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Dear Affiliate

We have pleasure in enclosing the Affiliation Certificate recognising the re-affiliation of your organization with WOOMB International Ltd for the next three years from September 2023. You will note that your organisation has also been acknowledged as the Training and Accrediting authority for your country.

This Affiliation recognises that your organisation is committed to:

- teach the Billings Ovulation Method® without variation;
- offer the teaching service to all couples who seek your assistance by using the official literature;
- train new teachers in the Billings Ovulation Method® by using the approved Curricula.

Affiliation also acknowledges that you will respect the intellectual property rights and copyright belonging to WOOMB International Ltd.

After the global uncertainty created by COVID, this year of re-affiliation - 2023 has been a memorable one. Our Italian Affiliate, in collaboration with the Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, took on the challenge of offering a WOOMB International Conference in Rome in April. We all received a wonderful surprise when the statement from Pope Francis was read at the beginning of this Conference to celebrate the 70 years since John Billings first began his work to help couples to live their marriages according to the plan of the Creator. The University very generously made the Conference available online for those who were unable to be present in person and we are hopeful that soon these talks will be more widely available in an electronic format.

Two of the WOOMB Directors were able to be present and following the Conference they were the presenters of the Extension Program to teachers from Europe and further afield. In addition, our Italian teachers offered the Basic/Up-skilling program. As the experience from previous Conferences has seen incredible growth in the number of countries seeking more training and applying for Affiliation with WOOMB, we are confident the same will happen after this wonderful event. We thank all those who were involved in offering this experience.

Although there has been a slow but gradual return to face-to-face teaching and training of new teachers by many of our Affiliates, the opportunities to offer teaching and training electronically has continued. We believe this will be another option that most of our Affiliates will now offer as it enables those who are not close to centres to be taught and trained. The need of a visual resource which could be used by teachers to explain the Billings Ovulation Method® at the initial instruction was met by the development of the Signs at the Vulva PowerPoint which has now been translated into nine languages other than English. A reminder that WOOMB resources are available under licence for use by the teachers of the Affiliate, however a requirement of the licence is that no changes or alterations can be made without the express approval of the Directors of WOOMB International. If your Affiliate sees a need that is not met by the current resources, please do not pick up slides from these PowerPoints and add to your own. This would be a breach of copyright unless you have been given approval to do this by the Directors.

The Billings Ovulation Method® Teacher Training Correspondence Course continues to attract many trainees, especially those who do not have an Affiliated Organisation in their country. As a result of the Benin Conference in 2020, a number of new teachers have been trained in Africa, with more continuing

their training. Our Regional Affiliate Groups - WOOMB Latinoamerica and Billings Europe, are proving to be highly effective in supporting teachers who may otherwise feel isolated. By reaching out to neighbouring countries where there is no Affiliate, with the support of WOOMB International, several groups have been mentored and have been Affiliated or are close to Affiliation. We would hope that in the future there are such regional groups for all our Affiliates so that we will eventually bring reality to Lyn Billings' dream that this Method would be accessible to every woman on earth.

The statistical information being provided as part of the re-affiliation is once again showing us the enormous amount of work being achieved globally by an essentially totally volunteer group of wonderful people! It makes such interesting reading to hear of your achievements and to also look at the challenges that are always going to be a part of this work. It seems that the challenges are universal, yet they have never stopped the spread of the Method or the enthusiasm and dedication of the "army of teachers" who do this work so willingly and with love.

We pray that you will be blessed with the ability to continue to share this good news. The world so badly needs to hear it, yet it seems that in every country the anti-life noises are making it hard for people to hear and accept our gift. We know we have the truth and in the words of the 12th Century Mystic, Julian of Norwich: "All shall be well and all manner of things will be well". This was a favourite quote of Dr Lyn Billings and the life work of John and Lyn Billings has shown this prophetic statement to be a truth.

We thank you for your dedication and commitment and ask that you pray for the Directors and the global family of the Billings Ovulation Method® that the Billings Revolution which began 70 years ago continues to flourish.

Sincerely



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