



THE
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FEDERATION

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of Churches

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Council

Our Council governs the LWF between Assemblies. Its members are elected by the Assembly.

- i. The Council has the responsibility to ensure that LWF is satisfactorily organized and run according to its defined purpose and in accordance with resolutions made by the Assembly.
- ii. The Council shall decide on the budget of the LWF and safeguard the proper control and management of the LWF's assets.
- iii. The Council shall receive the audited annual financial statements of the LWF and approve them.
- iv. The Council may, when necessary, authorize the Executive Committee to approve the audited annual financial statements.
- v. The Council shall define the strategy of the LWF according to decisions and actions made by the Assembly.

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It elects the General Secretary.

It meets once a year.

Membership

The Council comprises:

- 48 persons, elected by the Assembly
- the President, elected by the Assembly
- the Chairperson of the Finance Committee if he or she is elected from outside the Council
- the Chairperson of the Committee for World Service if he or she is elected from outside the Council

The LWF Constitution stipulates due representation of ordained and lay persons, women, men and youth.

The term of office for Council members ends at the close of the next ordinary Assembly. Members are eligible for one re-election.

Members of the Council

- ADA EPSE MAINA, Rev. Dr Jeannette, Evangelical Lutheran Church of Cameroon (CAMEROON)
- ALBECKER, Mr Christian, Union of Protestant Churches of Alsace and Lorraine (FRANCE)
- ÁLVAREZ ROCHA, Rev. Geraldina, Lutheran Costa Rican Church (COSTA RICA)
- ANDO, Ms Fu, Japan Evangelical Lutheran Church (JAPAN)
- ANTONSEN, Mr Jacob Breda, The Evangelical Lutheran Free Church of Norway (NORWAY)
- ÁRNADÓTTIR, Ms Thuridur Björg Wíium, The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Iceland (ICELAND)
- AZAR, Ms Sally, The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land (PALESTINE)
- BORGOARY, Ms Ranjita Christi, Northern Evangelical Lutheran Church (INDIA)
- BRABAND, Ms Julia, Evangelical Church in Central Germany (GERMANY)
- CHANG, Bishop Chun Wa, The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Hong Kong (HONG KONG)
- CHEN, Rev. Selma (Shu-Chen), The Lutheran Church of Taiwan (REPUBLIC OF CHINA)
- DIBISA, Rev. Yonas Yigezu, The Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus (ETHIOPIA)
- DRANGSHOLT, Dr Kjetil, Church of Norway (NORWAY)
- EATON, Presiding Bishop Elizabeth A., Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (USA)
- MUSA, Archbishop Dr Panti Filibus, Lutheran Church of Christ in Nigeria (NIGERIA)
- FLIPPIN JR., Rev. William Edward, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (USA)
- FRIEDRICH, Rev. Dr Nestor Paulo, Evangelical Church of the Lutheran Confession in Brazil (BRAZIL)
- HIETAMÄKI, Dr Minna, Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland (FINLAND)
- JACKELÉN, Archbishop Dr Antje, Church of Sweden (SWEDEN)
- JULY, Bishop Dr h.c. Frank O., Evangelical Lutheran Church in Württemberg (GERMANY)
- KERKETTA, Rev. Dr Christ Sumit, Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church (INDIA)
- KLÁTIK, Bishop Dr Miloš, Evangelical Church of the Augsburg Confession in the Slovak Republic (SLOVAK REPUBLIC)
- KLEIST, Pröpstin Astrid, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Northern Germany (GERMANY)

