

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE FOR WORLD SERVICE

I. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACTION BY THE COUNCIL

II. ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION BY THE COUNCIL

The Committee for World Service discussed the General Secretary's Report.

Supporting the General Secretary's concerns on sustainability and good stewardship of scarce resources, the Committee for World Service acknowledges and endorses the need to review the composition of the LWF Council and the size of the Committee for World Service, while ensuring there's fair and adequate representation and opportunity for people to have their voice heard.

Given the nature of LWF World Service's operation, the Committee for World Service endorses the proposal of the General Secretary to grant the Council the possibility to appoint the chairperson of the Committee for World Service from an LWF member church or related organization, if deemed necessary (similar to current constitutional arrangements regarding the Chairperson of the Finance Committee).

III. ISSUES DISCUSSED BY THE COMMITTEE - for information to the Council

The Committee for World Service meets twice yearly. This year, the first meeting of the CWS was held on 27-29 January 2016 in Beit Jala, Palestine. The Committee for World Service stayed at the Abraham's Herberge of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land and met with Bishop Munib Younan and the LWF management team in Jerusalem during a visit of the projects. The Committee acknowledges with thanks their hospitality.

The following issues were discussed:

1. Reports of the Department for World Service Management Team, June-December 2015

The Committee for World Service received the reports from the Director for World Service, the Global Program Coordinator, the Global Finance Coordinator and the Quality Assurance and Accountability Officer with appreciation.

2. Associate Programs

The Committee for World Service voted to reverse the suspension of LWSIT as an Associate Program, to discontinue the category of Associate Programs, to develop specific-purpose Memoranda of Understanding between LWF World Service and former LWF Associate Programs, and to consider developing a network focusing on diakonia.

3. Country Strategies

The Committee for World Service approved the Ethiopia Strategy 2016-2021, the Mozambique Strategy 2016-2021 and the South Sudan Strategy 2016-2021.

4. LWF Safety and Security Policy

The Committee for World Service discussed and approved the Safety and Security Policy.

The second meeting took place in the context of this LWF Council meeting on 17-18 June 2016 in Wittenberg, Germany, and the following issues were discussed:

5. President's Address and Report of the Chairperson for the Finance Committee

The Committee for World Service thanked the President for his address as well as the General Secretary and the Chairperson for the Finance Committee for their reports and, although there was not much time for discussion, received the address and reports with appreciation.

6. Report of the General Secretary

The Committee for World Service expressed concern and sadness regarding the decision of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Latvia to restrict ordination to men only. The Committee for World Service conveyed its concern to the Committee for Advocacy and Public Voice for inclusion in the statement being prepared for the Council.

7. Reports of the Department for World Service Management Team, January-June 2016

The Committee for World Service received the reports from the Director for World Service, the Global Program Coordinator and the Global Finance Coordinator with appreciation.

8. LWF World Service Risk Management Policy

The Committee for World Service discussed and approved the revised Risk Management Policy.

9. LWF World Service Complaints Report

The Committee for World Service received the confidential LWF World Service Complaints Report, and noted the actions taken or proposed.

IV. ISSUES REFERRED TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE**1. Recommendation to appoint a qualified accountant**

Given the considerable growth of the Department for World Service, the Committee for World Service recommends that a qualified accountant be appointed, on a voluntary basis, to provide the Committee for World Service and Global Finance Coordinator with financial advice as may be necessary.

2. Report of the Implementation of the COOP 2015

The Committee for World Service endorses the Report of the Communion Office Operational Plan 2015 for the Department for World Service with appreciation as reflected in the Council Exhibit 9.1.

3. LWF Budget 2017 and LWF Program and Budget Overview 2017

The Committee for World Service endorses the approval of the LWF Budget 2017 and LWF Program and Budget Overview 2017 of the Department for World Service in the amount of EUR 135,187,000 as reflected in the Council Exhibits 12.1 and 12.1.1

4. LWF Strategic Priority Areas 2017-2018

The Committee for World Service endorses the LWF Strategic Priority Areas 2017-2018.