



An introduction to the
World Council of Churches



witness

unity

service



The WCC Fellowship of Churches

The World Council of Churches has 349 member churches representing 18 church families in more than 140 countries on six continents.

Of the 349 WCC member churches more than one-quarter are based in Africa (27%), nearly one-quarter are based in Europe (23%) and one-fifth in Asia (21%).

The total membership represents more than 580 million people. Among these Europe as a region and the Eastern Orthodox as a church family have the largest membership of churches within the WCC.

By church family 28% of the WCC member churches are from the Reformed tradition, 16% from Lutheran and 11% from Methodist.

To learn more about the WCC member churches go to: **oikoumene.org/member-churches**

Membership figures are based on those declared by churches for the 2006 WCC Assembly.

NORTH AMERICA

**31 churches
72,000,000 members**

Anglican
Assyrian
Baptist
Disciples
Free
Lutheran
Mar Thoma
Methodist
Non-denominational
Orthodox (Eastern)
Orthodox (Oriental)
Pentecostal
Old Catholic
Reformed
United and Uniting

CARIBBEAN

**13 churches
2,600,000 members**

Anglican
Baptist
Free
Methodist
Orthodox (Oriental)
Reformed
United and Uniting

LATIN AMERICA

**28 churches
4,500,000 members**

Anglican
Baptist
Disciples
Free
Lutheran
Methodist
Orthodox (East)
Orthodox (Oriental)
Pentecostal
Reformed



EUROPE

81 churches

287,000,000 members

Anglican
Assyrian
Baptist
Free
Hussite
Lutheran
Mar Thoma
Methodist
Old Catholic
Orthodox (Eastern)
Orthodox (Oriental)
Reformed
United and Uniting



ASIA

75 churches

62,600,000 members

Anglican
Assyrian
Baptist
Disciples
Free
Lutheran
Mar Thoma
Methodist
Non-denominational
Old Catholic
Orthodox (Eastern)
Orthodox (Oriental)
Reformed
United and Uniting

PACIFIC

17 churches

2,000,000 members

Anglican
Lutheran
Methodist
Reformed
United and Uniting

MIDDLE EAST

12 churches

9,700,000 members

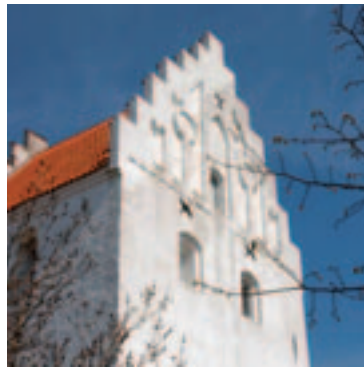
Anglican
Assyrian
Mar Thoma
Orthodox (Eastern)
Orthodox (Oriental)
Reformed

AFRICA

92 churches

131,935,000 members

African-Instituted
Anglican
Baptist
Disciples
Free
Independent
Lutheran
Methodist
Orthodox (Eastern)
Orthodox (Oriental)
Pentecostal
Reformed
United and Uniting





WCC PROFILE

The World Council of Churches (WCC) is a global fellowship of churches whose relationship and activities are an expression of their common faith in Jesus Christ.

The WCC is the broadest and most inclusive among many organized expressions of the modern ecumenical movement. It represents more than 550 million Christians. The fellowship includes most of the world's Orthodox churches, churches of the historic denominational traditions such as the Anglican, Baptist, Lutheran, Methodist and Reformed and many united and independent churches.

The Roman Catholic Church has formal working relationship with the WCC but is not a member. There are emerging relationships with evangelical and Pentecostal churches not already in membership.

Churches in the fellowship of the WCC pursue a vision of ecumenism which seeks visible unity in one faith and one Eucharistic fellowship; promotes a common witness in work for mission and evangelism; and engage in Christian service by meeting human need through WCC partner agencies, breaking down barriers between people, seeking justice and peace and upholding the integrity of creation.

