



# World Council of Churches

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To Rev. Anne Burghardt

LWF General Secretary-elect

Dear Rev. Anne Burghardt,

Grace and peace to you in the name of the Risen  
Lord!

On behalf of the 350 WCC member churches, representing Christians from the Orthodox, Anglican, Protestant and United church traditions, I would like to extend the warmest congratulations on the occasion of the election of you to the next general secretary of the Lutheran World Federation.

It is a joy and encouragement to learn of your election, and to anticipate the contributions you will make as general secretary of the Lutheran World Federation.

We look forward to continuing the close collaboration with the LWF under your leadership. Through your election, the LWF Council has recognized your proven skills as a pastor, an advocate for witness and service and a champion of lively partnerships in the quest for Christian unity and the building of human community despite borders and boundaries.

We who have worked with you in the Ecumenical Centre in Geneva have long been grateful, too, for the spirituality and talent that you bring to the fellowship.

May the triune God bless you, and the Lutheran World Federation, in the days ahead with strong faith, and may God inspire and uphold you in your new service.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Prof. Dr Ioan Saucă  
Acting General Secretary  
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