

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE FOR WORLD SERVICE

I. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACTION BY THE COUNCIL

The Committee for World Service in its meeting in January 2014 discussed the status of Associate Programs of the Lutheran World Federation, World Service. Associate Programs are former LWF World Service programs now under autonomous local governance but closely connected to the LWF World Service. The Committee for World Service appreciates the close relationship and cooperation and agrees with the request of the Associate Programs, to strengthen the link between LWF World Service and its Associate Programs by creating an advisory position to the Committee for World Service for one representative of the Associate Programs to be nominated collectively by the Associate Programs for a 3 year term.

It is

RECOMMENDED: **to create an advisory position to the Committee for World Service for one representative of the Associate Programs of the Lutheran World Federation, World Service, to be nominated collectively by the Associate Programs for a 3-year term.**

II. ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION BY THE COUNCIL

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 27-28 January 2014 in Geneva. The following issues were discussed:

1. Report of the Director for World Service June-December 2013

The Committee for World Service received the report from the Director for World Service with appreciation.

2. DWS Program Overview June-December 2013

The Committee for World Service received the DWS Program Overview with appreciation.

3. Central America Strategy 2014-2019

The Committee for World Service approved the Central America Strategy 2014-2019.

4. Central America Evaluation

The Committee for World Service received the Central America evaluation with appreciation.

5. Nepal Strategy 2014-2019

The Committee for World Service approved the Nepal Strategy 2014-2019.

6. Nepal Evaluation

The Committee for World Service received the Nepal evaluation with appreciation.

7. 2013 Risk Management Matrix

The Committee for World Service received the 2013 Risk Management Matrix with appreciation.

8. Update on the Revised PMER System

The Committee for World Service received the update on the revised PME system with appreciation.

The second meeting took place in the context of this LWF Council meeting on 13-14 June 2014 in Medan, Indonesia, and the following issues were discussed:

9. President's Address

The Committee for World Service thanked the President for his address and, although there was not much time for discussion, the Committee for World Service received the address as outlined in Council Exhibit 8 with appreciation.

10. Report of the General Secretary

The Committee for World Service thanked the General Secretary for his report as outlined in Council Exhibit 9 and, although there was not much time for discussion, the Committee for World Service received the report with appreciation.

11. Report of the Chairperson for the Finance Committee

The Committee for World Service thanked the Finance Committee Chairperson for her report and, although there was not much time for discussion, it received the report as outlined in Council Exhibit 10 with appreciation.

12. Report of the Director for World Service January-May 2014

The Committee for World Service received the report from the Director for World Service with appreciation.

13. Augusta Victoria Hospital cash flow crisis

The Committee for World Service discussed the situation of the Augusta Victoria Hospital (AVH) in Jerusalem. It confirms the importance of the LWF World Service ministry provided through the AVH.

The Committee for World Service appreciates the lobby actions carried out by the Communion office, the AVH board and LWF Jerusalem staff as well as by many member churches. The Committee for World Service affirms the decisions of the Board of Trustees in its meeting on 11 June 2014 on the AVH.

14. LWF Associate Programs

The Committee for World Service discussed various aspects with regards to associate programs and recommended to define more clearly what the criteria for becoming an Associate Program are, what is required for accompanying the Associate Programs, and what are additional models for strategic partnerships.

15. DWS Program Overview January-June 2014

The Committee for World Service received the DWS Program Overview with appreciation.

16. Update on the Revised PMER System

The Committee for World Service received the update on the revised PMER system with appreciation.

17. Jordan Program

The Committee for World Service approved the opening of a country program in Jordan.

18. DWS Finance Report 2013

The Committee for World Service received the DWS Finance Report 2013 with appreciation.

19. 2013 Annual Report

The Committee for World Service received the 2013 DWS Annual Report with appreciation.

20. Haiti Strategy 2015-2020

The Committee for World Service approved the Haiti Strategy 2015-2020.

21. Haiti Evaluation

The Committee for World Service received the Haiti evaluation with appreciation.

22. Laos Evaluation

The Committee for World Service received the Laos evaluation with appreciation.

23. Revised Complaints Mechanism Policy and Procedures

The Committee for World Service discussed and approved the revised complaints mechanism Policy and Procedures.

24. Investigation Guidelines

The Committee for World Service discussed and received the Investigation Guidelines with appreciation.

25. Child Protection Policy

The Committee for World Service discussed and approved the Child Protection Policy.

26. Open Information and Dissemination Policy

The Committee for World Service discussed and approved the revised Open Information and Dissemination Policy.

27. DWS Complaints Report

The Committee for World Service in the closed session received the revised DWS complaints report with appreciation.

28. Director of the Department for World Service

The Committee for World Service has taken notice of the resignation of Rev. Eberhard Hitzler, Director for the Department for World Service, and expressed deep appreciation for the Director's leadership and management in the Department over the last 8 years. The Director was commended for expanding the capacity of World Service to respond to global needs as a respected international humanitarian and development arm of the Communion and was thanked with heartfelt applause.

IV. ISSUES REFERRED TO FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Committee for World Service referred the following recommendations to the Finance Committee:

1. LWF Budget 2015 and Program Plan 2015

The Committee for World Service endorses the approval of the 2015 budget and 2015 program plans of the LWF Department for World Service in the amount of EUR 93,281,419 as reflected in Exhibit 13.1 and Exhibit 13.1.1.

2. LWF 2013 COOP Report

The Committee for World Service endorsed that the LWF World Service COOP 2013 Report as reflected in Council Exhibit 9.1 be received with appreciation.

3. COOP 2015-2016

The Committee for World Service endorses the approval of the COOP 2015-2016 as reflected in Exhibit 13.

V. ISSUES REFERRED TO OTHER COMMITTEES

No issues were referred to other committees.