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## Greetings to the Moster 2024 Jubilee Moster, Norway

I am delighted to convey, on behalf of the global fellowship of the World Council of Churches, my greetings and best wishes as you convene for the Moster 2024 Jubilee. I offer a special greeting to Presiding Bishop Olav Fykse Tveit, our former WCC general secretary.

Moster 2024 celebrates the advent of law in Norway, brought in the name of Christianity through King Olav II's assembly of bishops in Moster a thousand years ago.

The 1024 gathering was a milestone in the centuries-long quest within Christian Europe to articulate and enforce the hallmarks of humanity in an accountable way, to tame the drive for power and property, and to enlist governance in the protection of human life and dignity.

The profound Christian affirmation of the divine image within us has anchored the inalienable dignity of being human and thus the collective commitment to human life and to human rights. That fertile intersection, even if only imperfectly realized, has provided the humanistic framework of our civilization.

Today, we know, so much of that long-contested, hard-won legacy of law, responsible governance, and human rights is at risk around the world.

That is why your ecumenical gathering to probe that legacy and to envision further contributions from Christian faith, life, and thought to the future of law is so timely and promising.

As you join in the beautiful setting of Moster Amfi and under the patronage of St. Olav to celebrate that historic confluence of Christianity and law, we in the WCC are mindful of your many and ongoing contributions to justice. The nation of Norway stands tall in the international quest for peace. And the Church of Norway, the Christian Council of Norway, and your specialized ministries bring unflagging energy and commitment to the churches' ongoing Pilgrimage of Justice, Reconciliation, and Unity. We send heartfelt prayers that your Jubilee celebrations and conversations be productive and inspiring for us all.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Prof. Dr Jerry Pillay  
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