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CHRISTLICHER VEREIN JUNGER MENSCHEN

Dear international friends,

we are very sad and regret to inform you about the fact that our chairman of many years' standing (1979-2006) and honorary member Cornel Burgtorf died in the night between Sunday and Monday. With Cornel Burgtorf YMCA Hannover loses a man who always supported us wholeheartedly. He was a person who committed himself to an extraordinary extent to YMCA Hannover and left an important mark on our organization. He was very close to people and this made him very popular for all members of the YMCA, no matter whether they are old or young. It also helped him so much in his international work which was always in the focus of his interest. He took it for granted to use the international network of YMCA to connect people all over the world. Thanks to Cornel's visions about YMCA Hannover in the midst of an international family, YMCA Hannover is still in very close contact to its various international partners. We can't be grateful enough for the endeavor he showed over the many years. All this illustrates that he deserved rightly to be awarded the Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany.

Cornel loved the different shades of the various cultures and we were able to learn a lot through his attitudes for our work at YMCA Hannover. No matter which partner I was talking to, in the end I was always asked to pass on regards to Cornel. Cornel Burgtorf was an "international" in the truest sense, who was not restricted in his thinking.

What remains for us is to say thank you and goodbye. On 29th December there will be a funeral service at 1 pm at the Kreuzkirche.



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What gives us comfort is the fact that we know for sure: Cornel is in God's hand now.
We were allowed to accompany him for a part of his way and at the threshold of death we can hand
him over into God's hand who will guide him to eternal life.

In hearty closeness,

In the name of YMCA Hannover

Wolfgang Funke

YMCA General Secretary