The WCC was officially formed in 1948 by representatives of 147 churches gathered in its 1st Assembly in Amsterdam, the Netherlands. Today the WCC is divided into six programme areas.

- WCC and the Ecumenical Movement in the 21st Century
- Unity, Mission, Evangelism and Spirituality
- Public Witness: Addressing Power, Affirming Peace
- Justice, Diakonia and Responsibility for Creation
- Education and Ecumenical Formation
- Inter-Religious Dialogue and Cooperation

Each program is rooted in a threefold vision for transformation of the church and world. This vision is to live out Christian unity more fully, live as churches being neighbours to all through addressing threats to the human community, and encouraging churches to take greater care of creation through protection of the earth and its people.

Introduction

During the 60 years since its first Assembly, the World Council of Churches has experienced many periods of transition in the church and the world. Recently there was a period of change, adjustment and innovation. The council is being re-shaped to meet contemporary challenges and new directions for ministry identified by our 9th Assembly at Porto Alegre, Brazil, in 2006.

A newly elected central committee has endorsed significant changes in our organization, as staff adapts to a more integrated and interactive approach to the realization of Christian unity, witness and service. Our principal task during the past few years has been translating the mandate of the assembly into practical programmes undertaken in collaboration with our member churches and ecumenical partners.

This introduction to the WCC highlights important aspects of the world that is being accomplished. At the heart of it all is dialogue: the fostering of relationships that lead toward reconciliation. We sometime refer to the role of the WCC as providing an "ecumenical space" where people of varied backgrounds may build trust and fellowship, or as offering an "ecumenical platform" for encounter, planning and launching of explorations into the far reaches of creation. These images suggest that while the WCC is a fellowship of churches, it is also an arena in which people of good will come to recognize common hopes, values and "the things that make for peace" (Luke 19:42).

It is my great privilege as WCC general secretary to play a role in fostering positive relations – within the ecumenical community, the larger human household and our common home as integral members of God's good creation.

During the past few years many significant dates and events had taken place. It is not possible in this limited space to do justice to all that has happened, but here I recall some representative moments:

- In India, the Maramon convention of the Malankara Mar Thoma Syrian Church brought together hundreds of thousands of participants in 2007 in celebration of the Christian faith and witness during the 60th anniversary year of Indian independence.
- The Global Christian Forum meeting in Kenya in Nov. 2007 assembled an unprecedented group of leaders from the



Orthodox, Catholic, Protestant, Anglican, Evangelical, Holiness and Pentecostal churches.

- The Amman Conference on peace in the Middle East coupled with visits to member churches in Jordan, Palestine, Egypt, Syria, Lebanon and Israel since encourages the spirit for overcoming violence and the establishment of a just peace in this volatile region.
- An interfaith summer school at the Ecumenical Institute in 2007 and 2008 in Bossey, Switzerland demonstrated the WCC commitment to inter-religious dialogue and cooperation, and the capacity to promote a platform for imaginative educational initiatives.
- Post-assembly restructuring and planning enabled the WCC to renew its focus in key areas, including spirituality and worship, solidarity with churches in difficult circumstances, common theological reflection on current concerns, as well as the intersection of faith, science and technology.

- In late 2008 25 members of ECHOS representing a variety of WCC consultative commissions, Central and Executive Committee, the Catholic and Pentecostal Youth and Students Networks as well as regional and global youth organizations, like the World Students Christian Federation (WSCF) met in India to facilitate more coherent youth participation within the WCC.

In all we do, through times of transition that confront the churches and the World Council of Churches, we remain constant to the vision described by Jesus in his prayer of John 17:21: "...that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me." Faithful to this unity "manifesto," our work and current ecumenical ministry has been a good preparation for our journey together to make a difference in our constituency and in the world.

