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Dear Respected church leaders, dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

### **Call for Nominations to establish Action for Justice (AFJ) Forums for Climate Justice and Interfaith and Peace.**

Greetings and peace to you from the LWF Communion Office.

We continue to pray for your faithful witness together with the global communion during this difficult time of COVID-19 pandemic. As we hear different stories of perseverance and resilience from our member churches, we are encouraged and inspired by you.

In the light of ongoing changes in the world, the LWF communion office continues to adapt so that we can serve with you more effectively in the coming days. Specifically, as the programmatic work develops in the Action for Justice (AFJ) Unit within the LWF Department of Theology, Mission and Justice, we want to work and connect with you.

Action for Justice (AFJ) is the expression of the Lutheran World Federation's advocacy, where the witness, voice, and decades of experience and work of the LWF Member Churches, World Service Country Programs and communities at local and national level, inform and influence policies, legislation and decisions. We would like to establish two AFJ Forums with the aim to coordinate and support the engagement of the LWF member churches' advocacy work in the following areas:

- Interfaith relations and peacebuilding
- Climate Justice (concerns to climate change and the care for creation)

Our goal is to strengthen our collective capacity, encourage mutual learning, sharing of resources with one another, and uplift voices from the Member Churches in the Communion and in global platforms. Attached you will find the Terms of reference developed for establishing the AFJ Forums.

We are inviting you to engage in one or in two AFJ forums according to your interest and nominate one person per forum (clergy or lay leaders) from your church who are already engaged in or have the potential to contribute.

When nominating, we want to encourage balanced participation of both men and women, as well as young people. Please send us their name, position, area of focus, and contact information such as emails or mobile phone number no later than **Monday, 29 March 2021** to [action.justice@lutheranworld.org](mailto:action.justice@lutheranworld.org). If you have further questions, you may address them to Ms. Elena Cedillo at [elena.cedillo@lutheranworld.org](mailto:elena.cedillo@lutheranworld.org) or Rev Dr Sivin Kit at [Sivin.Kit@lutheranworld.org](mailto:Sivin.Kit@lutheranworld.org)

As a first step, we are planning to invite the nominated persons to a series of online conversations during 2021 to understand the needs and capacities of our Member Churches in the above areas where it is most relevant to your context. In the longer term, we are looking forward to form a supportive community for ongoing learning and planning joint work together.

We are looking forward to hearing back from you soon.

In Christ,

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Terms of reference for AFJ Forums

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