# REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE FOR Theology and Ecumenical Relations

## I. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACTION BY THE COUNCIL

*With reference to Council Exhibit 13.1*

Issues pertinent to the CTER arising from the Report of the Chairperson of the Board of the Lutheran Foundation for Interconfessional Research were discussed and

**It is**

**RECOMMENDED**: to receive the Report of the Chairperson of the Board of the Lutheran Foundation for Interconfessional Research with appreciation; and

to express appreciation for the continued support by the Institute for the bilateral dialogues and for its substantial contributions to these dialogues; and

to thank the Institute for fifty years of faithful service to the LWF in fulfilling its ecumenical commitment and valuable contribution to ecumenical theology; and

to reaffirm the strong commitment of the LWF to the assessment process which the Institute is about to enter; and

to recognize that the close cooperation with the Institute will also be of significance in the future.

## II. ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION BY THE COUNCIL

## III. ISSUES DISCUSSED BY THE COMMITTEE - for information to the Council

The Committee commended the coherence of the hermeneutics program and requested that the profile of the new program on Theological Education and Formation be sharpened.

The Committee expressed the need for the inclusion of interreligious partners and interreligious concerns in the program of the Twelfth Assembly.

The Committee expressed the desire that more attention be paid to reception and learning processes of different LWF documents, including the development of specific tools to be used in these processes.

**IV. ISSUES REFERRED TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**1. Implementation of the Communion Office Operational Plan 2014**

The Committee for Theology and Ecumenical Relations endorses the Implementation of the Communion Office Operational Plan 2014 for the Department for Theology and Ecumenical Relations with appreciation as reflected in the Council Exhibit 9.1.

**2. LWF Budget 2016 and Program Plan 2016**

The Committee for Theology and Ecumenical Relations endorses the approval of the LWF Budget 2016 and Program Plans 2016 of the Department for Theology and Ecumenical Relations in the amount of EUR 2, 7649, 405 as reflected in the Council Exhibits 12 and 12.1.

**V. ISSUES REFERRED TO THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND MEMBERSHIP**

The Committee for Theology and Ecumenical Relations endorses the Terms of Reference for its Committee (Council Exhibit 18.3).