**Rev. Dr Samuel Kobia,
WCC General Secretary**

Recent Highlights

Global Christian Forum

"Some would have said that this event was not possible, but here we are - and the world wonders what will come next," said WCC general secretary Rev. Dr Samuel Kobia at the opening of the Global Christian Forum in Limuru, near Nairobi, Kenya, 6-9 November 2007. After four days of meetings, some 240 leaders of a broad range of churches, confessions and interchurch organizations from over 70 countries agreed to carry forward what they call "the Global Christian Forum process", an open platform for encounter and dialogue whose goal is to "foster mutual respect, explore and address common challenges."

Greed, overproduction and over-consumption are sinful

A reminder "of the wealth that was built and sustained on the continued extraction and plunder of Africa's resources as well as on the exploitation of Africa's people" was addressed to Christians in the global North by the participants in the African ecumenical consultation "Linking poverty, wealth and ecology" in November 2007. The gathering was part of the WCC AGAPE process.

WCC welcomes letter from Muslim leaders

An open letter from more 130 Muslim clerics, scholars and leaders to more than two dozen world Christian leaders in October 2007 called for more dialogue and understanding between Christians and Muslims. "This letter is most welcome," said WCC general secretary Rev. Dr Samuel Kobia, especially at a time when "all of humanity is looking to religious leaders for guidance as to how to respond to the situation of violence in the world". In 2008 more dialogue took place with the goal of expanding the conversation during the next few years.

Healing memories

The bloody conflict in Northern Ireland, the crimes committed under the apartheid regime in South Africa and communist rule in eastern Germany, mass killings perpetrated by the Khmer Rouge in Cambodia or by the Guatemalan military during a 35 year long civil war: the diverse cases of these nations and their struggles to cope with the legacies of massive human rights violations were at the heart of the a 2007 ecumenical consultation "Healing of Memories — Reconciling Communities" in Dublin, Ireland, co-organized by the World Council of Churches (WCC) and the Irish School of Ecumenics.



Christian code of conduct

The World Evangelical Alliance (WEA) has joined with the World Council of Churches (WCC) and the Vatican in dialogue toward a code of conduct to guide activities around seeking converts to Christianity. With Evangelical and Pentecostal representatives joining a 2007 consultation in Toulouse, France, the joint Vatican-WCC study process on religious conversion moved one step closer to its goal.

Living Letters

War-torn Sri Lanka received the first of a series of ecumenical "Living Letters" teams visiting Christian communities facing situations of violence in different regions of the world in advance of the 2011 International Ecumenical Peace Convocation being organized by the WCC. During the past two years teams have also visited the U.S.A., Sudan, Uganda, Germany and Indonesia. "Living letters" is a mission by church representatives to express solidarity with and learn from the peacemaking efforts of local churches. The teams meet major church and civil society figure, as well as people from the grassroots in areas affected by the fighting.

Young Muslims, Jews and Christians learn together

Now in its second year the Ecumenical Institute at Bossey has brought together young Muslims, Jews and Christians for a summer seminar each year in July. The seminar has included spiritual and academic exercises as well as sports, recreation and everyday tasks. They come to affirm their identity not in separation or against each other, but in relation to one another.

Church representatives from six continents launch forum for peace in Palestine/Israel

A new ecumenical advocacy initiative launched at the culmination of a World Council of Churches (WCC) conference in Jordan in June 2007 helped churches worldwide work for a just peace in Palestine/Israel. Called the "Palestine Israel Ecumenical Forum," the initiative intended to be an instrument to "catalyze and co-ordinate new and existing church advocacy for peace". While aimed at "ending the illegal occupation in accordance with UN resolutions," it will be an expression of churches' commitment to inter-religious action for peace and justice that serves all the peoples of the region."

