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Some exciting events ahead of us 

Ecumenical involvement 

world, and develop projects towards 2017. It will take place in August 2015 in Wittenberg. 

From Marangu to Wittenberg: In 2015, the key African event within the framework of the Reformation Anniversary will celebrate the 60th anniversary of the first meeting of all African Lutheran church leaders.

LWF Council Meeting 2016: At the 16-21 June Council meeting in Wittenberg, Germany, the LWF will deal with key issues of Reformation 2017, and the Luther Garden, initiated by the LWF German National Committee, will be symbolically handed over to the public.

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Roman Catholics will commemorate jointly the 500 years of the Reformation.


Reconciliation with Mennonites: Follow-up action taken by the LWF Assembly in 2010 will be released in 2015, and will include examples of cooperation and joint worship between Mennonites and Lutherans.

More plans with other major ecumenical partners are on the way.

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From Conflict to Communion, the report of the Lutheran-Roman Catholic Commission on Unity, was released in 2013. This is the first attempt by Lutherans and Roman Catholics to describe jointly the history of the Reformation. It is a useful tool for starting ecumenical discussions around the beginnings of the Reformation also in local settings. Drawing upon this document, a joint liturgy is being developed for occasions where Lutherans and

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