



# World Council of Churches

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Dear brothers and sisters,

I write to express my sincere condolences on the passing of Bishop Thomas Hoyt, respected and beloved among you, the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, but also within the ecumenical movement.

For many years the World Council of Churches has deeply appreciated Bishop Hoyt's strong commitment to the vision of fellowship and common witness and service. His ecumenical leadership internationally and nationally was inspirational and has been a blessing beyond your church.

I extend my sympathy most especially to Mrs Hoyt and the entire family who mourn, and pray for peace and comfort at this difficult time.

Your brothers and sisters in Christ join your church in celebrating the life of Bishop Hoyt and keeping his memory and vision before us.

Yours in our common Lord,

Rev. Dr Olav Fykse Tveit  
General Secretary