Greater coherence of the one ecumenical movement

A newly appointed commission with representatives of the World Council of Churches (WCC) and several Christian World Communions met for the first time in recently affirming the complementary witness of ecumenical partners. The creation of a Joint Consultative Commission between the WCC and Christian World Communions was recommended by the WCC's 9th Assembly, held in Porto Alegre, Brazil, in February 2006. The global confessional families represented on the Commission include Anglicans, Disciples, Eastern Orthodox, Friends (Quakers), Lutherans, Mennonites, Methodists, Oriental Orthodox, Reformed and Roman Catholic. The Commission's purpose is to discuss and recommend ways to further strengthen the participation of Christian World Communions in the life and work of the WCC.

Common platform on climate change

Focusing on how to take action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and contribute to real change in the lives of communities through new forms of development, the WCC and Christian Aid have worked together to determine elements of a common platform for churches' involvement in climate change negotiations held in Brazil in late 2007. For the WCC climate change working group, such elements, or benchmarks, relate, for example, to Northern societies' responsibilities in relation to climate change, and how Southern societies can pursue their legitimate development goals.

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For more about WCC programmes visit:

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WCC and the Ecumenical Movement in the 21st Century

Visible unity of the church remains a central goal of the ecumenical movement. Through the WCC, churches and other ecumenical partners find a platform to pray, reflect, plan and together move toward visible unity.

This programme focus encourages relationships with and among WCC member churches, Christian world communions, conciliar bodies and other ecumenical agencies to support ecumenical initiatives at regional, national and local levels.

THE PROJECTS INCLUDE:

Ecumenical vision of the WCC

Seeks to broaden the ecumenical movement and serve it through a common understanding and vision of the WCC.

Global platform for theology and analysis

Offers a global platform for theological analysis of 21st century ecumenical challenges and the implications for church and the ecumenical vision.

Relationships with member churches

Provides a space in which member churches explore and experience what being in fellowship means.

Partnership with ecumenical organizations

Develops partnerships with international and regional ecumenical organizations, national councils of churches, specialized ministries, Christian world communions, and strengthening relationships with non-member churches.

Youth in the ecumenical movement

Promotes the active participation of young adults in the life of churches and the ecumenical movement.

Women in church and society

Offers women from different Christian traditions, regions and age groups an opportunity to speak out and share their visions for the ecumenical movement.



Unity, Mission, Evangelism and Spirituality

This programme calls on churches to work together for more faithful mission in the world and the deepening of the spiritual dimensions of their lives in an integrated way.

Some of the ecumenical partners this programme works with are the WCC Faith and Order Commission, the Commission of World Mission and Evangelism (CWME), and an Ecumenical Disabilities Advocates Network (EDAN).

THE PROJECTS INCLUDE:

Called to the one church

Examines issues – theological, historical and social – that continue to divide the churches and develops agreed positions on these issues.

Spirituality and worship

Encourages churches to explore traditional and newer dimensions of ecumenical spiritual life, works with the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, and gathers resources for worship and healing in community.

Mission and unity

In preparation for the centennial of the 1910 Edinburgh world mission conference, and in order to sharpen ecumenical understanding and practice of mission - an international study on holding commitment to unity together with mission and evangelism.

Just and inclusive communities

Challenges churches to confront and overcome exclusion of and discrimination against people with disabilities, indigenous and racially oppressed peoples, ethnic minorities and Dalits, and to build just and inclusive communities.





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EXERCISING THEIR RIGHT OF

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Public Witness: Addressing Power, Affirming Peace

Environmental disasters and climate change, food security, economic injustice, poverty, exclusion and many forms of violence were all part of our world today. The WCC continues to voice the churches' concerns on the international level by challenging the economic, social, political and cultural powers that exist while offering a prophetic witness for justice, peace and security.

THE PROJECTS INCLUDE:

Overcoming violence

The 2001-2010 Decade to Overcome Violence (DOV) responds to violence from the family to the international levels, through an International Day of Prayer for Peace, training, awareness-building and resource-sharing and planning for the International Ecumenical Peace Convocation.

Justice and accountability

Voices the concerns of the churches and the ecumenical movement at the United Nations with international financial institutions, the International Criminal Court, etc.

