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[Irish church leaders call for hope and peace-building in Northern Ireland](#)

Irish church leaders have in an ecumenical message called for a spirit of hope and continued peace-building in Northern Ireland when talks resume to form a government there after the UK General Election. The church leaders from

Northern Ireland were speaking before voters there along with those from England, Wales and Scotland were to vote in a general election on 8 June for the Parliament of the United Kingdom. Northern Ireland's future has been uncertain in recent months after the 10-year power-sharing coalition of unionists.



[WCC Executive Committee to focus on unity](#)

The WCC Executive Committee is meeting at the Ecumenical Institute in Bossey this week from 7-12 June, focusing on unity, renewal of the WCC strategic plan and financial strategy, the building project, preparations for the 11th Assembly and observance of WCC's 70th anniversary.

Prayer Cycle

[Jun 04, 2017 - Jun 10, 2017](#)

[Lesotho, Namibia,
South Africa,
Swaziland](#)



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[Jun 11, 2017 - Jun 17, 2017](#)

[Botswana, Zimbabwe](#)



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New blog post



Prophetic voices and the AIDS epidemic



WCC Europe president cites weight of S. Africa Constitution at SACC gathering

WCC President for Europe Archbishop Emeritus Anders Wejryd has reminded South African church leaders of the importance of the nation's constitution, speaking at a time of political uncertainty in the country.

West Ankole Church of Uganda consecrates fourth bishop

The diocese of West Ankole Church of Uganda consecrated its fourth bishop, Rev. Johnson Twinomujuni who replaced the Rev. Yonah Katonene on 28 May. Katonene has served as a member of World Council of Churches Central Committee since 2013, and retired from being the diocesan bishop last October.



Duty to protect the human rights of workers is rooted in Gospel

Working conditions for millions of workers in the informal economy, especially migrants and seasonal workers, tend to escape legal regulations and even fail to meet basic human rights standards. The state as well as the church has a big responsibility regarding the most vulnerable of workers, found participants in a workshop on the protection of workers in an informal economy yesterday at the Ecumenical Centre in Geneva.

New videos



Global Prayer for Just Peace in the Holy Land

New on Facebook



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HIV Testing: Leading by Example

#KnowYourStatus: Rev. David Wunsch leads by example



Historic gathering" of church leaders



Outpouring of messages vow to carry climate justice forward

Climate justice isn't a policy that can simply be thrown away by any president - it's a moral decision that affects the well-being of millions of people and future generations across the world. Thousands of people are communicating this message via statements, posts and tweets on social media, and even with earnest conversations with their neighbors. Many are from the WCC fellowship, humanitarian groups, churches and communities, and they are bringing a clear - and unified - voice of justice after US President Donald Trump announced on 2 June that his nation would leave the Paris climate accord.



Pentecost is time to pray for unity and just peace

The fellowship and unity that Jesus' disciples once experienced praying together during a time of fear in Jerusalem at Pentecost "spelled a new beginning" for the mission of the Church, the general secretary of the WCC has reminded Christians worldwide from the Holy Land.



2nd meeting of the Theological Study Group of the Pilgrimage of Justice and Peace



Pentecost is time to pray for unity and just peace



Jerusalem Patriarchate celebrates Pentecost



חג השבועות הינו הזמן להתפלל לאחדות ולשלום אמיתי

News in Russian



Историческая встреча в Босси: "Стремление к большему единению во Христе"

WCC calls for global prayer for just peace in the Holy Land

The World Council of Churches (WCC) is calling for Christians all over the world, while they are celebrating the feast of Pentecost, to join in a prayer for justice and peace on Monday, 5 June.



New financial models needed for sustainable agriculture

Recent developments in the global finance sector are imperilling food production and the vision for life-enhancing agriculture, say economists in a two-year study.



[Climate justice must be prioritized, say ACT Alliance, the Lutheran World Federation and the World Council of Churches](#)

The ACT Alliance, the Lutheran World Federation and the World Council of Churches, call for a prioritization of climate justice as US President Donald Trump issues executive order withdrawing the US from the Paris Climate Agreement. They express deep dismay at this development, which goes against global commitments to address climate change.

В целях преодоления внутренних разногласий среди христианских церквей лидеры Всемирного совета церквей (ВСЦ), Всемирного пятидесятнического братства (ВПБ), Всемирного евангелического альянса (ВСА) и должностные лица Ватикана впервые провели совместную встречу для продвижения христианского единства. Организованная ВСЦ и Глобальным христианским форумом двухдневная встреча исторического значения была посвящена вопросам поддержки проведения Глобального христианского форума (ГХФ).

News in Arabic



العنصرة، مناسبة للصلاة معا من أجل الوحدة والسلام العادل



[وحدة أكبر في المسيح"، محور "حوارات المؤتمر التاريخي الذي عُقد في "بوسي"](#)

Upcoming events

Commission on Faith and Order meeting

15 - 22 June 2017

Pretoria, South Africa

The Commission on Faith and Order is a study commission of the World Council of Churches. The purpose of the theological studies it undertakes is ecumenical: “to serve the churches as they call one another to visible unity in one faith and in one eucharistic fellowship...”



Eco-School on Water, Food and Climate Justice

24 July - 3 August 2017

Lilongwe, Malawi

At its first Eco-School on Water, Food and Climate Justice, the WCC's Ecumenical Water Network (EWN) along with its Ecumenical Advocacy Alliance will bring together about 20 young people from the Africa region. Over a period of 10 days, in an ecumenical setting, participants will have the opportunity to study the local, regional, and international manifestations and causes of the water crisis and food security affected by climate change. They will examine the situation and challenges from a perspective of faith and ethics, and search together for possible ecumenical responses to these challenges.



World Week of Peace in Palestine and Israel

17 - 24 September 2017

Worldwide

During this week which includes the International Day of Prayer for Peace on 21st September, church organizations, congregations, and people of faith are encouraged to make a common witness by participating in worship services, educational events, and acts of supports to support peace and justice for Israelis and Palestinians.



Global Ecumenical Theological Institute 2018

5 - 13 March 2018

Arusha, Tanzania

The Global Ecumenical Theological Institute (GETI) 2018 is a global ecumenical short-term study and exposure programme in accompaniment of the World Mission Conference in March 2018 in Arusha, Tanzania.