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ECUMENICAL CONTINUING FORMATION ON YOUTH
TRANSFORMATIVE MASCULINITY AND FEMININITY IN THE PACIFIC
2020
Tonga

What is the Continuing formation on youth, transformative masculinity and femininity in the Pacific?

WCC will hold its annual Ecumenical Continuing Formation (ECF) on young people with a focus on Transformative Masculinity and Femininity in the Pacific region. The Pacific Council of Churches (PCC) has identified the following concerns among young people in the region: climate justice, mental health, unemployment, and gender-based violence. In-line with the WCC pilgrimage of justice and peace theme for its 2020 Pacific regional focus of 'Climate Justice and Nuclear Disarmament', the ECF has a specific emphasis on the impacts of climate change on mental health, in relation to the overall theme. This joint event plans to engage 30 young people from the Pacific and around the world to go deeper on the topic of transformative masculinity and femininity in the Pacific.

The youth participants are expected to produce a Call to Action statement from the seminar, which will be shared within and outside the WCC network.

The seminar was originally scheduled for June 2020, however, postponed due to the current situation with the Covid-19, a new date will be announced for the seminar to take place at the end of the year 2020.

Financing

WCC will be responsible for some of the accommodation and food during the programme while in Tonga. Travel costs to and from Tonga are the responsibility of the participant, except in cases where partial financial assistance is granted. Please see page 4 (Travel Coverage) for details.

All participants who are granted partial travel assistance are expected to make a financial contribution towards their travel expenses. The purpose of the contribution is to allow more young people to participate in the programme, to strengthen the commitment of the participants, and to encourage the ownership of the programme by the participants and their churches and organisations.

Criteria

Participant must be a young person between the ages 18 and 30 years old, who speaks English (since English is the working language of the programme), and is flexible. Active participation in spiritual life, patience, ability to work with people from other countries and cultures, and willingness to work together as a team, are essential. The deadline for application is **29 May 2020.**

Checklist

All completed applications require the following documents. Make sure you have them ready and in order before sending to our office. Only completed applications will be considered.

- ❑ Recent curriculum vitae/resumé
- ❑ Two (2) recommendation letters
  - One from your church *(the letter should indicate the church's statement and plan of action to develop the applicant after the Programme, when accepted)*
  - One from an ecumenical body
  - A scanned copy of your passport*

**(Make sure your passport is valid six months from July 2020 onwards. If you don't have a passport yet, if accepted to the Programme, you are required to acquire it by June 2020, especially if you need a visa to enter Tonga.)*

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Passport-size photo

EVENT APPLICATION FORM

Please type or **write clearly** (in English). A completed application form must be sent along with the required enclosures by e-mail. Due to the volume of applications normally received, we cannot acknowledge receipt of each individual application. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

1. Personal information	
Title: (Mr, Ms, Rev., etc.)	**Family/surname:** (as in passport)
First/given name/ (s): (as in passport)	**Maiden name:** (if applicable)
Sex: ❑ female ❑ male	**Civil status**: ❑ single ❑ married ❑ others, please specify
Date of birth: (day/month/year)	**Town and country of birth:** (as in passport)
Belong to an Indigenous Peoples Group ❑ yes ❑ no	**If yes**, please specify your people/tribe/Ethnic Group/nation
Nationality: (as in passport)	**Full name of passport country:**
Passport number:	**Place of issue:** (city, country)
Date of issue: (day/month/year)	**Valid until:** (day/month/year)
Faith community: (full name of national church/diocese/denomination)	

2. Contact information	
Street address:	
Postal/Zip code: (if applicable)	**City:**
State (if applicable):	**Country:**
Telephone: (country code, area code, #)	**Mobile:** (country code, area code, #)
E-mail address:	**Skype, Hangouts, Whatsapp account:** (for possible interview purposes)

3. Language
Mother tongue:
Other languages: (please note proficiency level)
4. Other information
Current profession or occupation: (If student, please specify field of study)
Ecumenical experience:
Other relevant information that should be taken into account in considering your application:
Special needs: (Person With Disability, medical condition, dietary needs, etc.)
How did you find out about this event?
5. Essays Please answer the following on separate sheets (minimum of 300 words for each response):
Describe yourself. Include your involvement in youth work with your church and ecumenical bodies at a local, national, regional, or international level.
Elaborate on your understanding of "transformative masculinity and femininity". How do you understand what this means within your context?
If selected, in what way/s will you contribute to the Program? In your home context?
I DECLARE that the information I have given in this form is true and accurate and that, if accepted, I agree to abide by the conditions governing the World Council of Churches.

Date:	**Signature:**

TRAVEL COVERAGE

To be completed by residents of Western Europe, Australia, New Zealand, Tonga: *(Please put an "x" sign next to the statement below)*

[ ] I confirm to cover my full travel expenses, if selected.

To be completed by residents of other Pacific Islands countries *(Please put an "x" sign to one of the statements below)*

[ ] I confirm to cover my full travel expenses, if selected.

or

[ ] I confirm to cover part of my travel and local expenses in the amount of USD_____, if selected.*

**We encourage the selected individuals, who request for partial travel assistance, to raise a goal of USD 200.00 or more contribution towards their travel expenses.*

Please remember to enclose the following:

- **Recent curriculum vitae/ resumé**
- **Two (2) letters of recommendation from your**
  1. **Church**
  2. **Ecumenical body**
- **A photocopy of a valid passport**

I confirm that I will stay for the full duration of the event. **I understand that the WCC will provide some of the accommodation and food for the period of the programme. Any other expenses, including passport and visa(s) costs, and related expenses such as vaccinations, luggage insurance or telecommunication costs, are my own responsibility.** **I commit to contribute to the work of my church/National Council of Churches/Ecumenical Youth Organization after the event and write a summary of the experience for the WCC Youth Desk.**

Date:	**Signature:**

Send your application electronically to:

E-mail: Youth@wcc-coe.org

Only COMPLETED APPLICATIONS, accompanied by the mentioned enclosures and received on time, will be considered. Please do not send your application more than once.

Deadline: 29 May 2020