

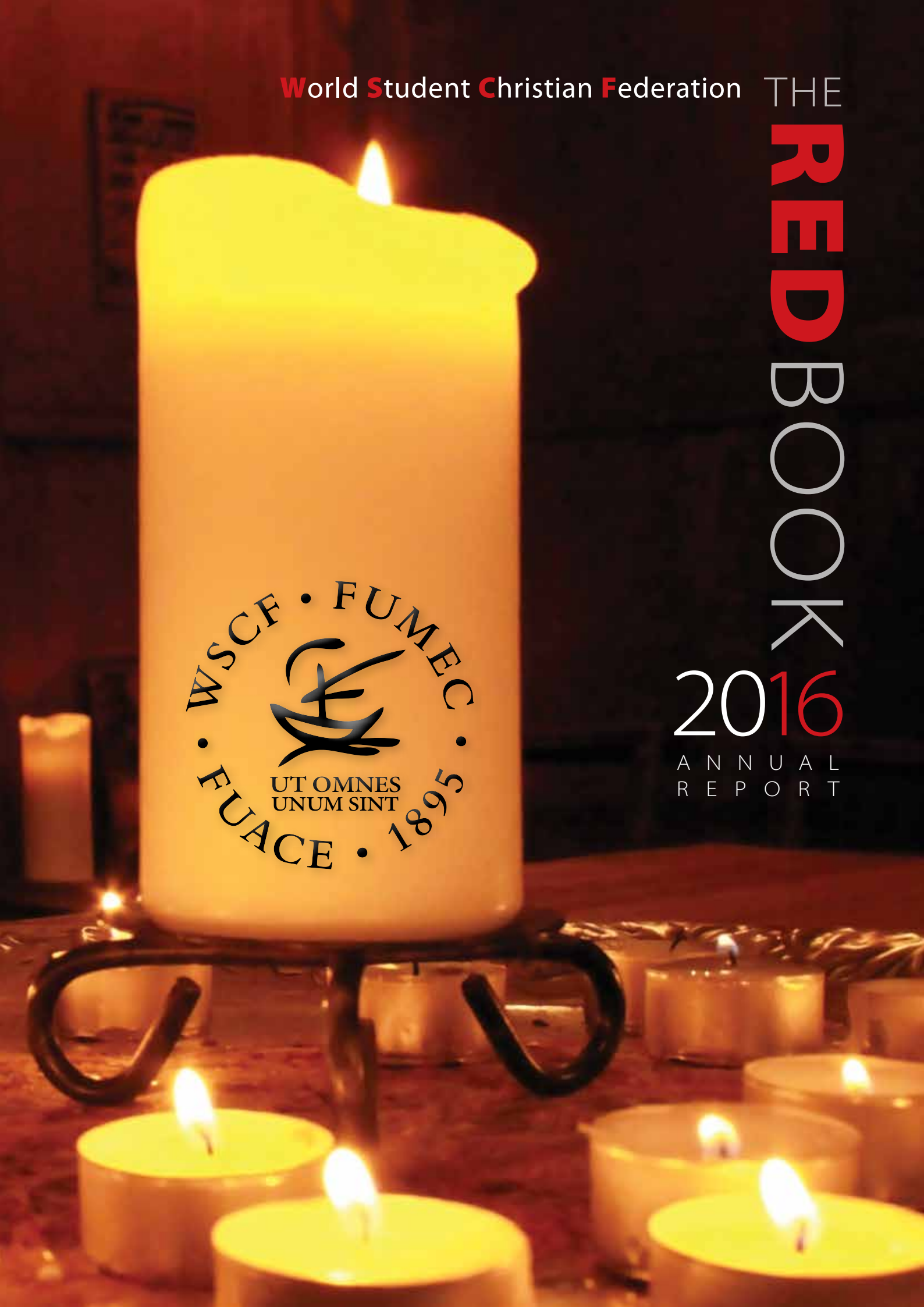
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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus our Saviour,

At the creation of the World Student Christian Federation one hundred and twenty-one years ago, our founders prayed God through Jesus Christ to bless their vision and mission in the world. Through the work of the Holy Spirit, members were called to be prophetic witnesses in the Church and society.

After years of service and dedication to the mission, the 2015 General Assembly boldly pointed out through situational analysis operational and governance issues which should be addressed in a period of two years to address the challenges identified within the Federation. Halfway down the road, we can report that despite the very challenging tasks at hand, we acknowledge the abundant blessings God has bestowed on our difficult work addressing some necessary reform in the Federation, most of which we hope will be implemented by the end of the coming year. The constitutional amendments are underway; global fundraising strategies revisited and re-developed with the active participation of the Centennial Fund Board of Trustees; tight budget control being practiced with no external debt, even though we are still struggling with internal debts. Major progress is also made in terms of consultation for the implementation of the new staff model the Executive Committee will decide on.

Some staff are working diligently with minimum salary and proud of their commitment to the mission whose work is inspirational, so are the current officers and the Executive Committee members, the US Board of Trustees, national movements and Senior Friends supporting through prayers and financial contribution as well as our traditional and new partners.

Through these small steps we are confident we will realise our goals as recommended by the 2015 General Assembly and more achievements for God's glory. *"In the mount of the Lord it shall be provided."* (Genesis 22:14)

We are blessed that there are many Senior Friends, partners and national movements who are continuously expressing their solidarity, their support and contribution when needed. Together we will continually seek for true peace and justice in this world where the signs of the kingdom are "less visible".

Young Christian students in WSCF are striving and recommitted through prayer, worship, discipleship, outreach, fellowship, service and mission to respond and bring radical hope for God's reign in the present world by addressing the new dynamic and challenges posed by current developments in the world. Among them: the decision of Britain to leave the European Union through the Brexit yes vote; the newly elected President of the USA who is vowing to build a wall on the USA-Mexico border; the immigration policy change in many countries previously favourable to immigration; growing terrorism with major attacks in 2016 in France, Belgium, Pakistan and USA; Boko Haram's continued bombing and killing; raging war in Syria; increasing negative influence of media on young people; growing commercialisation of higher education; rising number of skilled young people desperately seeking better job opportunities;



growing consumerism in the world; new challenges posed by climate change fuelled by expanding extractive activities; and lastly, evergrowing poverty in the world affecting more and more women and children.

The scripture makes **it clear that it is the task of every Christian to help bring people to the saving message of Christ.**

May God continue His work and lift WSCF higher for His glorious mission.

Georgine Kengne Djeutane

WSCF Chairperson

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

In this annual report, we continue to share with you our transition journey which began a year and half ago in Bogotá, Colombia. Midway into this two-year transition period, we present tangible results with confidence in our stability and strength as an organization renewing itself to respond to God's call for Christian witness and service in 94 countries where 118 of our member movements are rooted.

Common witness for ecological justice, sexual diversity, and peace

In 2016, the integration of the global Strategic Plan into the programmatic work of the six regions began to take shape. Visible progress and leadership have been demonstrated in Latin America and the Caribbean on Ecological Justice, Asia-Pacific on Identity, Diversity and Dialogue (IDD), and Middle East on Peace Building. The shift in programmatic strategy—where our regions take the lead in translating our global themes and strategies into concrete programs, with our regional staff serving as global program directors—is enabling synergy and coordination in the activities planned to achieve the goals of our global Strategic Plan.

The programmatic work of the Federation remains strong and relevant as demonstrated in our activities in 2016. These include the Interfaith Training on Eco-justice in Brazil; webinars and global advocacy for the COP22 in Marrakech; Ecumenical Training Program on IDD in Cambodia; a conference on sexuality in Budapest; Christian-Muslim Dialogue Conference in Lebanon; peace advocacy work in Colombia; and a leadership training and solidarity action on refugee and migrant justice issues within the framework of Ecumenical Transformative Diakonia (ETD) in Arizona and Dhaka. These programs combined gathered more than 300 students and youth from different churches and universities, raising awareness on climate justice, the rights of LGBTQI, justice and peace in Palestine and Colombia, rights of migrants and refugees; and organizing common actions and planned ecumenical strategies in

Raising Prophetic Witnesses for Justice and Peace

the grassroots in next three years. The shift in programmatic strategy has allowed the global team to assess and evaluate, using a common framework, the impact of our programs in the SCMs and communities.

Responding to calls for justice and peace in varied contexts, building grassroots ecumenical movements

The dynamism and richness of our diverse orientation and identities are reflected in the various ways the WSCF regional bodies have responded to concrete issues in their regional contexts. In Africa, we responded to violence brought about by elections by raising awareness on civic education for peace. In Asia and Pacific, we brought to the world's attention the violations of human rights especially of marginalized communities in the region. In Europe, we welcomed our neighbors, the migrants and refugees. In Latin America, we reached out to the young people in different faith communities to work together for our climate and build peace. In North America, we accompanied young people to challenge the Empire and struggle for racial justice, land and indigenous rights. And in the Middle East, we provided the ecumenical platform for Church and society to work together for peace and overcoming violence in the region.

Transforming the Federation, renewing our prophetic role, demonstrating stewardship of resources

The implementation of the Palermo WSCF ExCo mandates towards governance and operational reforms are in varying degrees of completion by the end of 2016. Four out of the eight Palermo mandates were amendments to the WSCF Constitution. The first to be implemented was the consolidation and stabilization of the global leadership with the election of the general secretary, chairperson and co-vice chairpersons in the first quarter of 2016, followed by the formation of the WSCF Constitutional Commission tasked to lead the WSCF constitutional amendments and preparations for the first Online General Assembly. A WSCF Staff Model Working Group, formed in August, was mandated to assess the WSCF staff model and propose a more sustainable and effective staff model that reflects the current needs and future stability of WSCF. The change in the job titles were likewise implemented immediately, with efforts to change the actual and day-to-day work of the staff. Our regional leaders conducted studies of their office locations to ascertain a more sustainable and efficient use of our human and financial resources and find a strategic location for the global office.

Fiscal control and adjustment had to be strictly implemented to monitor the financial health of the Federation. In August, an urgent need to begin the process of reviewing the financial viability of the WSCF staff model as a strategic solution to the chronic financial crisis of the Federation surfaced. This provided a context for the discussion on the need for cultural change highlighted by the incongruent understanding of the transition plan, and on the depth of the crisis within the Federation vis-à-vis structural and operational reforms. This review remains a continuing task.

By December 2016, WSCF's financial situation continued to be a challenging concern for the leadership. But with the solidarity and efforts of the regional bodies and the WSCF Centennial Fund, we ended the year 2016 with good financial performance and a positive outlook for 2017.

Finally, we want to acknowledge and give thanks to our partner churches, ecumenical institutions, Senior Friends and members for their trust and invaluable financial support and contribution to the ministry of WSCF.

This is our collective story. May the God of Justice, Peace and Love continue to journey with us as we continue our mission to build God's Kingdom here on Earth.

In Peace and Solidarity,

Necta Montes
Secretary General



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In this report, we highlight the outputs and impacts of activities implemented in 2016 under the thematic programs of Ecological Justice; Identity, Diversity and Dialogue (IDD); Peace Building and Dialogue; and the emerging themes of migration and racial justice, and religious freedom and interfaith dialogue. This year, we began consolidating and focusing our strategies and activities to achieve the program objectives of our 2016 to 2019 Strategic Plan.