Human rights

Accompanies churches in critical situations in their efforts to defend human rights, overcome impunity, achieve accountability and build just and peaceful societies.

Churches in the Middle East

Aims to build a Palestine/Israel Ecumenical Forum as a space where the entire ecumenical movement can put its collective energies and resources together for lasting peace.

Palestine and Israel: EAPPI

Enables volunteer "ecumenical companions" to express solidarity with, advocate for and protect the victims of human rights and humanitarian law violations.

Poverty, wealth and ecology

Brings churches and partners together to reflect on the connections between poverty, wealth and ecology; act against economic injustice; address just trade, ecological debt, decent work; food security and pursue work on "Alternative globalization addressing people and earth (AGAPE).



Justice, Diakonia and Responsibility Toward Creation

The programme calls for an ecumenical commitment to justice and enabling people to transform their own lives by meeting immediate human need, enabling churches to work together to address the structural roots of injustice and helping them to identify and combat threats to creation.

THE PROJECTS INCLUDE:

Ecumenical solidarity and regional relations

Supports practical actions of solidarity in response to emerging priorities with a particular focus on work for justice and diakonia.

Migration and social justice

Supports churches' networking and advocacy with uprooted people and their efforts to explore the links between migration, racism and interfaith relations.

Faith, science and technology

Provides space for reflection and advocacy on the use/misuse of science and new technologies, including bio-, information, energy and surveillance technologies.

Climate change and water

Encourages work on the ecological and social effects of climate change in relation to "natural" disasters, development, water and the right to water, energy supply, security concerns, nuclear testing, rising sea levels.

Health and healing

Supports churches' work in the field of health and healing with particular emphasis on HIV/AIDS, mental health, reconciliation and the "healing of memories".

HIV/AIDS Initiative in Africa (EHAIA)

Reinforces the capacity of African churches to prevent the spread of HIV and AIDS, provide care and counseling, eliminate stigma and discrimination.





Education and Ecumenical Formation

Ecumenical formation, as well as faith nurturing at community and academic levels, are vital for the renewal and future of the ecumenical movement.

In 2007 the WCC provided ecumenical formation itself and support for churches, ecumenical bodies and institutions delivering ecumenical formation. The work this past year continued faith nurturing by helping to develop capacity among partners, contextualized curricula and methodologies.

THE PROJECTS INCLUDE:

The Ecumenical Institute at Bossey

The Ecumenical Institute offers seminars, graduate and post-graduate education in ecumenical studies, exploration of ecumenical issues and experience in ecumenical worship and community life.

Ecumenical lay formation and faith nurture

Creates a network of ecumenical and faith formation practitioners to share concepts, methodologies, curricula and resources and organizing workshops and seminars.

Ecumenical theological education

Develops and shares with theological educators and institutions curricula designed to prepare church leaders and pastors to engage ecumenically and theologically with difficult social issues like HIV/AIDS or disability.

Scholarships

Supports the educational ministry of churches and the ecumenical movement by identifying their training/education needs, and providing individual and group theological and non-theological scholarships.

Library and Archives

Manages the information and preservation of the institutional memory of the ecumenical movement





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Inter-Religious Dialogue and Cooperation

This first decade of the 21st century has seen an increasing importance in the role of religion. While continuing to serve as a source of spiritual vitality for people around the world, it has come to occupy a critical space in public life, civic discourse and institutional programmes. The key role religion can play in conflict resolution, seeking justice and peace-building has never been as evident as it is today.

The WCC program on inter-religious dialogue and cooperation promotes contact between Christians and neighbours of other faiths primarily through multi-lateral and bi-lateral dialogue encounters that is aimed at building trust, meeting common challenges and addressing conflictive and divisive issues through cooperation.

