

9 - 15 March 2018



[UN agencies, NGOs, and WCC join at UN to end violence against children](#)

Representatives of UN agencies such as the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and the World Health Organization (WHO) have spoken of how religious communities and churches can play a key part in ending violence in early childhood.



[“Sending service” closes Arusha conference](#)

The Conference on World Mission and Evangelism officially closed with a “sending service” during which participants reflected on their call to discipleship and the

[Prayer Cycle](#)

11 - 17 March 2018

[Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden](#)



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18 - 24 March 2018

[Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania](#)



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world of pain, dislocation and turmoil.



[“Arusha Call to Discipleship” issued](#)

Participants from the World Council of Churches Conference on World Mission and Evangelism (CWME) issued a “Call to Discipleship” on 13 March, the closing day of the conference. More than 1,000 people gathered in Tanzania for the CWME, and all are engaged in mission and evangelism, coming from different Christian traditions across the world.



[Conference on World Mission and Evangelism embraces the cross](#)

“We can embrace the cross when we hold that there is no spirituality without life and spirituality is impatient life against the disorder of humanity,” said Rev. Dr Vuyani Vellen, one of the speakers at a plenary on the theology of the cross at the Conference on World Mission and Evangelism (CWME).

[New videos](#)



Arusha and beyond



**Press conference:
Mission from the margins**



**Press conference:
Evangelism**



['Sokoni' transforms marketplace into mission](#)

The marketplace - also referred to as a "sokoni" - became an opportunity for faith and community-based institutions to share what they do to improve the lives of people around them.



[Bible studies for Conference on World Mission and Evangelism are available online](#)

Daily Bible studies at the Conference on World Mission and Evangelism has been gathering participants from mainline Protestant, Orthodox, Roman Catholic, Evangelical, Pentecostal, and African-instituted churches. The Bible studies prepared for the for the conference are available at the WCC website.



**Press conference with
WCC general secretary
and ELCT presiding
bishop**



**Brasileiros refletem
sobre a Conferência
Mundial de Missão e
Evangelismo**



**Mkutano wa waandishi
wa habari wa WCC**



['Warsha' calls for embracing migrants as agents of change](#)

Thirty participants gathered on 9-10 March in a 'warsha' - or workshop - entitled "Building Capacity for Migration & Multicultural Ministries: From Chaos to Hope" in Arusha, Tanzania. "Warsha," a Kiswahili term, defines an arena for discussing new ideas that advance creative thinking, in this case on how the the church today can inform and inspire mission and ministry with the migrants.



[Missional formation plenary encourages discipleship](#)

Discipleship takes place when we intentionally, sacrificially, and consistently live every moment of our daily lives in commitment to following Jesus, said Rt Rev. Dhiloraj Ranjit Canagasabey at the missional formation plenary of the Conference on World Mission and Evangelism (CWME) on March 12.

[New blog post](#)



[Social media – sharing the Word](#)

[New on Facebook](#)



[Stewards at CWME, Arusha](#)



[Arusha Call and sending prayer](#)



[CWME embraces the cross](#)



[Tveit: Cardinal Lehmann worked tirelessly for unity](#)

Cardinal Karl Lehmann, the former head of Germany's Catholic Bishops Conference, died on 11 March. He was 81.



[Arusha conference to consider, 'The Church: Towards a common vision'](#)

A document published in Swahili language titled, 'The Church: Towards a common vision' was launched at the Conference on World Mission and Evangelism in Arusha, Tanzania on 12 March. The document is now translated into 15 languages.



[CWME celebrates diversity](#)



[Arusha congregations welcome CWME participants](#)



[Mission from the margins](#)



[Sharing the living truth](#)



[Arusha offers vibrant and colourful worship life](#)

Tanzanian dance, vibrant choral performances, and treasured liturgy: the African worship experience in Tanzania has something for everyone searching for meaning. With a spirit of hospitality, the Christ Church Cathedral of Mount Kilimanjaro Diocese in Arusha celebrated mass on 11 March, inviting fellow Christians from around the world who were participating in the WCC Conference on World Mission and Evangelism.