Ecological Justice

WSCF's Eco-Justice Program aims to promote climate justice through public advocacy processes directed at international governance bodies, working in partnership with ecumenical institutions, churches and various stakeholder networks upholding the youth and student voice on ecological issues.

Survey of Eco-Justice Activities of SCMs

In order to gain greater knowledge for creating projects for the WSCF global Eco-Justice Program, we carried out a global survey to probe and assess the degree of understanding, participation and implementation of actions of SCMs on eco-justice and their impact on the activities they are developing internally. The survey results corroborated the need for

training and awareness-raising processes on the theme of eco-justice and its importance within the movements and on the initiatives they are developing. The survey also showed that although the movements consider the area of work on eco-justice as fundamental, there has not been sustained programmatic development at the local level. ■



Webinar: La organización juvenil y el Rol de los jóvenes frente al Cambio Climático: Formación, Movilización e Incidencia.

Histórico: No primeiro webinar fizemos a apresentação de alguns conceitos básicos sobre as mudanças climáticas, abordando as consequências, a incidência política e os processos de negociação ou governança internacional (UNFCCC-COPs). É importante, neste momento, conhecer plataformas de juventude que interagem na incidência através da organização, do diálogo intergeracional e da busca de espaços de tomada de decisão.

Objetivo: Motivar e empoderar os jovens através da apresentação de experiências, lições aprendidas e resultados do movimento de jovens organizados. Organizações que têm como propósito a formação e a incidência política junto a redes nas políticas relacionadas com a mudança climática. Com uma mensagem atual e contextualizada, apresentará estratégias e incentivos a tornar cada vez mais jovens as plataformas de ação e trabalho.

Palestrantes: Marcelo Leites (FUMEC) e Tissi Meilo (Engajamento).
Mediadora: Nina Lys (ISER).

Data: 9 de Outubro de 2016
Horário: 13:00 – 14:00 (Horário BRT) / 11:00 – 12:00 (Colômbia)
Inscrições: <https://goo.gl/forms/AYCXXW3MqjQwz2>

Organização:



	MOST IMPORTANT TO DO	MEDIUM IMPORTANCE	LESS* IMPORTANT AT THIS MOMENT
Global Campaign Raising Awareness	62.96% 17	29.63% 8	7.41% 2
Training/Workshop Program	74.07% 20	18.52% 5	7.41% 2
Seminars and Conferences	44.44% 12	40.74% 11	14.81% 4
Webinars	22.22% 6	55.56% 15	22.22% 6
Bilateral and Biregional Programs	51.85% 14	48.15% 13	0.00% 0
Publication and Articles	40.74% 11	44.44% 12	14.81% 4
Youth Mobilization	70.37% 19	29.63% 8	0.00% 0

Survey results show respondents place high importance on training and awareness-raising processes among the measures and initiatives on Ecological Justice that WSCF should undertake.

Eco-Justice Online Webinars

Three online webinars were organised within the framework of the “Faith and Climate: Sacred Waters” Convergence, an international, multi-faith emerging leaders’ network for climate action led by WSCF-LAC. The first was held on August 27 on the topics, “COP21 to COP22: Experiences, Expectations and Strategies” and “Climate Change and the Interreligious Global Movement”. The second was held on October 8 on the topic, “Youth Organization and the Role of Youth in the Face of Climate Change: Training, Visualization and Incidence.” The third webinar, “Road to Río Convergence”, was held on December 10 with participants from all over LAC and the US. Through the online webinars, WSCF-LAC has taken a leadership role within the churches and ecumenical networks in LAC on ecological justice advocacy work. The SCMs have become more visible, and an increasing number of members and networks are reaching out to WSCF-LAC regarding youth and eco-justice issues. ■



Interfaith Training on Eco-Justice in Brazil

With the theme “Faith in the Climate: Sacred Land”, a multi-city event on climate change and religion was organised with the participation of 15 cities in the Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC). Young people from different religions and speakers on various topics attended this training and developed a common understanding of environmental issues in LAC and the world. From this training, an interfaith network was launched with WSCF leading the thematic content sub-groups on Sacred Land and Sacred Water for two years. ■





MARÍA CAMILA ULLOA BONILLA IS A COLOMBIAN LIVING IN BUENOS AIRES. SHE IS A VOLUNTEER OF WSCF-LAC AND HAS BEEN A MEMBER SINCE MARCH 2016. SHE PARTICIPATED IN THE "ROAD TO RIO CONVERGENCE" WEBINARS OF THE ECO-JUSTICE PROGRAM.

The World Student Christian Federation in Latin America and the Caribbean is one of the 15 organizations that are making possible the "Faith and Climate: Sacred Waters" Convergence. The convergence will take place in 2017 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Within this framework, webinars were held, as a road-to-Rio event, enabling the participation of young people and leaders from all over the region. On August 27, the first webinar was held: "From COP21 to COP22: Experiences, Expectations and Strategies. Climate Change and the Global Interreligious Movement," which explained the functioning of the COP as an advocacy platform and presented some basic concepts on climate governance, decisions and the role of religious movements in advocacy.

The second webinar, "Youth Organization and Its Role in the Face of Climate Change: Training, Visualization and Incidence", was held on October 8 with the aim of motivating and empowering young people through the presentation of lessons learned and results of organized youth work.

Marcelo Leites, regional secretary, was a speaker for WSCF-LAC and presented the work that has been done in the Federation around training, mobilization and advocacy with young people in the region on eco-justice, understanding climate change as a consequence of the unequal relationship between economy and ecology. The exhibition was accompanied by a presentation on the experiences since the Ecology, Economy and Ecumenism program was carried out in 2012. It was a very important presentation for new SCMs, like me, as it allowed us to know the work that has been done in the region on this matter, both the WSCF and other organizations.

The last webinar was on "COP 22, what does it mean for America in its new context?" It was a reflection on COP22 and its implications in the new context of America due to the power changes that have taken place. The webinar benefited from the participation of four panelists attending COP22 who have worked for years on climate change issues in different sectors of society.

These video conferences allowed students from different SCMs to participate and interact with leaders who are experts in these topics, enabling the creation of new spaces for debate, as well as including in the convergence people who may not be able to participate in Rio meeting.



Elevating the youth voice in global advocacy platforms on eco-justice

WSCF Program Director for Ecological Justice and LAC Executive Marcelo Leites is a member of the World Council of Churches (WCC) Climate Change Working Group, which held two meetings on April 29–May 2 and September 28–29 in Palestine and Geneva, respectively. In the first meeting, the WSCF Eco-Justice Program was presented to the small WCC Climate Change planning group for the UN Climate Change Conference

(COP22) in Marrakech on November 11-20. WSCF got involved in the preparation and implementation of the different advocacy initiatives at the COP22 together with ACT Alliance, WCC and Green Faith. This increased our knowledge in advocacy work as well as the likelihood of our sending student delegations to future COPs.

Our active participation in global advocacy platforms has facilitated greater collaboration with other groups on climate justice: we are now involved in the formation of the Eco-Justice School, a joint initiative of WCC, WSCF, LWF, ACT Alliance and WCRC and other groups; and our Eco-Justice Program in turn has received much needed support from the WCC Climate Change Working Group. This exposure also paved the way for our involvement in the planning of the partners roundtable, which includes the WCC, ACT Alliance, and Bread for the World. ■



Identity, Diversity and Dialogue

WSCF's Identity, Diversity and Dialogue (IDD) Program aims to initiate the process of dialogue, create spaces and develop theological understanding for the SCMs on human sexuality.



Women's Workshop on Identity, Diversity and Dialogue: "Explorations into Body, Sexuality and Power from a Critical Feminist Theological Perspective for Liberation and Transformation"

NEW DELHI, JANUARY 24-27

This sub-regional women's workshop was jointly organised with the National Council of Churches in India, Asian Women's Resource Center and YMCA India. The workshop used the feminist critical analysis for liberation and transformation, using the process and framework of analysis from the stories and experiences of each woman participant, community and the society at large. Participants learned new things from the workshop and the most touching and empowering part was the sacred, open and safe space where each person was able to tell their stories of struggle and empowerment. The two Bible study sessions on Jephthah's daughter (Judge 11:1-40) and the hemorrhaging woman (Mark 5:21-43) empowered and enabled the participants to dialogue with each other and share their various perspectives about the text. It was also a process of learning and unlearning, experiencing diversity and self.

Participants found the group discussions, sharing testimonies and writing reflective letters as empowering, energising, inspiring and challenging. The critical analysis of scripture was a new and enlightening experience for most of the participants, and they recognised that it will be a great challenge to introduce and

promote this approach in their own communities. The participants reflections, written in the form of prayer, reflective letters and short stories, were used as a material for the International Women's Day (IWD) resource kit. After the workshop, sharing and networking among participants continued through social media, creating a virtual space for them to carry on discussions on contemporary issues related to and impacting women's lives. ■





Study Session on Sexuality: “Let’s Talk About Sexuality – The Explosive Power of Taboo Subjects”

BUDAPEST, MAY 8-15

The six-day course, organised jointly by WSCF-Europe and the Ecumenical Youth Council in Europe, was aimed to empower young people to fully understand the concepts of gender and sexuality in order for them to address these issues in their communities, towards inclusive and tolerant societies and churches. It brought together 32 participants from 20 countries, including three SCMLers from the Middle East and Asia.

The study session raised the participants’ awareness of gender issues, LGBT rights, and the various expressions of sexuality. It addressed the ‘tabooisation’ of issues related to sexuality in general, and acknowledged the different viewpoints, beliefs, narratives, outlooks, and understanding of common issues as they manifest under different religious, cultural and national circumstances. It also provided opportunities to develop competencies or soft skills, such as ability to discuss in intercultural, international, interdenominational contexts issues that may be considered contentious in some contexts; to understand different beliefs and viewpoints; to use tools and mechanisms in tackling problems encountered in the local contexts; and to build stronger networks of ecumenical movements to influence inclusion and empowerment of all marginalised groups. An issue of WSCF-Europe’s publication, *Mozaik*, was dedicated to the theological reflections on sexual and gender identity discussed during the lectures and reflections. ■



School for Ecumenical Leadership Formation (SELF) on Identity, Diversity & Dialogue

CAMBODIA, OCTOBER 20-NOVEMBER 5

SELF brought together students and youth from SCMs from 12 countries in Asia-Pacific. As a bi-annual ecumenical leadership formation program, SELF targets frontline leaders of the SCMs and churches with a module designed to provide an effective platform for training young ecumenical leaders who are working closely with young people in different parts of Asia and the Pacific. This SELF on the topic of Identity, Diversity, and Dialogue became an opportunity and an important space for the participants to discourse, challenge each other's commitment to Christian discipleship and transcend boundaries through dialogue on the subject of human sexuality. It served as a vehicle towards building bridges across the diverse identities discussed during the SELF program, including that of sexual identity. With the tools they learned during the SELF process, the participants felt inspired to critically examine their communities and find ways to respond to the challenge of justice and peace in their own mission contexts. ■



MOVEMENT PROFILE

Youth Evangelical Federation in Italy

Federazione Giovanile Evangelica in Italia



In April of 2016, we had the 20th Congress of the Federazione Giovanile Evangelica in Italia (FGEI). At the FGEI Congress, we talked about democracy, justice (human and divine), about gender and body, and noted the importance of dialogue between the religions. Finally, we decided to focus and organize our future events in these directions, which will take place in March of 2017.

