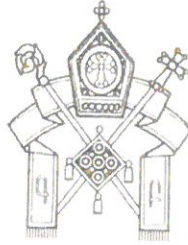


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Rev. Dr. Olav Fykse Tveit
WCC General Secretary

Dear Rev. Dr. Olav Fykse Tveit,

We extend our pontifical blessings and congratulations to you from the spiritual center of all Armenians, the Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin, on the occasion of the 70th anniversary of establishment of the World Council of Churches.

Since 1962 the Armenian Apostolic Holy Church has been a member of the WCC and over the course of the past more than five decades of relationships our Church and the WCC have achieved many successful stages of cooperation in witnessing the Truth and the life of common mission.

In the midst of ongoing worldwide discrepancies, divisions, conflicts and wars, the 70th anniversary of the WCC, reminds us about our common responsibility and commitment to the mankind, to God's commandments and creation. In the modern world the WCC, as a model of fellowship of Christian churches in seeking for renewal and transformation of souls and for solutions to social problems, should go on making efforts for implementing the vision of the "Common service for the sake of justice and peace".

We praise and glorify God that in the present age the Christians acknowledge and deeply perceive the God-given commandment of Christian fraternity and mutual love. We pray to the Almighty Lord to strengthen His Holy Church and grant us the ability to recognize the true spirit of love and unity.

May the love and grace of our Lord accompany us, may the Holy Spirit bless all of us with abundant graces to fulfill His all-holy will for the glory of the Holy Trinity and for the prosperity of Christ's Holy Church.

With blessings,

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