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To the World Council of Churches
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Invitation to World Week of Peace in Palestine and Israel

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Despite 50 years of occupation and despair, hope prevails for a just peace in Palestine and Israel. Throughout the World Week of Peace, 17 – 24 September, Christians around the globe are called to unite in peaceful actions to create a common international public witness. During the same week, on Thursday, 21 September, the International Day of Prayer for Peace is held.

You are all invited to join in our prayers and share your hopes for justice and peace. The World Week of Peace in Palestine and Israel is a follow up to the joint prayers for justice and peace in the Holy Land, held in Jerusalem on the 5 June, and the WCC Peace Consultations with church leaders from all over the world, which took place in Beit Sahour two weeks later. It is accompanied by a worldwide social media campaign; “Seek #JusticeAndPeace in the Holy Land”, launched in June 2017.

Representing over half a billion Christians in more than 120 countries, the World Council of Churches is a strong and visible advocate for justice and peace. Through support of its member churches in the region, and interreligious dialogue with other faith-based organizations, the World Council of Churches has a long history of engagement for justice and peace in Palestine and Israel.

The World Week of Peace is yet another opportunity to remind the world about the unsolved conflict in Palestine and Israel and to show solidarity with peace seeking people suffering under occupation.

Please join us in our global manifestation for justice and peace in the Holy Land. More information on the World Week of Peace in Palestine and Israel on the WCC web www.oikoumene.org.

Remaining yours in Christ,

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