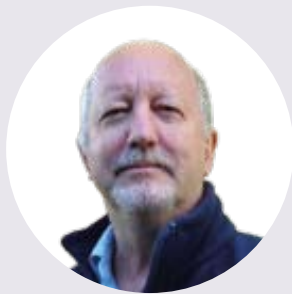


Editorial



Sandy, Rumold and I have just returned from Brussels for a meeting of New City publishing houses in Western Europe. This consisted of representatives from Portugal, Spain, France, Belgium, Holland Sweden and Great Britain. It was wonderful to see how each one was so different, expressing the different cultures of each region – but all working for the same goal – to help build a more united world.

This meeting gave us an opportunity to reflect on our New City, published in the UK, but which is read in many different countries throughout the world, both paper copy and online. Just a few thoughts:

◆ When New City was first published in 1971, it consisted mainly of articles translated from the Italian *Città Nuova*. Now the majority of articles are home-grown. I counted just under seventy different people who have contributed articles, over the last five years.

This suggests to me that the magazine now expresses a collective commitment to promoting dialogue in our daily lives.

◆ Whenever readers are asked what articles they like most in New City, the majority response is that they are inspired by real life experiences. So please keep sending these in. They don't have to be dramatic. It is often the 'small' everyday events which can be the most helpful.

◆ We are always delighted to receive feedback on the variety of articles published each month. This can be just for information or for publication. Don't hesitate to tell us what you think!

I'm always impressed seeing the thirty eight different flags to the left of this editorial, representing the different publishing houses of New City throughout the world – each one sowing seeds of unity and promoting dialogue in a world that so desperately needs it.

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New City is an expression of the Focolare Movement, which takes as its inspiration Jesus' prayer to the Father "May they all be one" (Jn 17: 21). Over the last seven decades Focolare has grown from a small community of around five hundred in Trent, northern Italy, to a world-wide community of several hundred thousand people of all ages and backgrounds. It has also spread beyond the confines of the Roman Catholic Church, to many other Christian traditions, to other faiths and people of good will.

New City works to promote mutual understanding and respect through dialogue. Together with our readers we want to discover how to 'build bridges' in the different sectors of society and in personal life. We are convinced that dialogue, based on mutual love, is the only way to build a more united world which is based on universal values such as justice, equality, truth and peace.