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Invitation to the media

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Dear Media colleagues,

Greetings from Geneva! We invite you to apply for media accreditation to the annual governance meeting of The Lutheran World Federation (LWF), which will take place from June 12 – 17, 2014 in Medan, Indonesia. This year, the Council meeting is hosted by LWF member churches in Indonesia.

The Council theme 2014 is: “Like a Tree Planted by Streams of Water.”

Program highlights include:

- The President’s address and General Secretary’s report on the year past and future perspectives for the LWF.
- **Keynote panel on Interfaith Dialogue.** Indonesia is one of the largest countries in the world. Of its more than 250.000.000 people, about 80% are Muslim and 16% are Christian. The keynote panel will explore interfaith dialogue in an Indonesian context and will consist of Christian and Muslim panelists. The keynote panel will take place on 12 June at 16:00 and will be followed by a press conference at 18:30.
- **Planning of the Reformation Anniversary: “Luther 2017: 500 Years of Reformation.”** In 2017 the LWF will host its 12th Assembly in Namibia. 2017 is also the year for commemorating the 500th year of the Reformation. The Council will discuss and take decision on how the programmatic work related to the two items.

The Council meets once a year and is responsible for the business of the LWF between Assemblies. It consists of the President, the Treasurer and 48 lay or ordained persons, drawn from the LWF member churches. The current Council members were appointed at the July 2010 Eleventh Assembly in Stuttgart, Germany.

This year’s meeting venue is:
Tiara Medan Hotel & Convention Center
Jl. Cut Mutia Medan
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LWF Communications will be blogging throughout the conference on www.lutheranworld.org/blog

If you are not already receiving our newsletter, you can sign up at www.lutheranworld.org to receive Lutheran World Information from the Council meeting and beyond.

Kindly indicate your interest to participate in the Council meeting to: Ms Colette Muanda at colette.muanda@lutheranworld.org before May 15.

Please note that all accredited media persons are responsible for planning their own travel and accommodation. It is also expected that you bring along your own working equipment. Wi-fi and work space in the vicinity of the meeting room will be provided.

If you are planning to attend and wish to combine your visit with an insight into the work of LWF member churches in Indonesia, please indicate so in your letter to Ms Muanda.

We look forward to hearing from you and answering any queries you may have at this stage.

Sincerely,

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