THE PROJECTS INCLUDE:

Strengthening inter-religious trust and respect

Seeks to strengthen trust and respect between religious leaders and communities through bilateral and multilateral dialogues, continuing the WCC tradition of building relations of mutual respect between member churches and Muslim, Jewish, Hindu, Buddhist and indigenous religious communities. It engages

women and young people in interreligious encounters, highlights the dialogue of life where people of many different faith traditions live and work together sharing a common life. It also encourages people of different traditions come together to struggle for justice, peace, human rights and other issues of common concern.

Christian self-understanding

Engages member and non-member churches and Christian communities in reflections on Christian identity, focusing on what it means to be a Christian in a world of many religions. It is presently in conversation with the Vatican and the World Evangelical Alliance on the question of conversion, and is exploring the possibility of a code of conduct.

Accompanying churches in situations of conflict

Aims to bring religious leaders to the dialogue table to seek ways for conflict resolution, transformation and peace-building in countries where religion is being used to fuel conflict.

WCC Financial Overview 2007

FINANCIAL RESULTS 2007

(Swiss francs 000's)

	Unrestricted and designated funds 2007	Restricted funds 2007	Total funds 2007	Total funds 2006
INCOME				
Membership and other unrestricted income	6,830	—	6,830	6,959
Programme contributions	—	27,928	27,928	30,128
Investment and currency gains/(losses)	(67)	36	(31)	442
Rental income, sales and other income	4,063	2,237	6,300	7,105
Unrestricted income distribution	(4,560)	4,560	—	—
Total income	6,266	34,761	41,027	44,634

EXPENDITURE

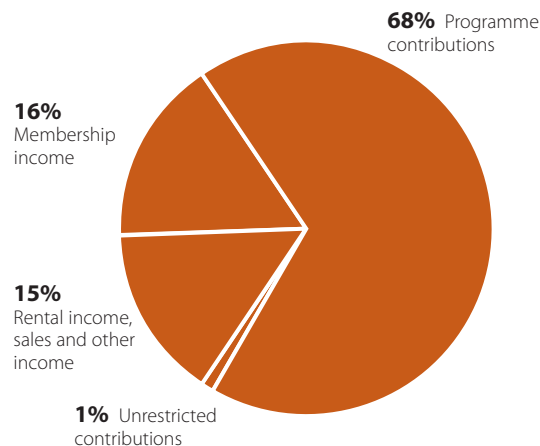
Direct programme costs: grants	31	6,771	6,802	8,863
Operating and other programme costs	3,790	10,211	14,001	19,837
Salaries	4,520	12,639	17,159	17,873
Redistribution of costs	(4,185)	4,185	—	—
Total costs	4,156	33,806	37,962	46,573
Transfers between funds	(873)	873	—	—
Transfers (to)/from funds and current liabilities	(207)	(96)	(303)	58
Net increase/(decrease) for the year	1,030	1,732	2,762	(1,881)

Total income was reduced compared with 2006, which included CHF 2.4 million contributions and other income for the 9th assembly.

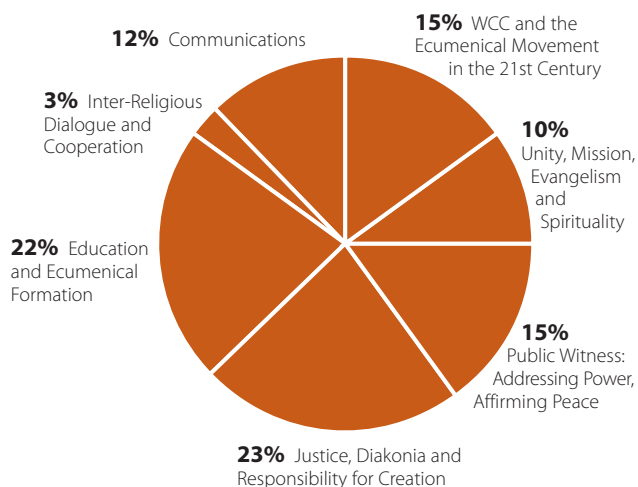
In 2007, the total funds increased by CHF 2.7 million. The increase in the unrestricted and designated funds of CHF 1 million met the budgeted target for the year, and increased the general reserves to over CHF 10 million. The increase of CHF 2.7 million in restricted funds, being those funds ear-marked for programme work, was not planned. The increase is in part the result of favourable EUR/CHF exchange rates in 2007 resulting in increased contributions reported compared to plan, and is also in part due to a slight delay to the start of certain programme work compared to plan, in particular where new programme directors were recruited later in 2007 than had been originally hoped.

