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Concerns: European LWF Church Leadership Consultation, 11 – 14 May 2015,
in Trondheim, Norway

Geneva, 22 January 2014

Dear colleagues, sisters and brothers in Christ,

I am happy to invite you to the next LWF European Church Leadership Consultation. From May 11 to 14, the Church of Norway invites us to Trondheim to the historically important diocese of Nidaros.

During the last Church Leadership Consultation in Ostrava, Czech Republic, in May 2012, we had thought through anew the concept for such consultations and taken decisions on how to structure them in the future. In reference to the LWF Strategy 2012-2017 which aims at supporting and deepening the common spiritual journey and communion among the member churches, it was recommended:

To realize this communion, the traditional regional structures of the LWF in Europe need to be respected. At the same time, the LWF faces the challenge of finding ways to strengthen exchange and co-operation at the pan-European level. In order to achieve this, there is need for regular exchange among the churches of the three European regions. Already in place are two church leadership meetings which take place between LWF Assemblies. Their task is to prepare for the Assemblies and to implement their outcomes in the work of the churches. In the future, the episcopal leadership shall be invited to these consultations. The churches can send a second church leader from the synod, if possible of the other gender. Furthermore, the three European regions are invited to send young adults, so that the quota of 20% is respected. The meetings should not exceed three overnight stays.

We invite you to consider, together with the leadership committees in your church, which two persons you would like to send to this consultation. A first form for the nomination of your delegates is attached.

Regarding the concrete starting and ending times of the conference, we will come back to you once we can oversee the schedule for flights coming into Trondheim from the various European regions. We foresee that all will be able to reach the city by about 14:00 hours and to depart in the later afternoon of the last conference day.

The content and agenda preparation will start after summer of this year so that we can relate to the themes of this year's Council meeting and to the results of the yearly European LWF regions' meeting, taking place in October, in Rome.

The last will be organized, also on the basis of the decisions taken at Ostrava, in a smaller framework. It is planned as a platform for LWF Council members, National Committees and (for churches without either one) ecumenical officers. Such European meetings take place in years without a LWF Assembly, a Pre-Assembly or a Church Leadership Consultation.

A preparatory group set up of two representatives per region will lead the planning for our Trondheim meeting. We would be happy to receive your suggestions for this group, at best until Easter of this year.

We would be grateful to receive the nominations from your church until end of August, including male, female and youth (18-30 years of age).

With my best greetings and wishes for the just begun New Year,
Yours, in Christ,



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