

Dicastery for Interreligious Dialogue

Joint Communiqué

Annual meeting of staff of WCC and the Dicastery for Interreligious Dialogue, Vatican

26-27 April 2023

The annual meeting of the staff members of the World Council of Churches (WCC) and the Dicastery for Interreligious Dialogue (DID), Vatican, took place at the Ecumenical Institute at Bossey on 26-27 April 2023. It was the first meeting after the Eleventh WCC Assembly in Karlsruhe (Germany) in 2022, and after the name change from Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue to Dicastery for Interreligious Dialogue.

During the meeting the staff reiterated the importance of engaging in interreligious dialogue ecumenically, more so in these challenging times. Staff of the DID and the WCC programme staff working on Interreligious Dialogue and Cooperation met to share information about activities in the field of interreligious dialogue in 2022, and the prospect of the future joint commitment.

The meeting underlined the vital role of interreligious dialogue to transform situations of conflict and foster peace, especially to empower young people as well as women in spaces of interreligious collaboration, to address violations of human rights together, and to highlight the importance of interreligious solidarity with a spirituality of dialogue. The joint staff meeting also discussed steps toward the 50th anniversary of collaboration in 2027 and resolved to further the legacy of working together with greater passion and commitment.