Note: The results for 2007 are unaudited. Prior year comparatives are audited consolidated results. Audited consolidated results for 2007 will be presented in the WCC Financial Report 2007.

SOURCES OF INCOME 2007



EXPENDITURE BY CORE PROGRAMME 2007



WCC Income and Contributors 2007

INCOME TRENDS

(Swiss francs 000's)

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Programmes	28,894	27,209	27,134	27,277	26,961	24,510	24,623
Multilateral sharing	9,935	8,209	6,276	5,345	4,665	3,508	2,639
Membership	6,306	6,537	6,401	6,510	6,426	6,593	6,614
Assembly	—	—	435	627	3,004	1,953	115
ACT Development	—	—	—	—	200	523	767
Other income	1,955	2,221	6,965	5,950	7,995	7,547	6,269
Total	47,091	44,175	47,211	45,708	49,251	44,634	41,027

FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTORS 2007

Main contributors

Note: The list includes all member churches, partner organizations and other bodies that contributed more than 20,000 CHF to the WCC in 2007.

ACT International	Evangelical Church in Hessen and Nassau	Reformed Church in America
African Methodist Episcopal Church	Evangelical Church in Rhineland	Reformed Church of Aargau
American Baptist Churches in the USA	Evangelical Lutheran Church in America	Reformed Church of Bern-Jura-Solothurn
Anglican Church of Australia	Evangelical Lutheran Church in Denmark	Reformed Church of France
Anglican Church of Canada	Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland	Religious Society of Friends (UK)
Baptist Union of Great Britain	Evangelical Reformed Church of Canton St Gallen	Remonstrant Brotherhood
Brot für Alle	Evangelische Regionalverband Herborn-Biedenkopf	Secretariat of the Pacific Community
Canadian International Development Agency	Evangelisches Missionswerk in Deutschland	Stichting Rotterdam
Christian Aid	Federation of Swiss Protestant Churches	Stichting Steunfonds Bossey Nederland
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the USA	Fédération Suisse des Femmes Protestantes	United Church of Canada
Christian Council of Sweden	FinnChurchAid	United Church of Christ (USA)
Church of England	Foundation for Theological Education in Southeast Asia	United Methodist Church (USA)
Church of Greece	HEKS-EPER	United Reformed Church (UK)
Church of Norway	ICCO-Interchurch Organization for Development Cooperation	Uniting Church in Australia
Church of Scotland	Kerk in Actie	World Health Organization
Church of Sweden	Lutheran World Federation	World Vision International
Church of the Brethren	Methodist Church of Great Britain	
Church World Service (USA)	Mission Covenant Church of Sweden	Other contributors (less than 20,000 CHF)
Comitato Cattolico per la Collaborazione Culturale	Nathan Söderblom Memorial Fund	Other member churches
Conseil Suisse des Missions Évangéliques	National Council of Churches in Australia - Christian World Service	Other specialized ministries
Council for World Mission	Norwegian Church Aid	Other organizations
DanChurchAid	Peace Watch Switzerland	Individuals
Diakonisches Werk der EKD	Presbyterian Church (USA)	Local congregations
EED-Church Development Service	Presbyterian Church in Canada	Local denominational bodies
Episcopal Church in the USA	Presbyterian Church of Korea	Local ecumenical bodies
Evangelical Church in Germany	Protestant Church in the Netherlands	Other local contributors

