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Revd Dr Olav Fykse Tveit,
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Dear General Secretary,

It is with great pleasure that I, as General Secretary of the Union of Welsh Independents, send warm greetings to the World Council of Churches, its members, officers and staff, on the occasion of the 70th anniversary of the Council's formation at the Nieuwe Kerk in Amsterdam on 23 August 1948.

Over the years we have had numerous reasons as a Union to thank God for the Council's work in bringing the churches of the world closer together, and for its contribution in promoting dialogue and mutual understanding between the various traditions to which the world-wide family of Christians belong.

We rejoice that the Council today continues in its mission, seeking both Christian unity and unity of action in this troubled world. We are encouraged that it looks to future challenges as a fellowship of churches responding to God's call for unity, mission, justice and peace, and looks to the Lord Jesus Christ and to the Holy Spirit for its guidance and spiritual sustenance.

Long may it serve the Lord God with diligence and faithfulness. We pray that, as challenges arise, the Council may be given the wisdom necessary to discern the will of God and to yield to it. May it be guided through the Word, and at every juncture, experience the joy that comes from knowing that the Lord is near.

May God bless the anniversary celebrations, and lead the Council and its members to glorify his Name in all things.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

Yours faithfully,

Revd Dr Geraint Tudur
General Secretary,
Union of Welsh Independents.