- KOCHENDORFER, Bishop Larry, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (CANADA)
- MAGWAZA, Mr Khulekani S., Evangelical Lutheran Church in Southern Africa (SOUTH AFRICA)
- MBISE, Ms LoeRose, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania (TANZANIA)
- MIRGELER, Oberkirchenrat Olaf-Johannes, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Northern Germany (GERMANY)
- MOUANGA NDEMBE, Ms Stevy C., Evangelical Lutheran Church of Congo (REPUBLIC OF CONGO)
- MOYO, Rev. Elitha, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Zimbabwe (ZIMBABWE)
- MUNYIKA, Bishop Dr Veikko, The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Namibia (NAMIBIA)
- NAVRÁTILOVÁ, Ms Olga, Evangelical Church of Czech Brethren (CZECH REPUBLIC)
- OBERDORFER, Prof. Dr Bernd, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Bavaria (GERMANY)
- PHILIP, Ms Cheryl, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (USA)
- RAKOTONIRINA, Bishop Dr David, Malagasy Lutheran Church (MADAGASCAR)
- RODRÍGUEZ RAMÍREZ, Mr Grosvyn Ariel, Christian Lutheran Church of Honduras (HONDURAS)
- SCHMIDT-KLIE, Mr Lasse, Evangelical Lutheran Church of Hanover (GERMANY)
- SEYENKULO, Bishop Dr Jensen, Lutheran Church in Liberia (LIBERIA)
- SOJKA, Dr Jerzy Janusz, Evangelical Church of the Augsburg Confession in Poland (POLAND)
- STEILMANN FRANCO, Ms Karla M., Evangelical Church of the River Plate (ARGENTINA)
- STEINKE, Rev. Dr Robin, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (USA)
- STUBKJÆR, Bishop Henrik, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Denmark (DENMARK)
- SUMBAYAK, Ms Desri Maria, The Indonesian Christian Church (INDONESIA)
- TELAUMBANUA, Bishop Dr Tuhoni, The Protestant Christian Church (INDONESIA)
- TKACH, Ms Vera, Federation of Evangelical Lutheran Churches in Russia and Other States (RUSSIAN FEDERATION)
- VALERIANO, Mr Johanan Celine, Lutheran Church in the Philippines (THE PHILIPPINES)
- VIILMA, Archbishop Urmas, Estonian Evangelical Lutheran Church (ESTONIA)
- VITIELLO, Ms Cordelia, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Italy (ITALY)
- WAMBUA, Ms Faith Mwikali, Kenya Evangelical Lutheran Church (KENYA)
- WESTFELD, Ms Bettina, Evangelical Lutheran Church of Saxony (GERMANY)
- YAP, Bishop Aaron Chuan Ching, Lutheran Church in Malaysia (MALAYSIA)

Council Committees

Our Council Committees and ad-hoc sub-committees guide and review the work of the LWF. Committee members and chairpersons are appointed by the Council from among its members.

In addition, the Council may name up to 21 advisers to provide additional expertise. The advisers have voting rights in the Committees, and have voice but no vote in Council sessions.

Council Committees

- Finance Committee
- Committee for World Service
- Committee for Theology and Public Witness
- Committee for Mission and Development
- Committee for Communications
- Standing Committee for Constitution and Membership
- Ad-hoc Committee for Advocacy and Public Voice

Vice-Presidents

We have seven vice-presidents, each representing one of the seven LWF regions.

They are elected by the Council from among its members, and may be ordained or lay. Furthermore, a due representation of women and men shall be observed. They represent the LWF in the region to which their respective church belongs and moderate LWF church leadership meetings in that region.

The Vice-Presidents serve for a seven-year term. As with all other Council members, a vice-president's term of office runs until the close of the next ordinary Assembly.

Current Vice-Presidents

- Africa: Rev. Dr Jeannette Ada Epse Maina, Evangelical Lutheran Church of Cameroon
- Asia: Ms Desri Maria Sumbayak, The Indonesian Christian Church
- Central Eastern Europe: Archbishop Urmas Viilma, Estonian Evangelical Lutheran Church
- Central Western Europe: Pröpstin Astrid Kleist, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Northern Germany
- Nordic Countries: Archbishop Dr Antje Jackelén, Church of Sweden
- Latin America and the Caribbean: Rev. Dr Nestor Friedrich, President, Evangelical Church of the Lutheran Confession in Brazil
- North America: Presiding Bishop Elizabeth A. Eaton, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Executive Committee

The Executive Committee oversees the proper functioning of the LWF between Council meetings. The Executive Committee shall normally meet semiannually, with one meeting in conjunction with the Council meeting.

The Executive Committee shall be accountable to the Council and shall:

- i. Provide oversight of the Communion Office based on reports from the General Secretary;
- ii. Provide oversight of the budget and resource management;
- iii. Ensure that operations are in line with the Council decisions and the LWF Strategy;
- iv. Conduct performance reviews of the General Secretary;
- v. Be the appointing authority for department directors;
- vi. Serve as the LWF Personnel Committee and Board of Trustees;
- vii. Perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Council.

Membership

The Meeting of Officers is made up of the

- President
- Vice-Presidents
- Chairperson of the Finance Committee
- Chairperson of the Committee for World Service
- Chairpersons of the specified Committees

At least 40% of the members of the Executive Committee shall be women and at least 40% shall be men. Regional representation shall be considered in their selection. In addition, it may elect up to two members for the purpose of ensuring gender and generational representation.