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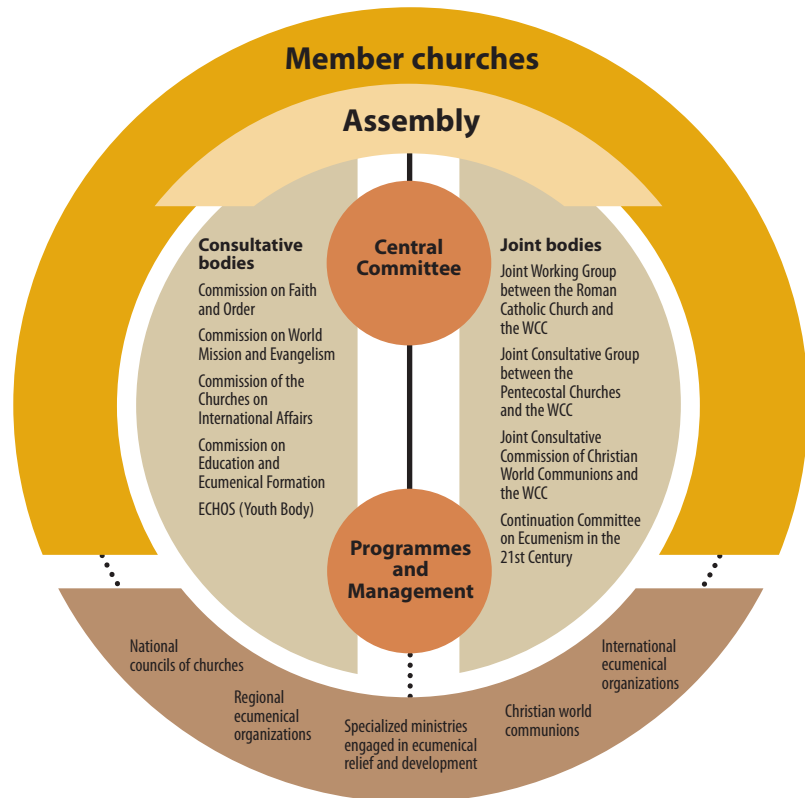
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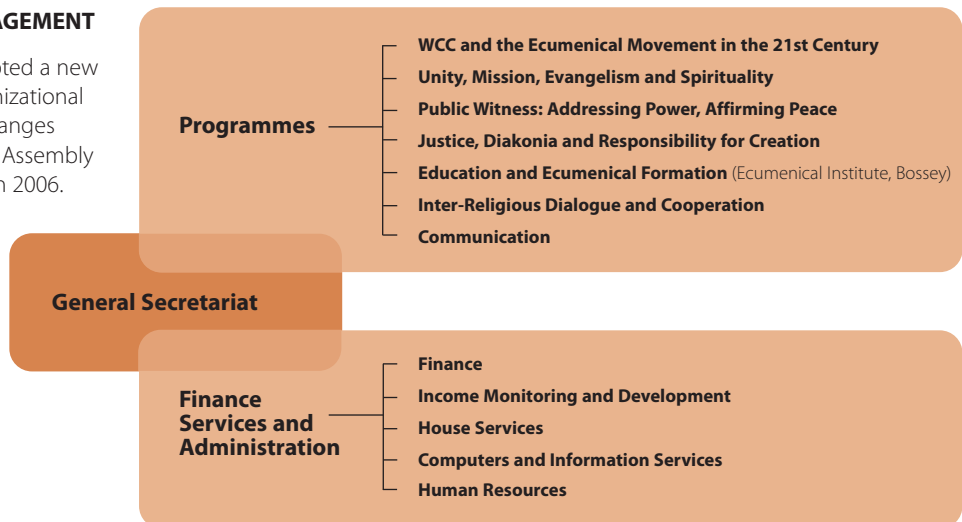
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