

World Council of Churches

9th Assembly

14-23 February 2006

Porto Alegre, Brazil



**God, in your grace,
transform the world**

Registration Form

Please answer all questions and return this form as soon as possible to:

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The 9th Assembly of the World Council of Churches

The 9th Assembly of the World Council of Churches will be held in Porto Alegre, Brazil from 14–23 February 2006 under the theme “God, in your grace, transform the world”. Pre-Assembly events for youth and for women will be held from 11–13 February.

The Assembly is the highest governing body of the World Council of Churches and is held once every 7 years. This is the first Assembly to be held in Latin America and is being hosted by the National Council of Christian Churches in Brazil (CONIC) on behalf of churches throughout the region.

The Assembly will gather up to 3000 church leaders and ecumenical representatives from nearly every Christian tradition around the world. It is one of the broadest global gatherings of its kind.

Assembly Programme

Common morning and evening prayers, as well as daily Bible study in small groups, will ground the Assembly in spiritual reflection.

Deliberation among the participants will be stimulated by major plenary presentations on church unity, economic justice, overcoming violence, Christian identity and religious plurality, Latin America, as well as the Assembly theme.

Delegates will join “ecumenical conversations” for sustained discussion on a variety of topics related to the life and witness of the church today. Conversations will focus on the changing religious, ecumenical, political, social and economic landscape in which churches and individual Christians are called to act.

The ecumenical movement will gather around the Assembly to make a *Mutirão*, which in Portuguese means coming together for a common purpose, coming together to celebrate and to reflect – coming together to make a difference. This part of the programme will provide opportunities for churches, ecumenical organizations, congregations, student groups, and individuals to join the Assembly and to arrange exhibitions, workshops and cultural celebrations during the Assembly.

Committees will review the work of the World Council since the Harare Assembly (1998), propose future priorities, policy guidelines and statements on issues of public concern. They will present a slate of Central Committee candidates and propose an Assembly message to be shared with congregations throughout the world.

Porto Alegre

Porto Alegre is the largest city in southern Brazil, and is the capital of the state of Rio Grande do Sul, which borders Uruguay and Argentina. It sits at the mouth of the Guaíba River with access to the Atlantic coast. The city was founded in 1742 by settlers from the Azores and has welcomed immigrants primarily from Germany, Poland, Spain and Italy.

Today the city counts nearly 1.5 million inhabitants and is an important industrial and cultural centre for Brazil as well as a strategic port for *Mercosur*, a regional trade alliance. It is known throughout the world as the host of the World Social Forum, which gathers hundreds of thousands of people inspired by the theme “Another world is possible”. It is a city accustomed to welcoming people from countless cultures. *Bemvindos!*

Assembly Theme and Logo

The Assembly theme – “God, in your grace, transform the world” – is a prayer of intercession. The logo is a theological exploration of the theme, representing both the hand of God and a praying hand; creation and the cross; the spirit of peace in the form of a dove; and the covenant rainbow in the background.



The hand
of God



Creation and
the cross



The spirit
of peace



The covenant
rainbow



The transformed
world

More Information to Come

When we receive your completed Registration Form, you will be sent additional information about travel to Brazil, visa arrangements, accommodation as well as the Assembly programme, Bible study material and other resources. Visit the Assembly website for more information at www.wcc-assembly.info.

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(Please type or write all answers clearly)

A. Personal information

1. Names

Title (Mr, Ms, Mrs, Rev. Dr, Bishop, etc)

Family name

First name(s)

Name you prefer on your name tag

Full name of member church or organization you represent

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2. Contact information

Please indicate whether your address is Home Office Church

Postal address name

Street and number or PO Box

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City or Town Province or State

Postal or Zip code Country

Please indicate country and city codes when giving information about telephone and fax:

Home telephone Work telephone

Home fax Work fax

Home email Work email

3. Passport information

Passport nationality

Full name as it appears in passport

Passport number Place of issue

Date of issue (day/month/year) / / Valid until (day/month/year) / /

4. Date of birth (day/month/year) / /

5. Gender Female Male

6. Marital status Single Married (information needed for insurance purposes)

7. Church status Ordained Lay member

8. **Medical condition**
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9. **Dietary Needs**
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10. **Special needs (disabilities)**
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11. **In what capacity will you be present at the Assembly? Please mark the correct line with an "X".**

Member Church Delegations

- _____ Delegate of a WCC member church.
- _____ Representative of a WCC associate member church.
- _____ Advisor to a WCC member church delegation.

Ecumenical Delegations

- _____ Delegated Representative of a WCC associate national council.
- _____ Delegated Representative of a Christian world communion, regional or national council, specialised ministries, or international ecumenical organization in a working relationship with the WCC.
- _____ Delegated Representative of Council for World Mission and Evangelism affiliated body
- _____ Delegated Observer of a church that is not a member of the WCC.
- _____ Observer of a church, council or organization with which the WCC maintains a relationship.

Ecumenical Partners and Friends

- _____ Participant in the Mutirão programme for visitors and ecumenical partners.

