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Reformation – workshops – 4 November 2016, 13:00-17:00

Workshop	Children’s Rights (WCC and UNICEF)	Ecumenical heritage (WCC)	Plight of Refugees (WCC, UNHCR, IOM)	Health and food security (WHO, WCC, ACT)
Presenters	Claus Grue (WCC) Frederique Seidel (WCC)	Theodore Gill (WCC)	Katalina Tahaafe-Williams, WCC Representatives LWF and CEC/CCME	Manoj Kurian (WCC)
Workshop Outline	<p>The “workshop” will be a presentation followed by a dialogue with the audience.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Short welcome by WCC/Frederique Seidel 2. The WCC Child Rights programme with focus on violence against children and the partnership with UNICEF, Frederique Seidel 3. Video provided by the Global Partnership to End Violence against Children (depending on technical circumstances in the tent). 4. Global Partnership to End Violence against Children, Sabine Rakotamalala (pending). 5. Closing and appeal to all present to help prevent violence against children as citizens, Frederique Seidel 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Brief welcome and definition of terms – most importantly, “ecumenical” 2. Sharing of headlines and quotations from Pope Francis in Lund 3. Reminders of causes of division in Christianity – from apostolic age to Internet 4. From early days, a search for reconciliation – Ratisbon & Marburg to Lausanne & Stockholm 5. The creation and augmentation of ecumenical bodies following the two great wars; and the interplay with world politics, suggested by the Reformation Monument 6. Vatican II – “Christ summons the Church, as she goes her pilgrim way, to that continual reformation of which she always has need...” (1964 <i>Decree on Ecumenism</i> II.6) 7. Drawing on Pope Francis’s recent remarks: Discuss reformation required of churches today 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Intro and word of welcome by Katalina Tahaafe-Williams, WCC 2. Short introduction on the role of ecumenical organizations and collaboration with UNICEF, UNHCR and other partners, by Katalina Tahaafe-Williams, WCC 3. Panel discussion with representatives from the WCC, LWF and CEC/CCME. Short intro of 3 minutes from each organization, moderated by Erin Green, CEC 4. Floor open for questions 5. Short Word of Summary by the moderator 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Biblical basis of the churches engagement in Health and Food Security and the experiences from the early church 2. The influences of the Reformation on the churches response to Health and Food Security 3. Seeing the ecumenical movements’ churches response to Health and Food Security through the lens of the Reformation. 4. Concluding discussions.



Goal of the workshop

This is a joint venture where the WCC is one part. The workshop shall highlight – and put into context – the work to prevent violence against children that the WCC and its member churches are engaged in, in partnership with UNICEF and others.

The workshop will provide information on Christian ecumenism today, within the context of an observance in Geneva of the coming Reformation Year. Discussion will be encouraged, both within the workshop and in days to follow.

The goal of the workshop is to provide information on ecumenical responses to the refugee situation. Discussion will be encouraged, both on what has been done and on what can be done in future.

The workshop will promote reflection and dialogue on Christian faith communities' response to health and food security and the role of Reformation in the responses.

Analysis And background

The year 1517 marked the beginning of the Reformation, which was to change the face of Europe. To mark its 500th anniversary, a 'Reformation Truck' will travel to sixty-eight key cities and towns of the Reformation in nineteen countries from November 2016 to May 2017.

Geneva, the city of Calvin and of the office of the World Council of Churches, has been chosen for the launch of this European tour, which is planned to end at Wittenberg, the domain of Luther. Eight Swiss cities and towns lie on its route.

The launch of the European Tour of the cities of the Reformation will take place on 3-4 November 2016. The event is organized by the Federation of Swiss Protestant Churches, the Protestant Church of Geneva, and the World Council of Churches, in collaboration with the International Museum of the Reformation

The event offers an opportunity to highlight key issues where WCC plays

The audience for this workshop is a group attracted primarily to commemoration of the 16th-century Reformation, with less knowledge of historical details concerning the modern ecumenical movement. The event is to fall less than one week after Pope Francis's appearance and remarks at the Lutheran cathedral in Lund, Sweden – news coverage deriving from that occasion should encourage interest in the state of Catholic-Protestant dialogue and cooperation in the world.

The Reformation mobile exhibit begins its journey in Geneva, a city known for its Reformation Monument in the Parc des Bastions. While the central cluster of four figures and the texts at either end of the wall provide a focus on Geneva from 1536 to 1602, the majority of figures and events memorialized along the length of the wall show how the Reform spread through Europe and across the sea. The

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Reformation played a vital role in catalysing and modernising the Christian faith communities' response health and food security and many of the existential issues faced by humanity. The movement pointed to Diakonia and kindness directed to the poor as an act of discipleship and saw it as a responsibility of the congregation.

The modern ecumenical movement was profoundly influenced by the trajectory set by the reformation. Food Security and the health and well-being of people featured strongly of the World Council of Churches, embodying the struggle for human dignity and respect. Help to the churches and societies to deal with existential challenges, bringing people together to find solutions, includes :

- Assisting with the refugee crisis in Europe after World War II and into the 1950s
- Assisting church related services in the Christian



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a major role. Child rights and the WCC partnership with UNICEF is such an issue. It will therefore be the topic at the first of four 45-minute workshops held in a heated tent connected to the special reformation truck at Plaine de Plainpalais at 1 pm on the 4th of November.

monument is as much about major political reforms as religious beliefs. Taking the Reformation Wall as a model, the workshop will trace the spread of Christianity across continents, and the growth of a desire to end divisions and build unity. Steps along the way: wars of religion, the modern missionary movement, ecumenical initiatives especially in the 20th century, the growth of ecumenical institutions in tandem with UN-related institutions, secularization in the West and dramatic growth of religions in the Global South, ecumenical commitment to church unity as a model for seeking the unity of all humanity.

hospitals in effectively serving the healthcare needs in the developing world in the post-colonial context in a coordinated

- Promote primary health care and in raising people's health and nutritional needs to the international arena at the WHO, UNICEF and the UN
- Initiating an catalysing the ecumenical response to HIV and AIDS .

It is timely to see the current work through the lens of Reformation, to help improve and transform our current.