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## Resolution Supporting the roll-out of Global Compacts on Refugees and Migration

**The LWF Council, meeting in Geneva, Switzerland from 27 June to 2 July, 2018, under the theme “freely you have received, freely give” (Matthew 10:8), deliberated and adopted the following message to the LWF member churches:**

### Supporting the roll-out of Global Compacts on Refugees and Migration

*I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me... (Matthew 25:35)*

- (1) Since the Second World War the world is witnessing the largest number of people ever on the move, many of whom have been forced to flee their homes. On their way to safety or to seek better opportunities, many lose their lives, fall prey to human traffickers and face several other forms of violence and abuse. Sadly, many governments are defaulting on their international law obligations to protect the human rights of all people on the move and to provide support for refugees and asylum seekers.
- (2) In response to this global challenge, the United Nations is poised to adopt two important documents towards the end of the year on how the international community should respond to migration and mass displacements. The documents outline specific mechanisms for responsibility sharing among Member States.
- (3) In Windhoek, the Assembly adopted a resolution on refugees, internally displaced persons and forced migration, whereby the Assembly urged the LWF communion office to strengthen the implementation of the UN Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework (CRRF) and actively contribute to the development of the Global Compact on Refugees (GCR) and the Global Compact on Migration (GCM).

To this end, the Council calls upon:

(4) the LWF member Churches:

- 1) to continue to support the work of the LWF World Service as they assist refugees and host communities, particularly in the areas of conflict prevention, reconciliation, and peacebuilding;
- 2) to affirm the Department for Mission and Development (DMD) "Symbols of Hope" program in relation to migrants and collaborate with it where appropriate;
- 3) to promote and advocate for the implementation of both compacts in their respective countries; and
- 4) to lobby their respective governments to play their part in supporting refugees and responsibility sharing with major refugee hosting states; and

(5) the LWF communion office:

- 1) to familiarize the member churches with both of the compacts; and
- 2) to support member churches as they advocate for the implementation of the compacts.