Governing Body, Staff and Guests

- _____ President, Officer or Member of the retiring WCC central committee.
- _____ Staff, Coopted Staff or Steward working for the Assembly.
- _____ Advisor to the Assembly invited by the Central Committee.
- _____ Guest of the Assembly invited by the General Secretary of the WCC.

Media

- _____ Accredited Media reporting for

B. Background information

12. **Profession**

Present occupation

13. **Position or responsibility in church or organization you represent**

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Church and ecumenical involvement

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14. Please list any previous participation in World Council assemblies, committees, workshops, events, etc.

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15. Do you have any skills that you would be able to contribute to the Assembly if requested?

- Bible study leader Worship Drama Note taking
 Small group leader Music Story telling Writing or drafting

How else would you like to contribute to the Assembly?

16. Language

What is your mother tongue?

Please indicate **only one** language in which you would like to receive Assembly documents.

- English French German Spanish Portuguese

Please indicate **only one** language in which you would like to hear interpretation.

- English French German Spanish Portuguese

Please indicate **only one** language in which you would be able to participate in small groups and Bible studies.

- English French German Spanish Portuguese

If needed, could you help informally with small group interpretation? If so, please indicate which languages.

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17. Would you like to participate in the pre-assembly women's event? Yes No

A women's pre-assembly gathering will be held from 11 to 13 February in Porto Alegre. More information will be sent to you if you indicate your interest in attending.

18. Would you like to participate in the pre-assembly youth event? Yes No

A pre-assembly youth event (PAYE) will take place from 11 to 13 February in Porto Alegre. Participants must be 18 to 30 years old. More information will be sent to you if you indicate your interest in attending.

C. Worship with Local Churches

On Sunday, 19 February, you are invited to worship with congregations in Porto Alegre.

19. Do you wish to attend worship on 19 February in a local congregation? Yes No

If so, please specify which type of congregation you prefer to visit:

- Anglican Baptist Greek Orthodox Methodist Lutheran
 Pentecostal Reformed Roman Catholic Russian Orthodox

20. If so, how could you contribute to the worship service?

- Attend worship Bring greetings from my church Lead prayer Preach
 Testimonial Musical contribution Other

D. Accommodation and Meals

The Assembly will be held on the campus of the Pontifical Catholic University in Porto Alegre. The campus is non-residential. All participants will stay in hotels in Porto Alegre. Daily transportation to and from the university will be organized from each hotel.

Prices for various categories of hotels are under negotiation with the Porto Alegre Tourist Board. After receiving your Registration Form, you will be sent a Accommodation Reservation Form.

Breakfast will be taken at your hotel. Lunch will be taken at the University. Evening meals may be taken at your hotel.

To help prepare for the Assembly, the following estimations may be helpful:

- Single Room – Please estimate 60 USD per day per person for 3 star single room
- Double Room – Please estimate 40 USD per day per person for a 3 star double room
- Meals – Please estimate 15 USD per day for three meals.

E. Registration Fee

The registration fee is quoted in US dollars and is based on each country's Gross Domestic Product. The fee is payable in cash or traveller's check at registration in Porto Alegre. The member churches of the World Council are responsible for the expenses of their delegates.

FEE	COUNTRY
100 USD	Angola, Bangladesh, Benin, Bolivia, Burundi, Cameroon, Congo (Democratic Republic of), Congo (People's Republic), Côte d'Ivoire, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gambia, Ghana, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mozambique, Myanmar, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Pakistan, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, Solomon Islands, Sudan, Tanzania, Togo, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe
150 USD	Albania, American Samoa, Armenia, China, Cook Islands, Cuba, Egypt, Fiji, French Polynesia, India, Indonesia, Jamaica, Jordan, Kiribati, Lebanon, Marshall Islands, New Caledonia, Niue, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Suriname, Swaziland, Syria, Taiwan, Timor Loroa'ese, Tonga, Tuvalu, Ukraine, Vanuatu
250 USD	Algeria, Argentina, Belarus, Belize, Botswana, Brazil, Chile, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Gabon, Iran, Latvia, Lithuania, Malaysia, Mauritius, Mexico, Namibia, Panama, Poland, Romania, Russian Federation, Samoa, South Africa, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey, Uruguay, Yugoslavia
300 USD	Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Czech Republic, Equatorial Guinea, Estonia, Greece, Hungary, Israel, Korea, Republic of, New Zealand-Aotearoa, Portugal, Seychelles, Slovakia
350 USD	Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, China (Hong Kong), Cyprus, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, Norway, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom, United States of America

F. Contact details in case of an emergency

Name

Address

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Telephone Fax.....

Email.....

G. Participant's remarks

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Date Signature

H. Endorsement

Delegates, Representatives, Delegated Representatives and Observers need an endorsement from the head office of their church.

Date Endorsed by

Registration Form Checklist

Before returning your Registration Form to the Assembly Office, please check that you have completed each of the following steps and included the requested passport material:

- I have read the background information. Please keep this page for your information.
- I have filled in the form completely.
- I have obtained the signature of endorsement from the head office of my church.
- I have enclosed a photocopy of my passport pages containing:
 - name
 - nationality
 - passport number
 - date of issue
 - date of expiration
 - place of issue.

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