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Statement on Universal Code of Conduct on Holy Sites

On 16 June 2014 the LWF Council adopted the following Public Statement:

Preamble

The *Universal Code of Conduct on Holy Sites* was developed in consultation with religious leaders and experts from many of the world's major faiths by a writing group of representatives from the following organizations: One World in Dialogue (EVID), Oslo Centre for Peace and Human Rights, Religions for Peace (RfP) and Search for Common Ground (SFCG). After consultation with experts from different faith traditions worldwide beginning in 2009 and throughout 2010, a universal code of conduct on holy sites was finalized in early 2011. During 2011, 2012 and 2013 a number of endorsements to the universal code of conduct have been obtained from interfaith networks and religious communities, among them: the World Council of Religions for Peace, the World Sikh Leadership, Council of Religious Institutions of the Holy Land, President of the All India Imam Organization, World Council of Churches, and the Russian Orthodox Church – Moscow Patriarchate.

The LWF Council:

- endorses the *Universal Code of Conduct on Holy Sites*;
- encourages member churches to support initiatives in their contexts; and
- calls upon the United Nations to adopt a UN resolution in the spirit of the Code.

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