The work team was renewed: the new general council was elected, also the checkers and the referents of the youth centers.

In the last years, a generational change is taking place in our organization and in this moment we are trying to learn the heritage that we received and continue to work in the future.

In 2016, FGEI was occupied in many directions, mostly in ecumenical ways participating in many events out of Italy, and also collaborating with FUCI.

“Communicate, know how to pass on, hear”

This was another project in 2016, which was made to work in two directions of communication, an important element of the FGEI in our days. It was divided in two phases:

1. The first event was held in March, entitled “Communication Breakdown, Problems in Communication?” In this event we tried to take a view of the media that FGEI is using, of who receives the news and on how to communicate FGEI. All the members of the editing group FGEI participated (our website, *Gioventù Evangelica*, and our newsletter, *Notiziario*)
2. The second event took place in July, with the title: “Sorry, can you repeat? Speak, hear and understand the other in one intercultural church”, with languages and intercultural as principal themes. The main conclusions were to concentrate and work on the multilingualism in our federation, and to help participants that don't speak Italian by the translation of FGEI's members.

Events for the churches

In August, FGEI organized “Presinodo”, an event for the youth during the Sinodo of the Waldensian and Methodist churches. In November, FGEI also organized “Preassemblea”, an event for the youth before the Baptist Assembly UCEBI.

The theme of Presinodo was “Inclusion, the individual and inclusion based on hearing”. Two young asylum seekers who are members of the ecumenical center Agape participated in this event.

In the Preassemblea, we discussed about the Church in general, churches and the particular heritage of Italian Baptism, and about the method that we choose to go on together in an uncertain future.

FGEI is ready for 2017 with many projects and events, and is trying to continue in its vocation, to be an open place for the young people that would like to live their faith with a critical point of view interested also in the world.



Women's Conference: "Church Upbringing and the View on Women"

LEBANON, AUGUST 2-6

Twenty-five (25) participants from Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Sudan, Syria, Iraq and Palestine joined the conference. It provided an opportunity for the participants to discuss the leadership of women in their communities, church and the ecumenical movement; to the role of women in the Old and New Testaments in the Bible; and the socio-cultural context in the Middle East. The conference encouraged the participants to organise similar activities within their own countries. It also helped bring about awareness in the local Christian community about women's issues in the Arab world. In the evaluation session, the participants said the ideas and concepts discussed changed their pre-existing understanding of the topics; they also expressed appreciation for the variety of opinions presented and shared on societal issues pertaining to women's rights and dignity. ■



SCMER COLUMN

Natalie Ng



NATALIE NG IS THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE SCM HONG KONG EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR 2017-2018. SHE PARTICIPATED IN THE SELF IN CAMBODIA.

I joined SCM Hong Kong in the year 2010, when I first entered university. During that time, I left the church for a year because I couldn't take the idea that LGBTQs are excluded from God's love. At the same time, I was desperate to find a way out for my religious belief. I got to know some theology students and joined SCM activities that were held in the campus. SCM enlightened me towards a new way of understanding the Bible.

Some of the SCMs in the AP region are still comparatively conservative and rigid when it comes to the way religion is connected to social issues, especially LGBTQ issues. Based on my personal engagement in SCM-HK and those in Europe, they are rather liberal and tend to interpret the Bible critically. Yet, around half of the SCMs I met in SELF from South East Asia tend to be conservative and less critical. I was always thinking of what I can do in Hong Kong especially for the LGBT community as I thought I am incapable compared to other brilliant people. But as I reflect on one of the bible studies at the SELF, "The Parable of Three Servants", about the servant receiving only one bag of silver, I am reminded that we all can do what we want to do with our gifts and talents.

During the morning worship, it really touched me when I looked at all the people from different countries, that we are different and show our love in Christ. Another learning from SELF is how ecumenical understands "evangelizing". It should not be understood as merely turning one into a Christianity believer, but more about bringing one a livable life.

When I joined the group discussion with the delegate from SCM Pakistan I realized there are so many people from Pakistan in Hong Kong and I haven't talked to anyone of them like how I talked to this friend from Pakistan. We Hong Kongers have certain things for different nationalities. I thought we were living in harmony, but we are living in two different worlds. We are marginalizing them, regarding them as belonging to another group. I didn't have any Pakistani friends, classmates, colleagues but I always see them walking in the streets of Hong Kong. Yet I never talked to anyone of them. This is the first time I have a friend and a selfie with a Pakistani. This also reminds me how our Hong Kong society is marginalizing the ethnic minority community. When I go back to Hong Kong I can volunteer myself to join the ethnic minority group to teach Cantonese. Many ethnic minorities are not able to work in Hong Kong because they don't speak the local language

In Hong Kong, mainstream Christian organizations are homophobic. They cling onto the groundless interpretation of the Bible to suggest homosexuality is sinful. This IDD theme gave light on how we can deal with this situation and initiate dialogue with them.

Peace Building and Dialogue

WSCF's Peace Building and Dialogue Program aims to mobilise the Federation on issues pertaining to overcoming violence and building peace with a focus on the situations in the Middle East and Colombia.



Palestinian Youth Training: “To be a Christian Palestinian Youth Today: Reality and Horizons”

AMMAN, JORDAN, JUNE 30-JULY 3

The 9th capacity-building training of WSCF Middle East brought together 25 participants from the Palestinian Youth Ecumenical Movement (PEYM). The training focused on the contemporary challenges of the Eastern churches, the importance of the ecumenical movement in the Middle East, the migration of the Christian youth and their future, the view of the Christian youth on contemporary Islam, and the meaning of being a Palestinian Christian youth today. The training also provided awareness raising on the *Kairos Palestine Document* and sharing on the movement to end Israel's military occupation of the Palestine. At the end of the training, the participants crafted an action plan to promote the *Kairos Palestine Document* among the youth in 2017. ■



Syrian Youth Training: “The Syrian Youth and Ecumenical Upbringing”

MASHTA AL-HELU, SYRIA, SEPTEMBER 9-OCTOBER 3

The 3rd capacity-building training organised by WSCF Middle East was attended by 50 young people from the different regions in Syria. The training discussed important topics such as how to witness for Christ in the midst of suffering, the importance of dialogue, the church perspective on violence and non-violence, Christian displacement and migration, the importance of the Ecumenical Movement, and the future of the Syrian youth. The training concluded with the recommendation and plan to establish an Ecumenical Youth Committee in Aleppo and sharing of ecumenical activities under the situation of violence and war. ■





Week of Prayer for Church Unity in Lebanon, Syria and Egypt

In January, WSCF Middle East member movements— together with the Middle East Council of Churches (MECC), the heads of the churches, the Ecumenical Institute in the Middle East— commemorated the Global Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The important occasion provided opportunity for Christians in the Middle East, including the youth in the churches, to pray together for unity and for each other. Led by the bishops of the churches, this annual event plays an important role in the identity of the Christian churches within the Arab world. ■

“Peace at the Park: A Youth Gathering for Peace”

COLOMBIA, NOVEMBER 27-30

Many students participated in the Gathering for Peace organised by WSCF-LAC and the SCM in Colombia. The gathering was held to let the general public know how students and Christians are working for peace and their views on the most controversial issues in the Peace Agreement. The initiative helped develop a common course of action that included the Plan on Peace Building, an accompaniment program among organisations in Colombia and regional faith-based organisations to continue and guarantee the monitoring of the bilateral Peace Agreement between the Colombian Government and the FARC. ■

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Advocacy work on the peace process and Peace Agreement in Colombia

Together with the Colombian peace network DiPaz (Diálogo Intereclesial por la Paz de Colombia), churches and other regional ecumenical organisations, WSCF-LAC participated in the monitoring process of the bilateral ceasefire agreement between the Colombian Government and the FARC. Member movements in the LAC participated in advocacy activities in Colombia and Buenos Aires, supporting the peace initiatives. Christian students and young people from the faith-based organisations have been mobilised towards peace work and awareness-building in the region. WSCF-LAC will be focusing on a peace program in Colombia together with DiPAZ and the Reformed University for 2017 and 2018 involving student and youth leadership as accompaniment to the post-conflict context in Colombia. ■





Consultative Meeting on Peace Building

JUBA, SUDAN, APRIL 8-11

WSCF Africa together with SCM Juba successfully implemented this consultative meeting among SCM and other Christian youth group leaders. The participants attended the Sunday Service at the Anglican Church Cathedral, which helped strengthen ecumenical-church relations. At the end of the meeting, the youth participants committed to engage in peace-building activities. ■

MOVEMENT PROFILE

By Diana Celis, SCM Bogotá, Colombia

SCM Colombia: Food recipes as peace pedagogy

SCM Colombia is composed of the SCM in Barranquilla, in the Caribbean area of Colombia, which has been part of WSCF-LAC since decades ago, and the SCM of Bogotá, the capital city of Colombia. Following the 35th WSCF General Assembly, a planning meeting was held in April 2015 to form SCM Colombia. Youth and students in the region worked together towards the creation of a new movement. SCM Colombia finally became unified when it was formally launched in September 2015.

SCM Colombia and the region have been planning and working on peace-building pedagogy. As a strategy to promote peace education, the SCM has developed “La PAZtelería* of the SCM: Recipes for memory”. It is an initiative born from the necessity of creating strategies for peace pedagogy taking into account the current Colombian context and based on the popular education premise that says we learn by doing. During each study session, we choose a recipe that has a story related to the Colombian conflict and we learn and teach how to prepare it. We take each ingredient of the recipe and have a reflection time in which we analyze from what regions of the country come those ingredients and how those regions have been affected by the conflict. We tell stories and gather together to share the food we have prepared.

La PAZtelería has turned out to be a very enriching experience because it has helped us to remember stories about the country and about populations that we had forgotten or that we did not know. It has also allowed us to reflect about the products that we consume and about the value of certain products like *masato* (fermented rice drink) as symbols of the resistance of our ancestors. It is a process that we are building and that has managed to bring together people from various generations and provenances to talk about peace while we celebrate around food.

* PAZtelería – a play on the words “peace” and “bakery” in Spanish.

“Cooking generates links with the collective memory and strengthens feelings of identity, at the same time it shows the way people relate to their environments. Thus, through this mixture of ingredients, flavors, aromas and memories, the various peoples who have lived in the Caribbean have experienced the dialogue.”

– MUSEUM OF THE CARIBBEAN, BARRANQUILLA, COLOMBIA



Peace Building and Dialogue

SCMER COLUMN

Natalia Vasilevich



NATALIA VASILEVICH, 34, IS FROM MINSK, BELARUS. SHE IS A MEMBER OF CENTRE ECUMENA. SHE HAS AN M.A. IN POLITICAL SCIENCE AND ECUMENICAL STUDIES AND IS CURRENTLY A DOCTORAL STUDENT IN PHILOSOPHY.

My journey aboard the WSCF boat started many years ago: first as a passenger, I joined then a team of sailors. Many events, conferences, seminars as participant, steward and organiser, many friends, lots of fun, joy, adventure, inspiration and intellectual challenges. Support and solidarity.

For the moment, I serve WSCF Europe being delegated to the Task Reference Group on Human Rights of the Conference of European Churches. The Group engages in dialogue with ecclesial, political and civil bodies on freedom of religion or belief, women's and children's rights, minorities, anti-discrimination, refugees and reflection on human dignity in general.

