

70 Years of the World Council of Churches

Walking together, serving justice and peace



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of Churches

**COMMITMENT
TO UNITY:**
founded by 147
member churches
in 1948, more than
200 have joined
since then.

**THEOLOGICAL
CONVERGENCE:**
through multilateral
dialogue we're now
closer in understanding
Baptism, Eucharist and
Ministry, communion as
churches called to live in
and for the world.

**SEEING GOD'S
IMAGE IN ALL
HUMAN BEINGS:**
WCC fosters exchange
of ideas and synergies
between the human
rights movement and
the churches.

**CARE FOR
CREATION:**
WCC midwifed the
concept of
sustainable
communities in the
1970s, advocated for
climate justice since
1992.

**SHARING SPIRITUAL
RICHES IN SONG
AND PRAYER,**
especially through the
Week of Prayer for
Christian Unity and the
Ecumenical Prayer Cycle.

**INTERFAITH
DIALOGUE**
involving leaders
from all world
religions and
especially youth
from Abrahamic
religions.

**OVERCOMING
RACISM:**
in focus since WCC's
creation, highly
visible in the struggle
against apartheid,
our work to end
racism continues.

**CHURCHES'
COMMITMENTS
TO CHILDREN:**
already more than 100
partners committed on
child protection and
participation,
intergenerational
climate justice.

**WCC HUMAN
RIGHTS RESOURCES
OFFICE FOR LATIN
AMERICA**
(1976-92): helped
churches in 18 military
dictatorships stand by
the victims.

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#WCC70 "What's your story?"

IN 2018 WE CELEBRATE THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES AND THE FELLOWSHIP THAT IS ITS LIFEblood.

This is an opportunity to mark the achievements of the past 70 years in working for Christian unity and action, and to look to the challenges ahead as a fellowship of churches responding to God's call for unity, mission, justice and peace. The WCC is a fellowship, so this anniversary belongs to all of us. So let all of us enjoy a joyful celebration, inspiring encounters and renewed energy for the onward journey!

LET'S CELEBRATE THROUGHOUT THE YEAR!

The WCC, its member churches and partners are planning a variety of events to move us forward on our ongoing Pilgrimage of Justice and Peace, and at the same time honour and learn from these 70 years of ecumenical endeavour.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, the WCC Central Committee meeting in Geneva in June, a joint consultation on sustainable development with the ACT Alliance in Uppsala, exactly 50 years after the WCC Assembly there: the anniversary year of 2018 will offer many opportunities to focus firmly on envisioning our common future: united in faith, eager for witness, and fearless in the quest for justice and peace.

We invite you, and all member churches and ecumenical partners, to take part in this important anniversary. Here are some ways you can participate:

- by sharing stories and prayers or songs related to our seven-decades-old common pilgrimage
- by organizing or hosting events in your own context
- by bringing the WCC anniversary exhibition to your venue or event
- by choosing a day for celebrating the anniversary, preferably on 23 August, which marked the opening of the 1st Assembly in Amsterdam and the formal constitution of the WCC.

Find out more: www.oikoumene.org/wcc70

AS WCC, WE ARE ONE FELLOWSHIP, SO THIS ANNIVERSARY BELONGS TO ALL OF US!

Share the joy, the memories, the visions, whatever this occasion brings up for you: post your photos and your thoughts on social media using the hashtag #WCC70

In your ecumenical events and anniversary celebrations throughout 2018, include a #WCC70 photo booth, so your visitors can take a WCC birthday picture!

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