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A Letter to the General Secretary of the World Council of Churches on the Occasion of 70th Anniversary

Dear Secretary-General and Brother in Jesus Christ,

I cordially greet you on behalf of our whole church on the occasion of the 70th anniversary of the foundation of the World Council of Churches.

We thank the World Council of Churches that it allows, to a broad degree, to seek unity among churches and among Christians, to serve God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit together and bring the message of justice (Mt 5,6), reconciliation (2 Cor 5,18-19) and peace (Mt 5,9) to the world.

We thank that The Czechoslovak Hussite Church could become the member of the WCC in the early 1970s after the general assembly in New Delhi in 1961.

At the Czechoslovak Hussite Church „our Lord over the entire Church of God leads us to prayer and struggle for the ecumenical unity of faith, hope and love, as well as a life of work of all the church organizations and Christians around the world.” (Foundations of Faith of the Czechoslovak Hussite Church, number 29).

We appreciate that, after the political changes in 1989, our church could actively engage in the work of the WCC also through its committees including the Central committee. Personalities involved in the work in the Central Committee included Jana Krajčířiková (1998 – 2006) and Kristýna Mlýnková (2006 – 2013), Věra Vaníčková

was the member of the committee Faith and Order. Martina Kopecká has been a member of the Central Committee since 2013, and Hana Tonzarová has been a member of the Education and Ecumenical Formation Commission of WCC since 2015.

Let me also thank you again for your letters sent to our church on the occasion of the celebration of the Czech Reformer Master Jan Hus in July this year in Prague and on the 70th anniversary of the consecration of women last year. Both of these festivals were ecumenical in character.

We pray, and express our wish, that, with God's support, the WCC can further continue to fulfil its mission to help the convergence and cooperation among churches all around the world to instigate the ecumenical dialogue and continue in the struggle for justice, reconciliation and peace for all.

The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

On behalf of the Czechoslovak Hussite Church



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