In 2016, I also represented both CEC and WSCF-E through media coverage of the Holy and Great Council of the Orthodox Church, which took place in Crete and gathered the greatest representation of the Orthodox Church ever. The Council opened on 19th of June, exactly 99 years after the famous speech of WSCF forefather John R. Mott to the Great Sobor (Council) of the Russian Orthodox Church in 1917. I like to discover such small nice coincidences which allow me to feel a kind of continuation.

In October, I spoke as WSCF-E representative at the panel of the ODIHR OSCE seminar on interreligious dialogue for the promotion of tolerance and non-discrimination in Baku, where I presented a paper on the dignity of the human person as precondition and purpose of the interreligious dialogue in the teaching of the Holy and Great Council.

The ecumenical movement is an integral part not only of my ecclesial and social life, but also academic life. I completed my master's degree in ecumenical studies in Bonn, and currently work on my doctoral dissertation on the social doctrine of the Holy and Great Council of the Orthodox Church, holding a scholarship from the Protestant Church of Germany (EKD). ■



Consultative Workshop on Peace and Civic Education

YAOUNDE, CAMEROON, NOVEMBER 28-30

Thirty four (34) youth from SCM Cameroon and other Christian student organisations participated in this workshop organised by WSCF Africa. Through this activity, the youth gained a better understanding of

peace, civic education and the electoral process. The participants committed to reach other youth. The youth leaders also committed to integrate peace and civic education issues into their programs. ■

WCC Reference Group Meeting on Pilgrimage for Peace and Justice

PALESTINE, FEBRUARY 12-18

Brandi Friesen Thorpe, a student WSCF ExCo member, participated in the WCC Reference Group Meeting for the Pilgrimage of Justice and Peace representing both the WSCF and the youth in general. She presented WSCF's program and activities on peace and justice as a youth contribution to the Pilgrimage initiative. Among the outcomes of the meeting was a commitment from WCC to hold a joint conference with WSCF on the theme of peace and justice. The engagement of SCM Palestine around Pilgrimage issues and WSCF programs was another encouraging outcome of the meeting, as well as the possibility of SCM Nigeria engaging with the Reference Group members during its upcoming meeting in Nigeria in 2017. ■



Emerging themes and other programs



Inter-Regional Leadership Training Program (IRLTP): “Youth Agenda in Advocating for Migrant and Refugee Rights and Its Intersection with Racial Justice”

DHAKA, BANGLADESH, DECEMBER 1-6

The program was divided into two main sections, the Advocacy Training on December 2–4, participated by members of SCMs from different countries, and a whole-day Youth Conference on December 5 where young people from local youth groups in Dhaka joined. This program focused on developing skills in doing advocacy and campaign work on migrant and refugee rights. The training was attended by 20 participants from different countries.

Participants were able to identify local issues and its connection with other social justice issues in the larger context of their communities. They also learned new ideas and tools on how to start and organise a local campaign and gradually build it up into an advocacy program. As a global fellowship of movements, the participants became aware through their experience of the importance and value of advocating and working in solidarity with other movements and groups. They also learned that WSCF and other platforms such as the Churches Witnessing



With Migrants (CWWM) and the International Migrants Alliance (IMA) exist where they can channel their local advocacy work knowing that other movements will be advocating in solidarity with them wherever they are in the world.

New and emerging issues came out from various discussions in the program such as the need for intersectionality as a framework of analysis on migrant and refugee issues (with LGBTI, race and color, for example) in order to mobilise more groups advocating for migrant and refugee rights; the articulation of a “spirituality of advocacy” that is specific to church or ecumenical groups; responding to the challenge of building migrant centers and decriminalisation of migrants and refugees; and the plight of so-called ‘stateless’ people such as Rohingyas and the Adivasi or indigenous people. ■



Emerging themes and other programs



U.S.-Mexico Border Solidarity Program and School of the Americas Convergence

ARIZONA, USA, OCTOBER 1-11

This program was a regional follow-up project on the Inter-Regional Leadership Training Program on Migrants, Refugees and Asylum Seekers held in Palermo, Italy in December 2015. Organised by WSCF North America within the framework of Ecumenical Transformative Diakonia and the Overcoming Violence Program, the gathering took place in the form of a solidarity trip to the Arizona border between the US and Mexico, in partnership with the American Waldensian Society and Borderlinks, a Tucson-based non-profit organisation that receives delegations throughout the year for full-immersion visits in the borderlands.



A delegation of 10 young adults and students from across the United States immersed in migrant justice issues such as border patrol violence, economic reasons for forced migration, US and Mexico trade and migration policies, deportations and incarceration of migrants, and deaths of migrants in the desert. The American Waldensian Society sponsored the participation of one student from the Italian SCM and a young adult working for Mediterranean Hope, an observatory for migrant justice supported by the Italian Federation of Protestant Churches and operating on the island of Lampedusa, a border island in the Mediterranean Sea where many migrants travel from North Africa seeking refuge from war, violence, repression and poverty. Participants had the opportunity to link their experience to new theological insights and to engage in the planning of future WSCF advocacy work on migrant and refugee issues. ■

SCMER COLUMN

Elizabeth Rueda-Herrera



ELIZABETH RUEDA-HERRERA IS A MEMBER OF SCM USA AND QUEST CHURCH (EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH) IN SEATTLE, WA. SHE PARTICIPATED IN THE WSCF-NA BORDER SOLIDARITY PROGRAM IN MEXICO AND THE IRLTP IN DHAKA.

Recently, I was given the opportunity to explore this interest through the WSCF North America when I attended the Border Solidarity and SOA Convergence trip at the U.S.-Mexico border in and around Arizona. There is still much that I'm trying to wrap my head around in reference to that trip but it's fair to say that I have much to learn. I thought I knew how bad the U.S. immigration system was, because of the stories I had heard from undocumented family and migrant clients, but this trip opened up my eyes to the awful ways that migrants crossing the U.S.-Mexico border are subjected to. Every one of their basic human rights are being violated in the name of national safety and security and are left with no course of action to seek justice afterward.

On a personal faith level, this work has driven me to reclaim the identity given to me by God—as a woman of color, Mexican and American, bilingual English/Spanish speaker, documented, US citizen—in this particular time and place in history, and to ask, what, Lord, does it mean that you created me this way? And on another level, I am motivated to do this work because the Lord requires it of me to do justice and love mercy, and to love my neighbor as myself.



WASSIM EL SAKHLEH IS A SYRIAN MUSLIM WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE MUSLIM-CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE IN LEBANON.

A creative journey! The invitation to the conference was exciting for me. I have experienced dozens of meetings and workshops regarding interfaith dialogue, however this is the first conference that has been as clear and detailed. The conflicts that are happening today puts us at a risk of losing our identity and ripping it apart. This is why these conferences come as a support for our social and civil work in our countries.

"The Christian and Muslim Youths... the Religious Freedom in the Arab World"

This is one of the most exciting topics for me: the religions in the Middle East, for me, are not autonomous and open for anyone and abstract; they are deeply entangled with history, the land, the past, and the consciousness of the people who roamed the land.

The program seemed rich and varied. On the first day, the participants looked as if they know one another. Hours later, I started introducing myself to them, and go to know them better. I discovered that we are all working in the same field, on similar issues, yet in different countries. Each session was a genuine intellectual journey. The five days formed a spiritual journey between the participants coming from an array of religious affiliations and nationalities. For me, the sessions added plenty of new things to my knowledge, but I have to admit that those little chats, discussions, breaks between sessions, and the long evenings were the richest part of the experience.

Even today, impressions from this meeting drive our work in the service of peace for humanity. This meeting was not only a spiritual and intellectual experience, but also a life experience through which I got to meet new friends, brothers and sisters, who are now part of my entourage, with whom I can share what I feel and what I aim to do.

This conference will always be a stepping stone in my passion for religious diversity. I am grateful for my friend Katy who invited me to the conference, and to the WSCF and its staff for holding such novel activities. Understanding the Other's religion is the basis for preserving our common culture.



Christian-Muslim Dialogue Conference: "Religious Freedom in the Arab World"

BROUMANA, LEBANON, OCTOBER 12-16

The conference, organised by WSCF Middle East, was attended by 35 Christian and Muslim youth from Lebanon. The participants discussed and covered important topics concerning religious freedom and the relationship between Christians and Muslims from the perspective of both religions. Topics included "The Theory and Practice of Religious Freedom in the Arab World",

"Freedom of Religion and Citizenship", "Minorities in the Arab World", "Media and Freedom", and "Women and Religious Freedom". The conference was successful as it led to the formation of the Muslim-Christian Youth Committee in Lebanon, and created a new dynamic among the Muslim and Christian youth organisations represented in the gathering. ■



PROGRAMS

Emerging themes and other programs



Universal Day of Prayer for Students (UDPS) 2016

SCMs, churches and university students around the world celebrated the Universal Day of Prayer for Students (UDPS) in 2016 praying for education rights, interfaith dialogue, justice and peace. UDPS 2016 prayer activities began with Student Sunday on February 21 and lasted through March. This year's theme, "Journey of Faith", invited movements to pray and reflect on the faith journeys of young people from different faith traditions around the world. The UDPS liturgical guide used by the SCMs around the world was prepared by SCM UK and WSCF.

The UDPS was first held in 1898, and has been an annual WSCF tradition uniting the fellowship of SCM movements to pray for students every third Sunday of February. This annual tradition has also served as an important movement building activity for WSCF through the years.

This year's celebration highlighted varied prayer activities of local SCM university units and churches commemorating the event. University students from the ISTS Women's College in Rajanagram, Andhra Region in India held an interfaith prayer program with the participation of students from the Hindu, Islam and Christian traditions. SCM India units in Gopalpur Odisha, Aizawl, Eluru, and St. Peter's Telugu Church held



similar prayer services for students. Students from the University of the Philippines (UP) chapter of SCM Philippines organised a candlelight prayer vigil to commemorate the death of Jessiven Lagatic, and other university students, who committed suicide after not being able to pay for their school tuition. SCM New York City held a multifaith prayer for students in the US. The Palestine Youth Ecumenical Movement held an ecumenical prayer at the Church of Nativity in Al Shabaab. SCM Sri Lanka had an international prayer celebration with students from Kandy. SCM Baranquilla in Colombia had a praise and worship service in the Presbyterian Church.



MOVEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

The **Student Christian Movement of Sri Lanka** is one of the oldest ecumenical movements in Sri Lanka, starting its ecumenical journey in 1912. This year, we proudly celebrated the Universal Day of Prayer for Students (UDPS) under the international theme of "Stories of Faith" at the Hillwood College, Kandy on 19th of March 2016. At the beginning, the general secretary of SCM-SL shared his own miraculous story of faith and said: "Prayer should not only be an act of words. It should also be a deliberate act of faith." For the annual prayer day celebration, we used the UDPS international prayer day liturgy with some contextual changes. An inspirational bible study was conducted by Rev. Saman Perera on the theme of "Student Prayer Life and its Challenges". He said "prayer shouldn't be a painkiller for the body, but it should be a medicine for our soul and mind." During the intercession, we were able to pray for the WSCF, WSCF-AP and all the other regions. We upheld our motherland and SCM-SL onto God's hand and asked him to shower his endless blessing and peace upon us. After the liturgy Rev. Anuruddha, who is a WSCF ExCo member, conducted a wonderful praise and worship time. It gave us a blessed time to re-examine our self and to witness the Holy Spirit. At the end, 95 members from the 12 units and 20 other observers, along with the ExCo members, held hands together and prayed for peace and justice. Each of us lit a candle with the fullness of joy and enthusiastically offered it in front of our motherland, and we prayed for peace and justice for students worldwide. We ended our international prayer day by singing the SCM solidarity song.

