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To: Members of the WCC Central Committee

Geneva, 5 May 2009

Re: WCC Central Committee Meeting, 26 August-2 September 2009 WCC Executive Committee Meeting, 24-25 August 2009

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

It is my pleasure to invite you to the forthcoming WCC Central Committee meeting which will take place in Geneva, Switzerland, from the 26 August to 2 September 2009. As a central committee member may I remind you that you are expected to participate in the entire meeting, with your departure planned only on 3 September.

Please find enclosed a registration form and an information sheet pertaining to travel, accommodation and other practical matters for our forthcoming meeting.

As we are working under tremendous financial pressure, the subsidies for central committee members for this meeting will be limited. The WCC can only reimburse economy fare tickets (policy for reimbursement of travel costs for governing body members attached).

Please return the completed registration form at your earliest convenience either by post, fax or e-mail and as always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact our Conference Secretary, Mr. Gerard Scarff (Gerard.Scarff@wcc-coe.org) who will be happy to assist you. An invitation letter for visa purposes will be sent by separate post to those participants concerned.

As part of the central committee programme there are several sessions for deliberation on the role of church in society. An accompanying sheet provides

more information on this session and requests that you send us reflections from your own context ahead of the central committee meeting.

A first mailing of preparatory documents, including the agenda, will be sent out in June.

With every good wish,

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Rev. Dr. Samuel Kobia General Secretary

Encl.

- Central committee registration form
- Central committee information sheet
- Policy for reimbursement of travel costs for governing body members
- Church and Society Plenary Preparation