member of the team) and members of commissions of other continental ecclesial bodies (CLAR, Caritas, etc.) are invited to participate.

Organizers: Celam, Latin American and Caribbean Network for the Culture of Care and the Episcopal Conference of Colombia.

- **Media training and communication strategies in crises”.**

The objective of this regional and face-to-face course, organized by Cebitepal, is to educate and train the bishops of Latin America and the Caribbean in the relationship and interaction with the media. It will be held in Panama City from 13 to 17 May, with an edition in Brazil from 10 to 14 June, in Brasília (Brazil). Registration is open:

[https://bit.ly/media\\_brasil\\_cebitepal](https://bit.ly/media_brasil_cebitepal)

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- **Face-to-face workshop “Growing old together in community”.**

The Celam headquarters will host an in-person workshop on “Growing old together in community”, aimed at religious communities, carers of the elderly and the general public interested in the topic, from 20th to 23<sup>rd</sup> of May. More information at: <https://bit.ly/3JniA10->

- **Virtual listening centre “We are people, communities between cultures”.**

Organized by the Base Ecclesial Communities and the Cebitepal Training Centre, the 3rd Virtual Listening Session “We are people, communities between cultures” will take place on 22 May at 06:00 PM (Colombian time) and will offer space for three experiences:

- Honduras Garifuna
- Amazon Itinerant Team
- Community celebrant from indigenous Mexico.