– Saman Jayasuriya, General Secretary, SCM Sri Lanka

The **Academy of Integrated Christian Studies (AICS), SCM India – Aizawl Unit** observed Student Sunday, also known as Universal Day of Prayer for Students, on the third Sunday of February (i.e., 21st February 2016) and collected offering for the same. The Student Sunday service was led by Unit President, Mr. V. Lalrozuala and the preacher was Rev. Dr. M. Thongkosei Haokip, Faculty Adviser. Dr. Thongkosei expressed his thoughts on the future and value of a student. He encouraged the Unit to be more active and be an example for society and outside campus too. The Unit invited special singer from Aizawl City who is popularly known as Mawitei ("the chosen"). The Infinite Band from the Unit performed live music. Confession, Sharing of Peace, Responsive Reading and Bible Reading comprised the order of worship besides the Intercessory Prayer, which had special significance as the prayers were conducted in 11 different dialects. The UDPS Service was followed by SCM Night where different students displayed the Unit cultural attire of each tribe. The Unit had a blessed time with a variety of activities including an excellent performance by one of the best preachers and singers in Mizoram, Vanlalsailova. Four members representing the ATC SCM Unit really enriched the program as well with a lively get-together which is cherished by one and all.

– K. Chongloi, Program Secretary, SCM India (NEI Zone III)



This year, the **Student Christian Movement of the Philippines – University of the Philippines Diliman Chapter**, joined by different organizations, participated in the Universal Day of Prayer for Students, an annual event coordinated by the World Student Christian Federation (WSCF). SCM-UPD led a prayer gathering and candle lighting activity for Jessiven Lagatic and for all youth in the Philippines. Filipino students are facing a repressive and highly commercialized educational system, a profit-oriented system that blatantly steps on the basic right to education, and has killed, not one, but five students since 2013 only because their families cannot afford the high cost of college tuition. JUSTICE FOR ALL THE VICTIMS OF COMMERCIALIZED EDUCATION! UPHOLD A NATIONALISTIC, SCIENTIFIC, AND MASS-ORIENTED EDUCATION! JOIN THE NATIONAL DAY OF WALKOUT ON FEBRUARY 24!

– SCM Member, UP Diliman

In 2016, WSCF has responded in diverse ways to the call for prophetic witness of the youth and students in the varied contexts of our regions. In Africa, we addressed the violence brought about by elections by raising awareness on civic education for peace. In Asia and Pacific, we sought to bring to the world's attention the violations of human rights especially of marginalised communities in the region. In Europe, we welcomed our neighbors, the migrants and refugees. In Latin America, we reached out to the young people of different faith communities to work together for our climate and build peace. In North America, we accompanied young people to challenge the Empire and struggle for racial justice, land and indigenous rights. And in the Middle East, we provided the ecumenical platform for Church and society to work together for peace and overcoming violence in the region.

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Africa



WSCF Africa is working in the context where little job opportunity exists for young people. Most of them are living in abject poverty and they remain the

target of politicians who use them for their own selfish ambitions. Young people are also targeted by terrorist groups to be used in perpetuating violence and killings. The political unrest in Burundi, South Sudan, terrorist attacks in Nigeria, Mali and Cameroon are among the incidents that affected our members in these countries. Unemployment is still a challenge. Due to this, young people leave their countries to search for greener pastures or appreciable living conditions outside the African continent. Many people resolve to migrate but they die in the process of crossing the desert and dangerous seas. Others are engaging in prostitution which contribute to the spread of HIV and AIDS, which is still a serious health issue affecting children, and young men and women in Africa. Higher education is too expensive for the majority to afford, and education loans given to students have become a huge burden.

During the year 2016, WSCF Africa continued with its mandate to oversee and coordinate the ecumenical work of WSCF, strengthening communication and working with 28 SCMs (22 affiliated, 6 associated and 2 contacts).

The 2016 activities included capacity-building projects on peace and civic education, movement visitations, and networking with other ecumenical and development organisations. Communication between the WSCF Africa office and national movements has improved. Regional staff was able to conduct solidarity visits to SCM Liberia and Sierra Leone after the Ebola Crisis to strengthen and encourage SCM members. The visit and training in Cameroon also strengthened communication especially in programmatic terms. The MEPC (SCM Cameroon) is very much looking forward to bringing the agenda for Peace and Civic Education to the next level: towards the presidential elections in 2018. ■





After the 35th General Assembly of the WSCF and in response to one of its mandates, the WSCF-AP region for the first time initiated

a process of dialogue on the issue of human sexuality, particularly on homosexuality, with the members of SCMs under the global theme, "Identity, Diversity and Dialogue". SELF, or the School for Ecumenical Leadership Formation, brought together members of all the SCMs in the AP region to discourse and dialogue theologically on homosexuality. In Asia—being a diverse continent in terms of culture, traditions, practices, religious beliefs and laws—it is common to have disagreement and different opinions on the topic of homosexuality among the SCMs in the region. In this context, the SELF program on IDD—which led to an agreement to create space in the SCMs to initiate dialogue on homosexuality—could be considered an important milestone for the region.

The AP region also actively responded to calls against human rights violations in different countries in the region. Led by its Human Rights Committee (HRC), WSCF-AP joined and launched several campaigns in 2016, including the International Women's Day Celebration: the Campaign to Protect LGBTQI Rights in



Indonesia and Bangladesh; the Campaign for Justice for the Victims of the Massacre of Farmers in Kidapawan, Philippines; and the Campaign to Seek Justice in the Sewol Ferry Tragedy in Korea. ■

REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

Europe

WSCF Europe focused its work on movement strengthening and capacity-building for the members in the region.



A four-day Capacity-Building Training course was organised in Norway on March 2–6, attended by 22 representatives of the SCMs. Participants were trained in effective communication, increasing their capacity to develop and run online campaigns for social justice, and developed their skills in building communities online. Young staff and officers from the SCMs were trained in engagement and working with volunteers in their movements, exchanging experiences and best practices, and networking and community-building among member organisations.

WSCF-Europe nominated and sponsored the participation of SCM members at various initiatives and projects in Europe. WSCF-Europe has representatives in the Human Rights Working Group of the Conference of European Churches, the Eco-Justice Working Group of the ECEN, the Church



and Migrant Consultation Group of the CCME, and the CEC General Assembly Planning Team. SCMs represented WSCF Europe in a number of events and initiatives developed by partner and potential partner organisations, creating a strong network of students, youth workers, youth leaders and multipliers inspired by universal Christian values to shape better, stronger, fairer communities at the local, national and regional levels.

These initiatives developed ecumenical networking among the movements.

In 2016, a Senior Friends network was created and its first meeting was organised in May in Budapest. This network of former staff, ERC members and supporters of WSCF Europe was established to recapture and use their organisational knowledge for effective fundraising and to support the current leadership team of young people as they carry out the mission and work of the Federation. ■

Latin America and the Caribbean



**FUMEC ALC
WSCF LAC**

The general objective of WSCF-LAC in 2016 was to develop activities and projects for young students in the region within the framework of the WSCF global program,

applying the three intersecting themes of Eco-Justice, Peace and Interfaith Cooperation in networking, resource mobilisation and communication.

In order to accomplish the thematic priorities, WSCF-LAC entered into new partnerships and networks. WSCF-LAC joined six other local and regional faith-based organisations in the LAC network for the interfaith Convergence "Faith and Climate" to develop a strong interfaith youth network. The network carried out different advocacy initiatives and seminars in 2016, and in April 2017 will be organising a regional training for 60 young adult leaders. WSCF-LAC is also working with networks in Colombia, such as DiPaz (Inter Ecclesial Dialogue for Peace) where the local SCM accompanies the advocacy process toward the peace agreement between the Government and the FARC. Another big partner in terms of collaboration and resource mobilisation has been the Youth Network of Religions for Peace, with which WSCF jointly released the booklet "Eco-Justice, Diversity of Thought towards Common Action", a promotional material about the role of different religions and faith-based organisations in climate justice advocacy.

In 2016, WSCF-LAC renewed its prophetic witness as a non-confessional ecumenical organisation responding to major geopolitical challenges. One such challenge was the Peace Agreement in Colombia and the Referendum for Peace held in October 2016 where, after a campaign of manipulation done by extreme right-wing parties, the population voted NO to the peace by only a small decimal percentage. This created a big complication for human rights defenders organisations and the parties involved in ending the 50-year conflict. WSCF worked in solidarity and promoted peace education. Another challenge was the institutional coup in Brazil where, together with SCM and seniors friends, WSCF upheld its prophetic position with a "Faith Confession" statement that was well received by faith leaders and secular movements in Brazil.



In 2016, a new communication plan was developed with SCMs aiming to find better ways to communicate the work of the local SCMs. Implementing such a plan in the region requires time and development of tools, but it is vital in promoting WSCF work. WSCF-LAC will also give importance to internal communication, which will include the re-launch of a new dynamic website and a more institutional newsletter where SCMs and SCMerS can learn about Federation life and activities in the region. The communication plan also includes a renewed social media plan. In order to promote Christian and ecumenical communication, the region has appointed seven students interested in communications to serve as correspondents for ALC News and WSCF-LAC, reporting from their context to the rest of Latin America. ■



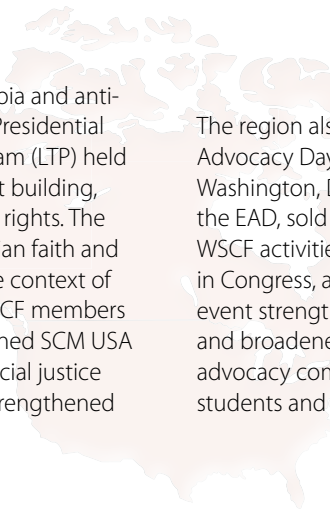
REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

North America



The WSCF North America region explored the theme of "Racial Justice, Land and Indigenous People's Rights" in 2016. The activities

focused on this theme in the context of the growing polarisation on the issue of racism, xenophobia and anti-migrants and anti-refugees sentiments following the US Presidential Elections. The annual SCM USA Leadership Training Program (LTP) held in Twin Cities from March 31–April 3 discussed movement building, 'glo-cal' activism on racial justice and indigenous people's rights. The contextual theological reflection was based on the Christian faith and how it informs social and political engagement within the context of global grassroots organising and movement building. WSCF members from Asia and LAC attended the event. The LTP strengthened SCM USA particularly by empowering participants to be active in racial justice work. It also increased SCM presence in Minnesota and strengthened relationships with local church partners.



