

中国基督教协会

China Christian Council

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Dear Rev.Dr. Olav Fyske Tveit,

I, on behalf of China Christian council, would like to extend our most cordial congratulations to you and your colleagues upon the 70th anniversary of the World Council of Churches.

Over the last seventy years, the WCC has committed itself to the church unity through numerous dialogues and consultations, manifesting Jesus' teaching of "they all may be one" (John 17:21). It has created effective and practical platforms for ecumenical churches to conduct dialogues and establish partnership. The WCC has also provided common service and witness to the maintenance of the world and regional peace and justice by its cooperation with regional ecumenical entities and member churches.

In 1940s, four churches from China were founding members upon the initiation of the WCC. In 1991, through the efforts of our predecessors, China Christian Council became an official member of the WCC, thus the Church in China has been able to resume communications and collaborations with the ecumenical community. In recent years, along with the improvement of self-capacity and development of ministries, the Church in China has been more actively taking part in a number of activities and events organized by the WCC. After 2013 Busan Assembly, CCC has hosted meetings for CCIA and the executive committee, selected colleagues to participate in different commissions of the WCC; and recommended young people to attend the WCC's programs.

Dr. Tveit, the WCC started its 70th anniversary celebrations with your and your

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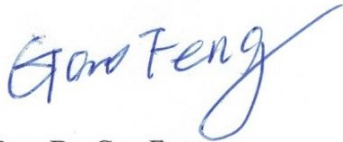
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colleagues' visit to China, which has been tremendous encouragement to the Church in China. CCC would love to have its growth together with the WCC, and the Church in China would continue to share its witness and the fruits have been attained on church unity to churches worldwide. We are thankful for the enormous supports and assistance provided by the WCC over the past three decades. It's to our conviction that we shall deepen dialogues with the WCC and its member churches on theological formation, empowerment of youth and women, diakonia, etc. and to explore ways for in-depth cooperation.

Last but not least, I together with Christians in China would like to once again express our sincere congratulations to the 70th birthday of the WCC. And I would also wish you and your colleagues good health and joyful life.

Sincerely yours,



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