AGENDA
Meeting of the LWF COUNCIL
Geneva, Switzerland, 18 – 22 June 2015

EXHIBIT 18.1

(The purpose of the revision is to reflect Bylaws changes since 2010.)

THE LUTHERAN WORLD FEDERATION

TERMS OF REFERENCE
APPLICABLE TO
ALL LWF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

The Council of the Lutheran World Federation is empowered to establish appoint committees or ad hoc sub-committees as required. Among these are Program and Standing Committees, to facilitate the proper discharge of the Council's responsibility for the total work of the LWF and for oversight of the units within the LWF Secretariat Communion Office.

Each member of the LWF Council shall serve on at least one Program or Standing Committee. Additionally, the Council may appoint up to a total of 30 persons from outside its own number to serve as members of these committees. The appointment of such persons from outside the Council shall be on the basis of professional expertise in respect to the programmatic assignments of particular committees. Such appointments shall be with the concurrence of the persons’ member churches/national committees. They shall serve as full members of the committees with vote, but shall not have vote in the Council plenary.

advisers to provide professional competence and expertise to the Council Committees. Each adviser must have the endorsement of his/her church. These advisers, who shall serve for the term of the Council, shall be full members with vote of the committees; they shall have voice but no vote in sessions of the Council.

The responsibilities of these committees shall be as follows:

1. To uphold the Constitution and Bylaws of the LWF, and to promote the achievement of the LWF’s strategic priorities.

2. If the committee bears responsibility for a particular department or unit of the Communion Office, the agenda for these committees is to shall reflect the Terms of Reference for that particular department or unit of the Secretariat for which the committee bears responsibility.

3. These committees which are to review and evaluate the work of assigned Secretariat Communion Office departments or units, shall to report to the Council on the work of the Secretariat such departments or units, and to propose to the Council policies, strategies, and short- and long-range programs for the Secretariat units.

4. In every case it is the Council which is the final decision-making body. However, the Council may delegate specified areas of decision to a specified committee.

5. Each committee, in pursuing its task, shall be guided by staff as to relationships of its agenda to those of other committees in order to make appropriate recommendations.

Each committee shall indicate to the Council the priority to be assigned to requests and programs within its area of responsibility.
65. Each committee shall in its proposals and planning take into account to the fullest possible extent relevant facilities made available through LWF member churches, national committees, related agencies, organizations, and other appropriate bodies within the Lutheran and ecumenical communities.

76. Committees may request the Council to appoint subcommittees to deal with issues of special concern within their areas of responsibility.

87. Committees shall fulfill such other responsibilities as may be assigned by the Council.

(Adopted by the LWF Council, _______________ 2015.)