

THE LUTHERAN WORLD FEDERATION

Eleventh Assembly **“Give us Today our Daily Bread”**

Stuttgart, GERMANY
20 – 27 July 2010

Proposed
AGENDA

1. OPENING EUCHARIST AND FORMAL OPENING

On Tuesday 20 July at 15:00 hours, the Opening Eucharist will be held in Stiftskirche in Stuttgart. Following the Opening Eucharist, the President of the LWF, Bishop Mark Hanson, will declare the Assembly open.

1.1 Formal Opening of Business Sessions

The President of the LWF will formally open the business sessions on Tuesday 20 July at 18:00 hours.

1.2 Introductions and Greetings

The LWF General Secretary, the Rev. Dr Ishmael Noko, will introduce special guests and invite them to bring greetings to the Assembly. Not all introductions and greetings will be brought during one plenary session; greetings will be given during several sessions as the Assembly schedule permits.

1.3 Adoption of Agenda and Time Schedule

It is

RECOMMENDED: to adopt the Agenda and Time Schedule, with the understanding that changes may be made in the course of the Assembly upon recommendation of the Business Committee.

1.4 Adoption of the Rules of Procedure of the Eleventh LWF Assembly

It is

RECOMMENDED: to adopt the Rules of Procedure of the Eleventh LWF Assembly (EXHIBIT 1.4).

The Constitution of the Lutheran World Federation and Bylaws are provided for information and easy reference (refer to “From Winnipeg to Stuttgart 2003 – 2010” pages 146-171).

1.5 Formation of Village Groups

An overall introduction to the work of the Village Groups will be given during the first plenary session.

Assembly participants are each assigned to one of the five Village Groups according to issue and language preference. One chairperson, a vice-chairperson and a recorder will lead each Village Group. The Bible Study is presented in the morning Eucharist every day. The composition of the Village Groups is indicated in EXHIBIT 1.5.

2. APPOINTMENT OF ASSEMBLY COMMITTEES

The Business Committee will present its proposal for the composition of Assembly Committees (EXHIBIT 2).

It is

RECOMMENDED: to appoint the following Assembly Committees and their Members:

- **Business Committee**
- **Policy and Reference Committee**
- **Editorial Committee**
- **Credentials and Elections Committee**
- **Minutes Committee**
- **Nominations Committee**

3. PLENARY ADDRESSES AND PRESENTATIONS

The following major presentations on issues for consideration by the Assembly will be made in the course of the Assembly at the times indicated in the Assembly Schedule.

3.1 Address of the LWF President

LWF President Bishop Mark Hanson, USA, will submit his Address as EXHIBIT 3.1.

It is

RECOMMENDED: to receive the Address of the LWF President.

3.2 Report of the LWF General Secretary

LWF General Secretary Rev. Dr Ishmael Noko, Zimbabwe, will submit his Report as EXHIBIT 3.2.

It is

RECOMMENDED: to receive the Report of the LWF General Secretary.

3.3 Keynote Address: “Give us Today our Daily Bread”

The Most Rev. Dr Rowan Williams, the archbishop of Canterbury, will present his Address as EXHIBIT 3.3.

4. REPORTS

4.1 The LWF Report "From Winnipeg to Stuttgart 2003 - 2010"

The LWF Report which has been provided to all Assembly participants will be introduced by the General Secretary in the Plenary Session III.

It is

RECOMMENDED: to receive the LWF Report “From Winnipeg to Stuttgart 2003 - 2010” as information.

4.2 Report of the LWF Treasurer

The LWF Treasurer, Mr Peter Stoll, Germany, will present his Report as EXHIBIT 4.2.

It is

RECOMMENDED: to receive the Report of the LWF Treasurer.

4.3 Report on LWF Member Churches

A list of new churches in the Lutheran World Federation and changes in membership since the Tenth Assembly in Winnipeg 2003 is submitted as EXHIBIT 4.3.

It is

RECOMMENDED: to receive the list of new member churches and membership changes as information.

Applications for membership in the LWF, which have been received since the last meeting of the LWF Council in 2009, will be prepared for consideration. After examination of the credentials of the applicants for membership, a recommendation will be submitted through the Business Committee for action by the Assembly.

4.4 Messages from the Pre-Assembly Consultations

The messages from all Pre-Assembly Consultations are enclosed for information (EXHIBIT 4.4).

5. WORK IN VILLAGE GROUPS

Assembly participants have been assigned to five different Village Groups to work on the Assembly theme to develop the message of the Assembly. Details of the process are included in the Assembly Handbook, *Participating in the LWF Eleventh Assembly* and in the LWF Eleventh Assembly Rules of Procedure.

In preparation of the message, the Village Groups will meet on 21, 22, 23, 24, 26 and 27 July as indicated in the Assembly Schedule.