The region also actively participated in the Ecumenical Advocacy Days on "Racism, Class and Power" held in Washington, D.C. on April 15-18. WSCF set up a table at the EAD, sold t-shirts, recruited students for SCM and WSCF activities, empowered young adults to advocate in Congress, and joined wider advocacy coalitions. This event strengthened the advocacy skills of young adults and broadened the visibility of WSCF with the ecumenical advocacy community. It also increased the pool of students and young adults connected to SCM and WSCF. ■





An important role of WSCF in the Middle East is to provide a link between the Church and society,

using ecumenism to close this wide gap in the context of the Middle East. Violence and war tensions are pushing *de facto* most of the Christians towards seclusion, which does not facilitate our commitment in the WSCF to bridge the relationship between the youth in the Church and the actual complexities of their societies in the Arab world.

Today, capacity-building of the youth means spreading awareness on the importance of being more responsible within their churches as a way also of becoming involved in the ecumenical movement. Ecumenism also means building readiness for all forms of dialogue between Christians, and between Christians and Muslims, thus defining in a practical vision the society of justice and peace that we want to build and the role of Christian youth.

WSCF Middle East has addressed the major challenges of its context through the programs it has implemented in 2016: Church and ecumenism through the Aiya Napa 31 conference in September and the second annual session of Ecumenical



Upbringing of the Ecumenical Institute for the Middle East in July-August; Christian witness in a time of violence and war through the Syrian and Iraqi capacity-building training programs; Christian-Muslim conflict through the Muslim-Christian Dialogue Conference in October; women's issues in the Church and society through the Women's Conference in August; the Arab-Israeli conflict and the occupation of Palestine through the capacity-building training for Palestinian youth in June-July; and Christian youth and migration throughout various projects.

Taking into consideration the large diversity between Christians, their contextual changes and challenges, WSCF Middle East has adapted its priorities by implementing contextual capacity-building projects in the following countries: Iraq, Syria, Egypt, Palestine and Sudan. Ecumenical Youth Committees were established in most of the countries where WSCF works: Syria, Iraq, Palestine, Lebanon and Egypt. These committees are the appropriate youth formation to carry the WSCF priorities and define together challenges according to their context in Church and society. ■



Governance

Online Executive Committee, Officers and Working Groups Meeting

In 2016, the WSCF governing bodies—the Executive Committee, officers, Personnel Committee and Finance Committee—have utilized online platforms to meet and decide on important issues related to the proposals from the face-to-face Executive Committee Meeting in Palermo in December 2015.

The summary of these proposals were contained in the *Palermo Communique* with eight major decisions that needed to be implemented in the transition period. The Executive Committee met online seven times to decide, receive reports from the general secretary, officers and Working Groups, adjust the transition plans, and discuss critical issues on finance and operations. The officers of the Federation meet in between ExCo meetings, while the Staff Team meets every month to manage and implement programs.

Four Working Groups (WG) were formed in 2016 and were meeting simultaneously to work on the specific decisions in the transition plan and make proposals to the Executive Committee for final decision. These were the WSCF Constitutional Commission, Fundraising Working Group, WSCF Staff Model Working Group, and WSCF IRO Location/Relocation Working Group. Each group is composed of representatives from the WSCF ExCo, Senior Friends and/or regional representatives and the General Secretary. ■



WSCF Staff and Officers Assessment and Planning Meeting

The three-day Staff and Officers Assessment Planning Meeting was held at the CCDB Hope Center in Dhaka, Bangladesh from December 6–9 following the Inter-regional Leadership Training Program (IRLTP). The face-to-face meeting was attended by WSCF officers (Georgine Kengne Djeutane, chairperson; Immanuel Kitnan, co-vice chairperson; and Bronwyn Claire, treasurer); WSCF regional executives and program directors (Luciano Kovacs for North America, Sunita Suna for Asia-Pacific, Elsy Wakil for Middle East, Natia Tsintsadze for Europe, and Marcelo Leites for Latin America and the Caribbean); WSCF General Secretary Necta Montes; Finance Officer Jean-Luc De la Soujeoule; and meeting facilitator, Faith Bacon, Senior Friend from the Philippines.

The Planning Meeting was a space to share and assess the annual work of the Federation, which includes the regional and global activities, follow up the recommendations and actions taken from the Palermo WSCF ExCo mandates in December 2015, analyze the Federation's current situation, and develop the action plan for 2017. The meeting also became an opportunity to assess, clarify and unify the group's understanding on several outstanding management and operational issues that came about in the first year of the transition period, such as the staff contracts and salaries, WSCF regional financial contributions to the IRO core budget, concept of the Solidarity Fund and internal debts, internal staff communication and decision-making processes, the new WSCF Staff Model, and the framework of the Strategic Plan.

Apart from developing the 2017 Annual Program Plan and finalization of the Strategic Plan, several recommendations were put forward for consideration both for the work of the governance and operational bodies, and for decision and implementation on the Staff Model and Solidarity Fund. Overall, the meeting achieved its objectives of bringing together the operational management team of WSCF to discuss the most critical issues that have arisen in one year of transition work, and to adjust and synchronize the work of the Federation for the mid-term of the two-year transition period. The meeting also had a preliminary discussion on the 2017 Budget, and produced the 2017 Annual Program Plan with more clarity on expectations and specific activities. ■



Staff and Officers Meeting, Dec 6-9, Bangladesh. FRONT ROW L-R: **Deenabandhu Manchala** (SCM India Senior Friend), **Sunita Suna**, **Necta Montes**, **Faith Bacon** (meeting facilitator), **Bronwyn Claire**. MIDDLE ROW L-R: **Natia Tsintsadze**, **Georgine Kengne Djuetane**, **Luciano Kovacs**. BACK ROW L-R: **Immanuel Kitnan**, **Elsy Wakil**, **Jean-Luc De la Soujeoule**, **Marcelo Leites**.

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WSCF Affiliated, Associated, and Contact Movements*

TOTAL: 118 movements, 94 countries

- ANGOLA ▶ World Council of Churches of Angola (CICA)
- ANGOLA ▶ Council of Christian Churches in Angola (CICA)
- ARGENTINA ▶ Movimiento Estudiantil Cristiano en Argentina (MEC)
- ARMENIA ▶ Youth Union of Jervezh, Armenian Youth Union
- AUSTRALIA ▶ Australian Student Christian Movement (SCM)
- AUSTRIA ▶ Evangelische Hochschulgemeinde in Österreich (EHG)
- BANGLADESH ▶ Bangladesh Student Christian Movement (SCM)
- BELARUS ▶ Centre Ecumena *
- BENIN ▶ Jeunesse Chrétienne Universitaire et Scolaire du Bénin (JCUSB)
- BOLIVIA ▶ Bolivia Student Christian Movement (SCM)
- BRAZIL ▶ Movimiento Ecuménico de Estudiantes de Teología (MEET)
- BULGARIA ▶ Christian Youth Council in Bulgaria (CYCB)
- BURUNDI ▶ Département des Jeunes, Eglise Episcopale du Burundi
- CAMBODIA ▶ Cambodian Student Christian Movement (SCM)
- CAMEROON ▶ Mouvement des Etudiants Protestants du Cameroun (MEPC)
- CANADA ▶ Canada Student Christian Movement (SCM)
- ▶ Mouvement des Etudiants Chrétiens du Québec (MECQ)
- CHILE ▶ Movimiento Estudiantil Cristiano de Chile (MEC)
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- CROATIA ▶ Studentski Evandeoski Pokret (STEP)
- CUBA ▶ Movimiento Estudiantil Cristiano de Cuba (MEC)
- CZECH REPUBLIC ▶ Oikumené - Akademická YMCA
- DR OF CONGO ▶ Association des Jeunes et des Etudiants Chrétiens (AJEC)
- ▶ Fédération Nationale des Jeunes Protestant (FNJP)
- DENMARK ▶ The Danish Student Christian Movement (SCM)
- ECUADOR ▶ Pastoral Juvenil de Guayaquil
- ▶ Coordinadora Ecuatoriana para el Acción Juvenil (CEPAJ)
- EGYPT ▶ Coptic Catholic Youth Egypt
- ▶ The Ecumenical Youth Committee (EYC)
- ▶ El haq wa el Adel
- ▶ Evangelical College Youth Egypt
- ▶ National Participation Committee
- ▶ Orthodox Youth Movement - Cairo
- ▶ The Youth of Evangelical Synod
- ▶ University Student Christian Association (USCA)
- EL SALVADOR ▶ Movimiento Estudiantil Cristiano Salvadoreño (MEC)
- ETHIOPIA ▶ Haimonate Abew Ethiopian Students' Association (HAESA)
- ▶ The Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus (EECMY)
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- ▶ Ortodoksinen Opiskelijaliitto (OOL)
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- ▶ L'Action Chrétienne des Etudiants Russes- Mouvement de Jeunesse Orthodoxe (ACER-MJO)
- GAMBIA ▶ Gambia Student Christian Movement (SCM)
- GEORGIA ▶ Georgia Student Christian Movement (SCM)*
- ▶ Young Christians for Peace and Democracy (YCPD)
- GERMANY ▶ Evangelische Studentinnengemeinde in Deutschland (ESG)
- GHANA ▶ Ghana Student Christian Movement (SCM)
- GREECE ▶ [CONTACT PERSON]
- HAITI ▶ Movimiento Estudiantil Cristiano ACEH Haiti – MEC
- HONG KONG ▶ Hong Kong Student Christian Movement (SCM)
- ICELAND ▶ [CONTACT PERSON]
- INDIA ▶ India Student Christian Movement (SCM)
- INDONESIA ▶ Gerakan Mahaiswa Kristen Indonesia (GMKI)
- IRAQ ▶ Iraqi Christian Youth Committee (ICYC)
- IRELAND ▶ Ireland Student Christian Movement (SCM)
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- JAPAN ▶ Japan Student YMCAs
- JORDAN ▶ Orthodox Youth Fellowship of Jordan
- KENYA ▶ Kenya Student Christian Movement (SCM)
- KOREA ▶ Korean Student Christian Federation
- LATVIA ▶ SCM KRISTA
- LEBANON ▶ Apostolic Youth Federation
- ▶ Armenian Evangelical Youth Association
- ▶ Armenian Church University Student Association
- ▶ Jeunesse Etudiante Chrétienne
- ▶ Marian Apostolic Movement
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- ▶ Youth Diocese Church from Lebanon *
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- MADAGASCAR ▶ Mpianatra Kristiana Malgasi
- MALAWI ▶ Christian Youth Association of Malawi *
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- MEXICO ▶ MEC por la Equidad
- ▶ MEC México
- MOZAMBIQUE ▶ SCM Mozambique
- MYANMAR ▶ SCM Myanmar
- NAMIBIA ▶ SCM Namibia
- NEPAL ▶ SCM Nepal
- NETHERLANDS ▶ Landelijk Steunpunt Studentenpastoren
- NEW ZEALAND ▶ SCM Aotearoa
- NIGERIA ▶ SCM Nigeria
- NORWAY ▶ Norges Kristelige Studentforbund
- PAKISTAN ▶ SCM Pakistan
- PALESTINE ▶ Ecumenical Youth Committee
- ▶ Palestine Youth Ecumenical Movement (PYEM) *
- PAPUA NEW GUINEA ▶ SCM Papua New Guinea
- PERU ▶ MEC Peru
- PHILIPPINES ▶ SCM Philippines
- POLAND ▶ Fellowship of Orthodox Youth in Poland *
- ROMANIA ▶ Asociata Studentilor Crestini-Ortodocsi Romani
- RWANDA ▶ Rassemblement de la Jeunesse Etudiantine à l'Action
- ▶ Mouvement des Etudiants au Service Social au Rwanda
- SENEGAL ▶ Mouvement des Jeunes de l'Eglise Protestante du Sénégal
- SIERRA LEONE ▶ SCM Sierra Leone
- SINGAPORE ▶ SCM Singapore
- SLOVAKIA ▶ EKUNET Slovakia
- SOUTH AFRICA ▶ Federation of South African Christian Students
- SRI LANKA ▶ SCM Sri Lanka
- SUDAN ▶ Khartoum University Caucuses
- SOUTH SUDAN ▶ Sudanese Students Christian Mission
- SWEDEN ▶ Kristna Studentrörelsen i Sverige
- SYRIA ▶ Orthodox Youth Movement in Syria
- TAIWAN ▶ SCM Taiwan
- TANZANIA ▶ Tanzania Student Christian Fellowship
- THAILAND ▶ SCM Thailand
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- TOGO ▶ Association Chrétienne d'Elèves et Etudiants du Togo
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* UPDATED AFTER 35TH GA IN 2015.