[Patriarch Ignatius Mor Aphrem II to speak at WCC Conference on World Mission and Evangelism](#)

His Holiness Ignatius Mor Aphrem II, Patriarch of the Syriac Orthodox Church, arrived Sunday afternoon at the Conference on World Mission and Evangelism (CWME) being held in Arusha, Tanzania from 8-13 March.



[Disability advocates at CWME](#)



[Seven Weeks for Water](#)

[News in other languages](#)



["التلمذة إلى أروشا دعوة" إطلاق](#)

upcoming events



[Religious institutions are key to ending gender inequality](#)

Traveling from Tanzania, Esther Ngulwa brought a sense of hope regarding gender equality as she spoke on 10 March, two days before the start of the 62nd Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW62) in New York City.



[Young theologian calls for revolutionary reform of mission](#)

“Is our notion of discipleship inclusive of those who exist in the marginal spaces of our world?”, asked Adi Mariana Waqa, the keynote speaker of a plenary on the theme of mission from the margins at the Conference



[Webinar on meaningful participation by children and adolescents](#)

20 March 2018 Online

Many WCC member churches and partner organizations have indicated that they either have experience in promoting meaningful participation of children/adolescents or would appreciate support in this area of the Churches' Commitments to Children. The webinar will include information on upcoming opportunities for churches. It also aims to foster a network of churches engaged in special efforts to give children/adolescents a space and voice in churches and in society at large.



[European Christian](#)



[WCC leaders offer insights at mission conference](#)

In reports at the Conference on World Mission and Evangelism - being held in Arusha, Tanzania from 8-13 March - representatives from the World Council of Churches (WCC) offered their insights on the historic occasion and reflected on how mission is changing in today's societies.



[Mission conference panel explores dialogue with open societies](#)

"The truth we are all sharing with the world is a living truth coming out of the life of people, it is not a dead dogma", said Prof. Dr Dimitra Koukoura, from the Ecumenical Patriarchate, during a panel held at the Conference on World Mission and Evangelism (CWME).

7 - 10 May 2018 London, UK / online

ECIC 2018 wants to look at the opportunities and risks of using automation in communicating Christ's message to people around us.



[Week of Prayer for Christian Unity](#)

13 - 20 May 2018 Worldwide
(southern hemisphere)

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.



[Central Committee meeting](#)

15 - 21 June 2018 Geneva,
Switzerland

The Central Committee serves as the chief governing body of the WCC



[Korean church leaders welcome news of US-North Korea summit](#)

On 9 March the National Council of Churches of Korea (NCCCK) commented on the news that the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK), while agreeing to cease missile tests, has requested a summit meeting with the United States, and that President Trump has agreed to a meeting with the DPRK by May.

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.



[Pastoral Challenges in a Multi-cultural and Multi-religious Context](#)

02 - 13 July 2018 Bossey,
Switzerland

The multi-cultural and multi-faith realities Christians live in today are confronting them, in their witness and praxis, with common challenges along with on-going differences among various Christian confessions. In a world of post-modern values and concepts, the voice of the churches remains often unheard and is hardly understood. In these contexts, the faithful members of the congregations across all confessions are getting aged and their number decreases. Other faith communities living in such contexts go through a similar experience.



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Amity](#)

07 - 20 July 2018 Hong Kong

YATRA is an inter-religious training programme of the WCC. The intensive training course, held annually since 2014, seeks to enable young Christian leaders from Asian churches to contribute towards the building up of just, harmonious and peaceable communities by equipping them for ministries of justice and peace from an inter-religious perspective.



[Religions and
Sustainable
Development Goals –
Perspectives from
Judaism, Christianity
and Islam](#)

23 July - 10 August 2018 Bossey,

Intended for an international audience of young people interested and engaged in interreligious dialogue, the Ecumenical Institute's Certificate of Advanced Studies in Interreligious Studies includes lectures, courses, workshops and study visits to places of interreligious interest, and is accredited by the University of Geneva under the Swiss Higher Education Programme for Continuing Education.



The World Council of Churches promotes Christian unity in faith, witness and service for a just and peaceful world. An ecumenical fellowship of churches founded in 1948, today the WCC brings together 348 Protestant, Orthodox, Anglican and other churches representing more than 550 million Christians in over 120 countries, and works cooperatively with the Roman Catholic Church. The WCC general secretary is the Rev. Dr Olav Fykse Tveit, from the [Lutheran] Church of Norway.

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