



SELF-PORTRAYAL OF THE LAZARUS UNION

THE **LAZARUS UNION** HAS ROOTS DATING BACK TO 1973 AND DEVELOPED (*WITH A FEW DETOURS*) INTO TODAY'S FORM IN 2010. WITH CURRENTLY MORE THAN 15,000 MEMBERS IN 62 COUNTRIES ON ALL CONTINENTS THE **LAZARUS UNION** IS AT THE MOMENT THE LARGEST OF ALL "*LAZARUS-FORMATIONS*" WORLDWIDE.

THE **LAZARUS UNION** IS ALSO LISTED WITH THE UNITED NATIONS AS AN NGO (*NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATION*).

ACCORDING TO ITS POSSIBILITIES THE **LAZARUS UNION** IS A WORLD-WIDE OPERATING CHARITY ORGANISATION SUPPORTING ALL WHO ARE IN NEED OF HELP, FRIENDSHIP, COMFORT, OR CARE.

THE **LAZARUS UNION** IS OPEN FOR ALL PEOPLE WHO ARE ABLE TO IDENTIFY THEMSELVES WITH THE MISSION STATEMENT OF THE **LAZARUS UNION** AND DOES NEVER ASK FOR THE DENOMINATION OF ITS MEMBERS.

THE **LAZARUS UNION** CONSIDERS AND RESPECTS THIS RIGHT OF FREEDOM OF RELIGION AS THE SOLE AND PERSONAL MORAL ISSUE OF EVERY SINGLE MEMBER. AFTER ALL, MOST RELIGIONS OF THE WORLD ARE REPRESENTED IN THE **LAZARUS UNION**.

THE **LAZARUS UNION** VIGOROUSLY RESISTS ANY AND ALL "*ASSIMILATION*" ATTEMPTS FROM CERTAIN RELIGIONS AND THEIR REPRESENTATIVES AND STRESSES THE FULL NEUTRALITY OF THE **LAZARUS UNION** AGAINST ALL RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES.



THE **LAZARUS UNION** NEVER PUTS ANY FORM OF PRESSURE ON ITS MEMBERS AND LEAVES PARTICIPATION IN RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES SOLELY IN THE CONSCIENCE OF THE SINGLE MEMBER.

THE **LAZARUS UNION** IS THEREFORE NEITHER A RELIGIOUS NOR A SECULAR ORDER AND AS SUCH NEITHER INDEBTED TO ANY PARTICULAR RELIGIOUS GROUP NOR DOES IT ALLOW ITSELF TO BE TAKEN IN BY ANY RELIGIOUS GROUP.

THIS SELF-PORTRAYAL IS VALID FOR THE COMPLETE **LAZARUS UNION** AS WELL AS FOR THE **LAZARUS UNION** KNIGHTHOOD OF HONOUR AS A KNIGHTLY ASSOCIATION!

THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

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