Centennial Fund Report 2016

In the affairs of the Centennial Fund of the World Student Christian Federation, 2016 was a year of challenge. The year opened with the Trustees being challenged to report the last five years of activity to the appropriate Swiss authorities as we are required to do annually under Swiss Law. With new officers in post, it was no mean feat to achieve an adequacy of reporting which did satisfy. As President of the Fund, I am most deeply grateful to Jean-Luc De La Seujeole, our accountant, for the hours of patient reconstruction that he devoted to bringing our reporting up-to-date. We enter 2017 with a clean sheet.

That reminder of our legal requirement produced voluntarily our second challenge, which was to review the Constitution of the Centennial Fund to ensure we are operating in accordance with its terms and conditions. The review produced the satisfactory conclusion that indeed we are so operating. In the course of this review, we began a conversation with our colleague trustees in the United States of America about the way in which the US trustees hold, administer and report Federation Funds held from their beginning in the US. That conversation should conclude at our AGM in 2017.

By a decision of the AGM of the Centennial Fund Trustees in 2015, the Investment Advisory Committee of the Fund was reviewed and reactivated. That process was completed in 2016 and in welcoming Gunter Schwerdtel as a member of the IAC, I thank Mathieu Durrelman, the Convenor of the Committee, for the care with which he devotes to the affairs of the Centennial Fund on a continuing basis.

The greatest challenge faced by the Centennial Fund in 2016 presented itself at the beginning of January at which moment the Federation was released from a debt relationship with the World Council of Churches. That achievement is to be very greatly welcomed in that the Federation now stands in a free relationship with the WCC as one of the earliest progenitors of that organisation, at least through personnel if not organic structure. The officers of the Federation are to be congratulated. They effected a saving of \$150,000.00 in the operation of the Federation in 2015, helped by a small surplus on the General Assembly. The Centennial Fund gave a loan of \$50,000.00 in order to complete the sum owing to the WCC. That loan represents the new reality for the Federation, which is that the Centennial Fund is now, in effect, the Banker for the Federation given that the Federation does not possess any capital asset.

This is an entirely new reality and its challenge is to find the 21st century formula which incarnates a partnership relationship between both bodies in securing the future viability of the Federation, which is the principal reason for the existence of the Centennial Fund. Two matters signify the beginnings of this partnership. The Centennial Fund and the Federation Executive Committee have established a joint Fundraising Working Party and the Centennial Fund has made available a long-term and interest-free loan of \$250,000.00 to allow the business of the Federation in later 2016 and 2017 to be transacted albeit with limited funding for regional staff salaries. But there will be an additional staff salary for fundraising support for the general secretary who has been invited by the Centennial Fund Trustees to visit all the regions in order to ensure that the National Movements of the Federation are fully advised of its financial situation and of the prospects for fundraising in which every part of the Federation will be called to participate. Part of the strap line going forward needs to be that the Federation will be in essence a self-sustaining organisation, thus giving expression to the vision of those Chinese Christians who were part of our leadership in the early 20th century.



The implementation of this kind of vision requires the active and ongoing support of Senior Friends, support of many kinds beyond the support of becoming annual subscribers, though that, itself, is essential: support for organisational needs, for programme needs, for pastoral support needs; support that does not require to feel itself dominant or in control; support that is not wedded to the practices or processes or structures of the Federation's past; support that enshrines the freedom of mind, of spirit, of imagination that characterises the best of the past with the energy of the present in a focussed vision for the future. For such things we pray and work as Trustees of the Centennial Fund of the World Student Christian Federation.

Dr Salters Sterling
President, WSCF Centennial Fund



Centennial Fund members with Senior Friends

CENTENNIAL FUND FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

	2016 (US\$)	2015 (US\$)
Income		
Dividends on Shares	22,429	20,519
Other Income	0	0
TOTAL INCOME	22,429	20,519
Expenditures		
Salaries	8,500	30,000
Printing & Stationery	3,500	6,000
Audit Fees	2,664	2,110
Legal Costs	5,984	0
Apartment Expenses (Budapest)	0	9,495
Other Office Costs	8,098	4,874
Total Expenditures	28,746	52,478
Grants and Other Operating Costs		
Grant to WSCF IRO	20,000	75,000
Board of Trustees Meeting	11,645	12,274
Total Grants and other Operating Costs	31,645	87,274
Extraordinary Income and Expenditure on Investment Portfolio		
Asset Appreciation / (Depreciation)	88,058	118,019
Exchange Gain / (Loss)	-16,870	-80,198
Bank Charges	-10,719	-11,599
Commissions, Taxes	-2,134	-3,266
Total Extraordinary Income and Expenditure	58,335	22,957
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	2,056	116,795
Net Profit / (Loss)	20,373	-96,277

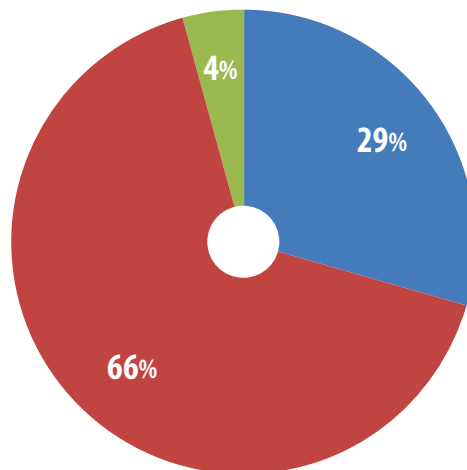
Consolidated 2016 Financial Summary

The World Student Christian Federation (WSCF) is a non-profit organisation. The WSCF raises funding from partners and accepts donations from well-wishers. All donations are tax-deductible to the extent allowable by law.

The Trustees of the World Student Christian Federation, USA, Inc. is a not-for-profit charitable organisation incorporated in the State of New York. This 2016 financial summary combines information from the Geneva-based Inter-Regional Office (IRO) and six (6) regional offices in Beirut, Trento, Buenos Aires, Hong Kong, Nairobi and New York, which covers the world.

Income

Total income in 2016 was USD 0.94 million. But this cannot be compared to the USD 1.68 million in 2015, which had significant funding received for the 2015 WSCF General Assembly. Excluding the income of this exceptional event (USD 0.46 million), the Federation experienced another year of important decline in its resources, particularly core funding (USD 0.32 million versus USD 0.54 million in 2015, or -41%). The continuation of this trend (from USD 0.93 million in 2012) confirms that less resources are available from traditional partners and that radical changes in the structure of the Federation are called for, such as the hiring of a new fundraiser in 2017 or investigating further cost savings from new operating models.

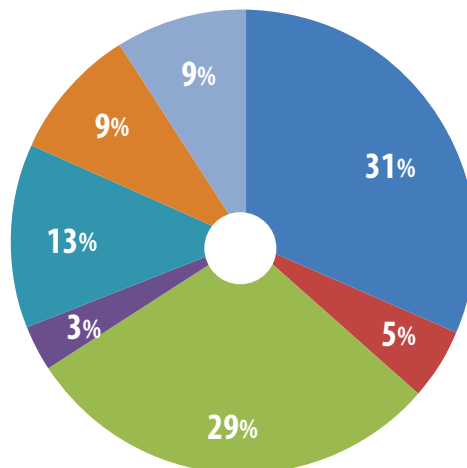


Income Year 2016

Total Federation - Income Year 2016

Undesignated*	\$ 276,412	29%
Designated*	624,123	66%
WSCF related sources	39,919	4%
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 940,454	

* Churches & Agencies



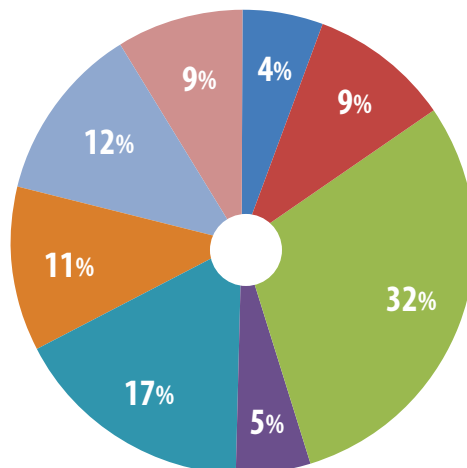
Total Federation - Income Year 2016

Geneva	\$ 295,311	31%
Africa	46,796	5%
Middle East	276,753	29%
Latin America	30,157	3%
North America	120,326	13%
Asia-Pacific	87,715	9%
Europe	83,396	9%
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 940,454	

Expenses

Total expenses at USD 0.96 million were reduced by -USD 0.28 million thanks to a strict monitoring of administrative expenses (reduced by -USD 0.14 million, at USD 0.38 million) and slightly lower Programs expenses by also -USD 0.14 million.

Expenses Year 2016



Total Federation - Expenses Year 2016

Program / Geneva	\$ 36,870	4%
Africa	89,085	9%
Middle East	309,254	32%
Latin America	49,668	5%
North America	162,775	17%
Asia-Pacific	109,950	11%
Europe	118,701	12%
Global Services/Geneva	84,910	9%
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 961,213	
NET RESULT	\$ -20,759	

Net result

The year 2016 ended with a loss of USD 0.02 million. This still leaves the Federation exposed to negative cash flow situations on a monthly basis, which we attempt to mitigate through pooling of cash available across all Regions.