6. REPORTS OF ASSEMBLY COMMITTEES

The Assembly will be assisted in its work by Assembly Committees (see EXHIBIT 2 for their composition). During the course of the Assembly, these committees will report to the plenary and present their recommendations for action, in keeping with the provisions outlined in the Rules of Procedure (EXHIBIT 1.4)

- 6.1 Reports of the Business Committee (EXHIBITS 6.1, 6.1.1ff)
- 6.2 Reports of the Policy and Reference Committee (EXHIBITS 6.2, 6.2.1ff)
- 6.3 Reports of the Editorial Committee (EXHIBITS 6.3, 6.3.1ff)
- 6.4 Reports of the Credentials and Elections Committee (EXHIBITS 6.4, 6.4.1ff)
- 6.5 Reports of the Minutes Committee (EXHIBITS 6.5, 6.5.1ff)
- 6.6 Reports of the Nominations Committee (EXHIBITS 6.6, 6.6.1ff)

7. OTHER WORSHIP SERVICES

Midday prayers will be held from 12:15 to 12:30 every day in the Plenary Hall.

Sunday 25 July will be a day of celebration and fellowship with members of Evangelical Lutheran Church in Württemberg congregations in the Stuttgart area. The visit to local congregations will include lunch.

On Tuesday afternoon, 27 July, at 16:30 hours, the Closing Eucharist will be celebrated in the Stiftskirche.

8. HEARINGS AND SPECIAL PLENARY

The following hearings will be arranged in the course of the Assembly.

8.1 *The Host Church Presents Itself*

On Tuesday 20 July at 18:00, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Württemberg, as host church for the LWF Eleventh Assembly, will present itself.

8.2 *Plenary on Youth and Women*

There will be a special plenary on Youth and Women on Friday 23 July from 11:00 to 12:15 (EXHIBIT 8.2).

8.3 *First Public Hearing*

The First Public Hearing will be held on Friday 23 July from 14:30 to 16:00. The theme will be “Daily Bread, Climate Change and Food Security” (EXHIBIT 8.3).

8.4 *Second Public Hearing*

The Second Public Hearing will be held on Saturday 24 July from 16:30 to 18:00. The theme for the first part will be “Illegitimate Debt” (16:30 – 17:15) and for the second part “HIV and AIDS” (17:15 – 18:00) (see EXHIBIT 8.3).

9. ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT AND THE COUNCIL

The Nominations Committee will present its report (EXHIBITS 6.6ff) with nominations for the election of the President and the members of the new Council.

The Credentials and Elections Committee will conduct the election and announce the results to the Plenary (please refer to Rules of Procedure, EXHIBIT 1.4, items 3.2.6 and 4.1.5, and the Assembly Schedule).

The Nominations Committee will present its first report on 22 July during Plenary VII and its final report on 24 July during Plenary X. Elections take place on 24 July during Plenary XI.

10. MESSAGE OF THE ASSEMBLY

It is proposed that the findings and results of the Assembly be written in the form of a message addressed to the member churches. The draft, based on discussions in Village Groups and prepared by the Editorial Committee, will be presented by the Policy and Reference Committee and discussed in Plenary Sessions on 26 and 27 July (see Assembly Schedule).

The Message of the Eleventh Assembly will be submitted as EXHIBIT 10.

11. INTRODUCTION TO THE RENEWAL OF THE LWF

The chair of the Renewal Committee Bishop Raymond Schultz will present the report on behalf of the LWF Council (EXHIBITS 11, 11.1, 11.2)

12. ACTION ON THE LEGACY OF LUTHERAN PERSECUTION OF ANABAPTISTS

When Lutherans today realize the history of Lutheran - Anabaptist relationships in the sixteenth century and beyond as it is presented in the report of the Lutheran - Mennonite International Study Commission, they are filled with a deep sense of regret and pain over the persecution of Anabaptists by Lutheran authorities and especially over the fact that Lutheran reformers theologically supported this persecution. Thus, on behalf of the worldwide Lutheran family, the Lutheran World Federation, A Communion of Churches wishes to express publicly its deep regret and sorrow.

Trusting in God who in Jesus Christ was reconciling the world to himself, we ask for forgiveness - from God and from our Mennonite sisters and brothers - for the harm that our forbears in the sixteenth century committed to Anabaptists, for forgetting or ignoring this persecution in the intervening centuries, and for all inappropriate, misleading and hurtful portraits of Anabaptists and Mennonites made by Lutheran authors, in both popular and scholarly forms, to the present day.

We pray that God may grant to our communities a healing of our memories and reconciliation.

We commit ourselves:

to interpret the Lutheran Confessions in light of the jointly described history between Lutherans and Anabaptists;

to take care that this action of the LWF will bear fruit in the teaching of the Lutheran Confessions in the seminaries and other educational activities of our member churches;

to continue the exploration of unresolved issues between our two traditions, in particular baptism and relations of Christians and of the Church to the state, in an atmosphere of mutual openness and the willingness to learn from each other;

to affirm the present consensus, gained by the experience of our churches over the centuries, in repudiating the use of the state's power either to exclude or enforce particular religious beliefs; and to work towards upholding and maintaining freedom of religion and conscience in political orders and societies, and

to urge our international bodies, member churches, and in particular our congregations, to seek ways to continue and deepen relations with the Mennonite World Conference and with local

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Mennonite communities through common prayer and Bible study, shared humanitarian engagement, and common work for peace.

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Any other business which needs to come before the Assembly will be placed on the Agenda by the Business Committee.

14. CLOSING

The outgoing President will close the business sessions of the Assembly during the afternoon (Plenary XVI) on Tuesday 27 July.

The Closing Eucharist will begin at 16:30 at the Stiftskirche, and will include the installation of the new President and Council of the LWF.

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