



An International Ecumenical Centre for Peace Research and Action

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To
Rev. Dr. Olav Fykse Tveit
General Secretary
World Council of Churches
P.O. Box 2100
1211 Geneva 2, Switzerland

Dear Rev Dr Fykse Tveit,

Greetings in the name of the Lord!

Only a few more days to go before the ecumenical family gather in Busan as a response to the call from the World Council of Churches. Even if the Life & Peace Institute planned to be present, we unfortunately had to change the plan for our physical presence, but in prayers and thoughts there are no limitations on how to participate!

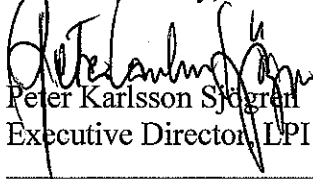
The call to replace violence with a culture of peace is a mission to be carried out by us all, and the Conflict Transformation that the Life & Peace Institute does together with its partners in the Horn of Africa and the Great Lakes Region can be seen as a direct contribution and response to fulfil the mission.

LPI is an institute with presence on the ground with partners, and its mission formulated by the global ecumenical Life and Peace Conference 1983 in Uppsala Sweden. With our experience we see the need for a larger coordinating ecumenical body to use its network capacity and its strengths to support the positive changes needed in international norms, practices and laws related to peace. The WCC is, to our understanding, the best situated ecumenical body to take up the responsibility to coordinate an initiative beyond the Busan Assembly and to develop a WCC Peace Network consisting of member churches and ecumenical organisations engaged in peace building and peace advocacy.

The Life & Peace Institute would welcome such an initiative and with the call and prayer; God of Life, lead us to Justice and Peace, we will pray for a successful 10th Assembly in Busan.

God's blessing in your important mission!

Yours Sincerely,



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