

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE FOR THEOLOGY AND ECUMENICAL RELATIONS

I. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACTION BY THE COUNCIL

With reference to Council Exhibit 14.1, Report of the Chairperson of the Board of the Lutheran Foundation for Interconfessional Research

The Committee expressed its appreciation of the work of the staff of the Institute for Ecumenical Research and

It is

RECOMMENDED: to receive the Report of the Chairperson of the Board of the Lutheran Foundation for Interconfessional Research with appreciation; and

to express appreciation for the continued support by the Institute for the bilateral dialogues and for its substantial contributions to these dialogues; and

to affirm the strong commitment of the LWF to the assessment process which the Institute is about to enter.

With reference to Council Exhibit 9.3, Communion: On Being Church. Report of the Lutheran–Reformed Joint Commission between the Lutheran World Federation (LWF) and the World Communion of Reformed Churches (WCRC), 2006—2012

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RECOMMENDED: to receive the Report of the Lutheran–Reformed Joint Commission between the Lutheran World Federation (LWF) and the World Communion of Reformed Churches (WCRC), 2006—2012 and its recommendations with appreciation and to commend the report to the member churches for study.

II. ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION BY THE COUNCIL

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

- 1) During session 9, the Committee worked in two separate working groups--one reflecting on a proposal to develop an ecumenical strategy for the LWF and a second discussing the program on Lutheran Theological Education Network which will be moved from DMD to DTPW in 2015.
- 2) The Committee for Theology and Ecumenical Relations met with Committee for Mission and Development for a joint session in order to be informed about the reviewed share of responsibilities between DMD and DTPW in the cross-cutting field of theological reflection and formation.
- 3) The Committee

VOTED: to receive the Report of Dr Hintikka and her staff and commend them for their fine work.

IV. ISSUES REFERRED TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

1. LWF Budget 2015 and Program Plan 2015

The Committee for Theology and Ecumenical Relations endorses the approval of the 2015 budget and 2015 program plans of the LWF Department for Theology and Public Witness in the amount of EUR 2,204,799 as reflected in Council Exhibits 13.1.1 and 13.1.

2. LWF 2013 COOP Report

The Committee for Theology and Ecumenical Relations endorses that the LWF DTPW COOP 2013 Report as reflected in Council Exhibit 9.1 be received with appreciation.

3. COOP 2015--2016

The Committee for Theology and Ecumenical Relations endorses the approval of the COOP 2015--2016 as reflected in Council Exhibit 13.