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[Korean Red Cross president's career shaped by seeing impact of a divided Korea](#)

The 78-year-old sociology professor recently inaugurated as President of the (South) Korean Red Cross had his first contacts with the divided North while working at the World Council of

Churches (WCC) in Geneva, where he served for more than 17 years until 1999.



[Dialogue on sacred texts yields peace-building insights](#)

At a meeting at the Centre for Interreligious Dialogue in Tehran, Iran on 20-23 August, delegations from the World Council of Churches and the Iranian Shia community gathered, with a sense of warmth and a willingness for deep exchange, for a bilateral dialogue.

[Prayer Cycle](#)

27 August 2017 - 02 September 2017

[Cape Verde, The Gambia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Senegal](#)



[» View the prayers](#)

03 September 2017 - 09 September 2017

[Benin, Côte d'Ivoire, Togo](#)



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“One thing is clear, faith communities can be a tremendous driver of change”

Gathering at World Water Week in Stockholm, Sweden on 30 August, representatives from a range of faith communities and organizations engaged in water issues held a session exploring how faith communities can help achieve the sixth Sustainable Development Goal, ensuring availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all.



In Wittenberg, vision for “church of tomorrow” is formed

As the 44th conference of the International Ecumenical Fellowship came to a close, those gathered departed for their home countries with a vision for “the church of tomorrow” and a renewed commitment to unity.



Orthodox bishops in USA condemn racist violence

New videos



12 Faces of Hope: Shadia Sbait



Invitation to Season of Creation

New on Facebook



World Water Week



50 Moments for #JusticeAndPeace

The Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States of America, on 18 August, released a response condemning recent racist violence in Charlottesville, Virginia. The bishops lamented the loss of life, and condemned “shameful efforts” to promote racial bigotry and white supremacist ideology.



Presbyterian leaders: racism in USA is “pernicious poison”

In an open letter on 28 August, former moderators of the general assemblies of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and its predecessor churches expressed their increasing alarm when notions of nationalism and racial superiority are masked and clothed in terms of the Christian faith.



“I can do things better back home”

For April Robinson, hopping in a bus with 35 other Christians from across Asia – from Pakistan, to Japan, to New Zealand – and travelling four hours to West Java, Indonesia to meet with interfaith activists brought just the perspective she needed to deepen and bolster her interfaith work back home in Melbourne, Australia.



12 Faces of Hope: Shadia Sbait



#ThursdaysinBlack with Estela de Carlotto

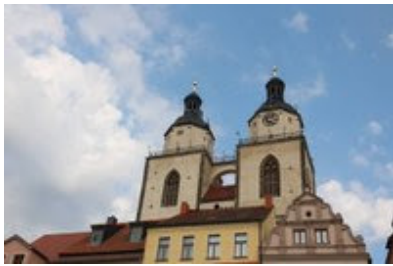


Online prayer for Creation

News in other languages



[Kyrkornas världsråd bjuder in till öppen workshop under World Water Week i Stockholm](#)



Wittenberg Declaration celebrates “journey of reconciliation and unity”

The 44th conference of the International Ecumenical Fellowship (IEF) has released a “Declaration of Wittenberg: We walk towards the visible unity of the Church,” a statement that culminates the week-long assembly, held 21-28 August.



“An extraordinary chance” for hope, Tveit reflects in Wittenberg

In a 25 August speech at the Wittenberg Ecumenical Assembly, WCC general secretary Rev. Dr Olav Fykse Tveit reviewed the work of the ecumenical movement in 2017, describing the present as “an extraordinary ecumenical chance at this point in history.”



Встреча Папы Франциска и руководства ВСЦ в Риме



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Papa Francesco e i dirigenti del CMC si riuniscono a Roma



[WCC holds public event at World Water Week in Stockholm](#)

Organized as part of World Water Week in Stockholm, Sweden, the WCC invites faith-based organizations, congregations as individuals to a 30 August public event entitled “Water and Faith: Building partnerships to achieve the SDGs”. The event is an open session, organized by the WCC in collaboration with Church of Sweden, Global Water Partnership, Stockholm International Water Institute, and Swedish Institute Alexandria.

Upcoming events



[Building Capacity for Ministry with Migrant Churches in Europe](#)

1 - 3 September 2017

Geneva, Switzerland

Europe is experiencing a new situation: while a majority of its populations have enjoyed decades of relative peace and stability, millions of people from conflict regions beyond its borders have sought refuge in various European countries. These global migration movements have profoundly tested societies on the European continent and prompted serious questions: How do we want to live together? Which values are our societies based on?



[Season of Creation](#)

1 September - 4 October 2017

Worldwide

From 1 September to 4 October, Christians around the world are praying and caring for creation. It's the “Season of Creation”. The beginning and the end date of Season of Creation are linked with the concern for creation in the Eastern

and the Western traditions of Christianity, respectively.



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.



Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

18 - 25 January 2018

Worldwide

The theme for the week of prayer in 2018, "Your right hand, O Lord, glorious in power" is inspired by Exodus 15:6. The resources for the week have been prepared by members of different churches in the Caribbean.

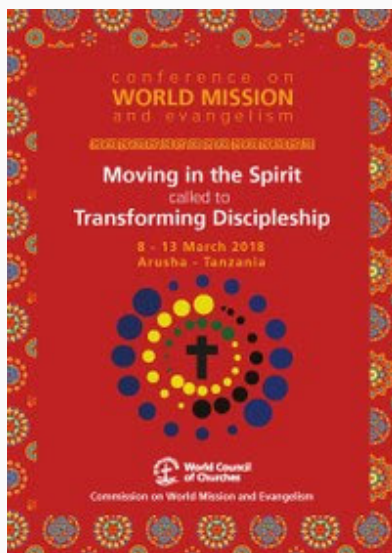


Global Ecumenical Theological Institute 2018

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.



Conference on World Mission and Evangelism "Moving in the Spirit: Called to Transforming Discipleship"

8 - 13 March 2018

Arusha, Tanzania

The Conference on World Mission and Evangelism is the long tradition of the International Mission Council and the World Council of Churches' (WCC) Commission on World Mission and Evangelism (CWME), organized every decade.



Central Committee meeting

15 - 21 June 2018

Geneva, Switzerland

The Central Committee serves as the chief governing body of the WCC until the next assembly, meeting every 2 years. It is responsible for carrying out the policies adopted by the Assembly, reviewing and supervising WCC programmes and the budget of the Council.