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Greetings

From Mennonite World Conference
To the Lutheran World Federation Council
Medan, Indonesia, 15 June 2014

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

I greet you with the words of the Rev. Martin Junge, your General Secretary, registered in his report: "It is the witness that makes the difference, not the numbers." Mennonite World Conference (MWC) sees with great respect the kind of witness that you bear. In the same report we have seen how you have been "Like a Tree Planted by Streams of Water." This has been evident in the different ministries that you develop and the vibrant life that we perceive in your global communion. I thank God for your witness to Christ and for the privilege of sending Rev. Paulus Widjaja to share these greetings on behalf of our global communion. MWC is a communion of 103 national Anabaptist-related churches joined together for fellowship, worship, service and witness.

Your strategy for 2012 – 2017, "With Passion for the Church and for the World" speaks very well about what have been these years of walking together in the path of reconciliation. It is because of your passion that we continue experiencing new implications of the historical moments lived in July 2010 in Stuttgart. We appreciate the work of the LWF Task Force on "The Mennonite Action." Our Faith and Life Commission keeps working on following up the commitments we made of living out the new reality of forgiveness and reconciliation between our global communions.

As we reflect on the new moments of revelation that we are experiencing in our trilateral dialogue on the topic of baptism we look forward to joining you in the 500th anniversary of the Reformation.

"So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation." (2 Co 5:17-18 NRSV)

May God's Spirit be with us as we live out the ministry of reconciliation!

In Christ,

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