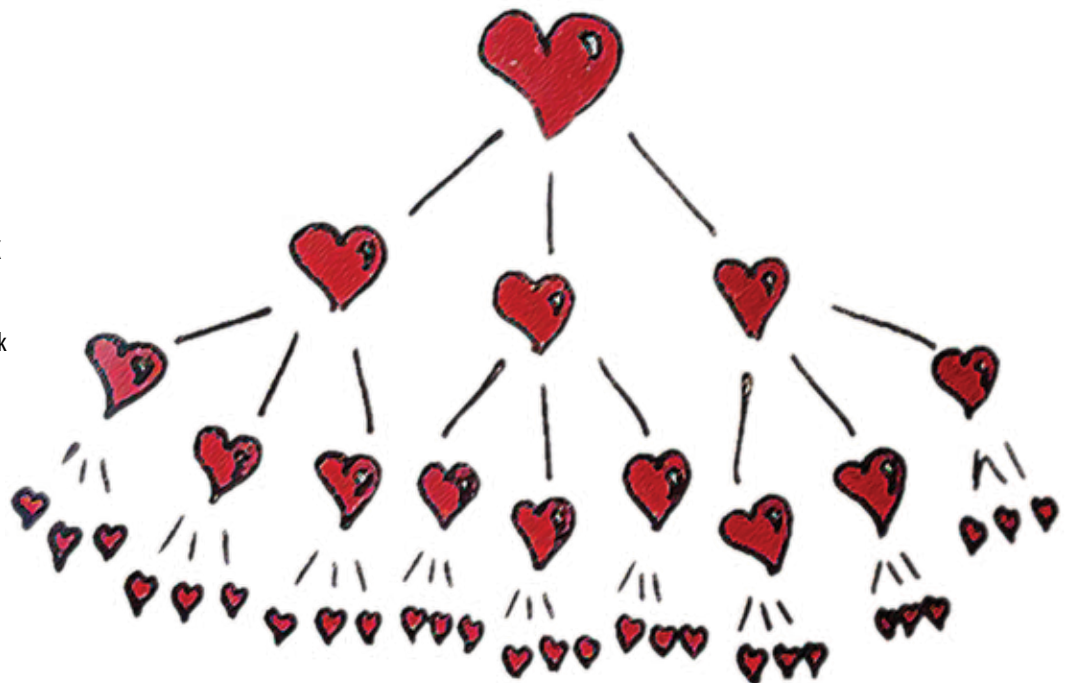
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Church Partners

- Advent Lutheran Church of NYC
- Church of All Nations
- Church of Sweden
- Episcopal Church USA
- Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
- Evangelical Lutheran Church in Bavaria
- General Board of Church and Society, United Methodist Church
- General Board of Global Ministries, United Methodist Church
- Methodist Church UK
- National Council of Churches of Christ USA
- New York Episcopal Diocese
- Office of Christian Unity and Interreligious Relationships of the Council of Bishops of the United Methodist Church
- Presbyterian Church in Taiwan
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- Princeton University Chapel
- Rutgers Presbyterian Church
- The Riverside Church of New York
- United Church of Canada
- United Church of Christ
- United Methodist Women
- Waldensian Church of Italy

Institutions and Church Organisations

- Bread for the World
- Christian Solidarity International
- Churches Witnessing With Migrants (CWWM)
- Erasmus+ Programme of the European Commission
- European Youth Foundation of the Council of Europe
- Evangelischen Missionwerk in Deutschland (EMW)
- Faith Hope Love Fellowship
- Fondation pour l'aide au Protestantisme Réformé
- ICCO & Kerkinatie
- International Catholic Mission Society (MISSIO)
- Kairos
- National Christian Council in Japan
- Student YMCA
- Tavola Valdese Otto Per Mille
- The Karibu Foundation
- United Methodist Women - GBGM
- Waldensian Church / OPM
- World Council of Churches
- WCC Ecumenical Network
- World Day of Prayer USA



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2016 Year in Review

DATE	REGION	PROGRAM	ACTIVITY
Jan 18-22	ME		Week of Prayer for the Unity of the Churches in Syria , Lebanon and Egypt
Jan 21-22	LAC	PB	SCM Colombia—WSCF-LAC: Integration to DiPaz as peace construction commitment , Bogotá, Colombia
Feb 4-6	EUR		Europe Regional Committee (ERC) Meeting and Movement Visit , Helsinki, Finland
Feb 28	Global		Universal Day of Prayer for Students: “Journey of Faith” , various countries
Feb 12-18	Global	PB	WCC Reference Group for the Pilgrimage of Justice and Peace , Bethlehem, Palestine
Mar 2-6	EUR		Staff Capacity-Building Training Course and Movement Visit , Oslo, Norway
Mar 8	Global		International Women’s Day Celebration , various countries
Mar 10-11	NAR/Global		WSCF US Trustees Meeting , New York, USA
Mar 14-24	NAR/Global	IDD	UN Commission on the Status of Women , New York, USA
Mar 16-19	AP		Church of Sweden Partner Assessment Consultation , Hong Kong
Mar 31-3 Apr	NAR		SCM USA Leadership Training Program , Minneapolis / St. Paul, USA
Apr 8-11	AF	PB	Leadership Consultative Meeting on Peace Building and Civic Education , Juba, South Sudan
Apr 15-18	NAR		Ecumenical Advocacy Days on Racism, Class and Power , Washington DC, USA
Apr 27-2 May	AF	PB	Leadership Consultative Workshop with SCM Liberia
Apr 29-2 May	LAC/Global	EJ	WCC Climate Change Working Group Meeting , Israel
May 2-4	AF	PB	Leadership Consultative Meeting with SCM Sierra Leone
May 4-6	NAR		National Council of Churches Christian Unity Gathering , Washington DC, USA
May 8-15	EUR	IDD	Youth Conference on Sexuality: “Lets Talk About Sexuality—The Explosive Power of Taboo Subjects” , Budapest, Hungary
May 7-17	Global		WCRC Executive Committee Meeting and Movement Visit , Havana, Cuba
May 13-15	EUR		Senior Friends Gathering , Budapest, Hungary
May 14	ME		Celebrating Easter Together , Lebanon and Egypt
May 18-23	Global		WSCF Centennial Fund Board Meeting , Geneva, Switzerland
Jun 4-5	NAR/Global		WSCF US Trustee Spring Meeting , New York, USA
Jun 4-8	LAC	EJ	Interfaith Training on Eco-Justice , Rio De Janeiro, Brazil
Jun 9-12	NAR		Cahoots Festival and SCM of Canada General Conference , Ridgetown, Ontario, Canada
Jun 20-24	NAR	EJ	Emerging Leaders Multifaith Climate Convergence , New Orleans, USA
Jun 20-1 Jul	Global		Scandinavian Partners and Movement Visits , Norway, Finland and Sweden
Jun 23-29	Global		WCC Central Committee Meeting and Movement Visit , Trondheim, Norway
Jun 23-26	EUR		European Regional Committee (ERC) Meeting and Movement Visit , Hamburg, Germany
Jun 30-3 Jul	ME	PB	Capacity-Building Training for Palestinian Youth , Amman, Jordan
Jul 17-29	Global	IDD	United Church of Canada Partners Council Meeting, Affirm Conference and Movement Visit , Toronto, Canada
Jul 17-6 Aug	ME		Second Annual Session of Ecumenical Upbringing, Ecumenical Institute for the Middle East , Lebanon
Jul 30-20 Aug	Global		Agape International Political, Theological Work Camps , Agape, Prali, Italy
Aug 2-6	ME	IDD	WSCF Middle East Women’s Conference , Lebanon
Aug 27	LAC	EJ	Eco-Justice Online Webinar: “COP21 to COP22: Experiences, Expectations and Strategies” and “Climate Change and the Interreligious Global Movement”
Sep 8	ME		Senior Friend Gathering , Cairo, Egypt





DATE	REGION	PROGRAM	ACTIVITY
Sep 9	ME		Regional Committee Meeting, Cairo, Egypt
Sep 29-30	NAR/Global		WSCF US Trustee Fall meeting, New York, USA
Sep 28-29	LAC/Global	EJ	WCC Climate Change Working Group Meeting, Geneva, Switzerland
Oct 1-11	NAR		US-Mexico Border Solidarity Program and School of the Americas Convergence, Arizona, USA
Sep 29-3 Oct	ME	PB	Capacity-Building Training for Syrian Youth, Mashta al Helu, Syria
Oct 8	LAC	EJ	Eco-Justice Online Webinar: "Youth Organization and the Role of Youth in the Face of Climate Change: Training, Visualization and Incidence"
Oct 28-30	NAR		SCM Canada Board Meeting, Ottawa, Canada
Oct 14-15	LAC		Christian Communication Training: "Being Prophetic Voice in LAC", Buenos Aires, Argentina
Oct 20-Nov	AP	IDD	SELF on Identity, Diversity and Dialogue, Seam Reap, Cambodia
Oct 12-16	ME	IFD	Christian-Muslim Dialogue Conference: "Religious Freedom in the Arab World", Broumana, Lebanon
Nov 1-4	AF	PB	Follow up and monitoring of peace and civic education project in Uganda
Nov 3-15	Global	IDD	Amplify Conference, UCC Exposure Visit and Movement Visit, Jakarta, Indonesia
Nov 11-20	LAC/Global	EJ	Ecumenical advocacy at COP22, Marrakech, Morocco
Nov 19	NAR		SCM Twin Cities Hub Kick-off, Church of all Nations, St Paul, USA
Nov 26-30	AF	PB	Youth Consultative Workshop on Peace and Civic Education, Cameroon
Nov 27-30	LAC	PB	"Peace at Park" Gathering of Youth, Bogotá, Colombia
Nov 28-30	Global	PB	Peace for Life Interfaith Youth and Women Assembly, Dhaka, Bangladesh
Dec 1-6	Global		IRLTP on Migration at the Intersection with Racial Justice and Indigenous Peoples' Rights, Dhaka, Bangladesh
Dec 6-9	Global		WSCF Staff and Officers Meeting, Dhaka, Bangladesh
Dec 6-8	Global		Churches Witnessing With Migrants 7th Conference, Dhaka, Bangladesh
Dec 10	LAC	EJ	Eco-Justice Online Webinar: "Road to Río Convergence"

WSCF STRATEGIC PLAN 2016 TO 2019

Vision

WSCF is called to be a prophetic witness in the Church and the transformation of the world where God's love for creation, justice and peace is shared by all across boundaries of race, class, ethnicity, culture, gender and sexuality. This vision is nurtured by a radical hope of God's reign in history and liberating faith in Jesus Christ.

Mission

WSCF is a global fellowship of Student Christian Movements putting their faith into action to contribute to the renewal of the ecumenical movement and to promote justice and peace in the world.

Program Objectives

▶ Ecological Justice

Promote climate justice through public advocacy processes directed at international governance bodies, working in partnership with ecumenical institutions, churches and various stakeholder networks upholding the youth and student voice on ecological issues.

▶ Identity, Diversity and Dialogue

Initiate the process of dialogue, create spaces and develop theological understanding for the SCMs on human sexuality.

▶ Peace Building and Dialogue

Mobilise the Federation on issues pertaining to overcoming violence and building peace with a focus on the situations in the Middle East and Colombia.

▶ Higher Education

Work in solidarity with SCMs and student movements to advocate for the right to education for all.

▶ Interfaith Dialogue

Engage the Federation in creating and providing interfaith platforms for youth and students.

Strategies

▶ Biblical and Theological Analysis

Stimulate the study of the Bible and promote theological thinking among Christian students to help them understand the call of God in their lives.

▶ Advocacy and Solidarity

Enable the Federation to stand firmly in solidarity with students, movements and people around the world, especially in situations of oppression and exploitation, human rights violations, conflict, war and violence, and natural disasters, and advocate for systemic change in the world and in different contexts.

▶ Ecumenical Transformative Diakonia

Enhance the capacity of SCMs and the Federation to serve and respond to the needs of the community by developing a deeper understanding and practice of Ecumenical Transformative Diakonia at the local, regional and global levels.

▶ Movement Building

Build dynamic SCMs that will give rise to a new generation of young Christian leaders and prophetic witnesses that will act together to renew the ecumenical movement and transform the world.

▶ Capacity Building

Develop enabling structures and systems and nurture a competent team of staff and officers that will bring the Federation to a financially viable state and sustainable future.



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