

**MANDATE  
OF THE  
LUTHERAN WORLD FEDERATION  
STANDING COMMITTEE FOR WORLD SERVICE**

**1. Preamble**

- 1.1 In accordance with the Lutheran World Federation (LWF) Constitution and Bylaws, there shall be a Standing Committee for World Service, appointed by and responsible to the Council. The Standing Committee shall consist of ten members representing the seven geographical regions of the LWF. The members of the Standing Committee shall be drawn from persons with relevant expertise from agencies and/or specialized development arms of member churches. The chairperson of the Standing Committee shall be appointed by the Council from within its members.
- 1.2 The Standing Committee shall meet at least twice a year and serve from Assembly to Assembly.
- 1.3 The Standing Committee shall be accountable to the Council and report to the Council through the Program Committee for World Service.
- 1.4 The Standing Committee may request the assistance of consultants/experts in various areas essential to its work.

**2. Major Functions and Duties**

The Standing Committee shall work and make decisions in accordance with the policies, aims and goals of the LWF.

The Standing Committee shall:

- 2.1 submit for the approval of the Program Committee and the Council the periodic Statement of Needs;
- 2.2 submit for the approval of the Program Committee and the Council major changes in general policy of the Department

for World Service (DWS) before implementation;

- 2.3 approve strategic plans for World Service programs/projects and program guidelines;
- 2.4 approve strategies and timetables of the phasing out and transfer of existing programs;
- 2.5 approve new country programs;
- 2.6 approve supplementary requests between Council meetings;
- 2.7 monitor fundraising by the DWS;
- 2.8 monitor personnel resources, training and management of the DWS;
- 2.9 develop and review guidelines for country programs and evaluation implementation;
- 2.10 provide an annual report to the Council via the Program Committee for World Service; and
- 2.11 attend to any other issues relevant to its mandate.