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## LWF Assembly 2023 - One Body, One Spirit, one Hope

Dear Presiding Bishop TVEIT,

I am delighted to write with information about the next LWF Assembly, which will take place in Krakow, Poland in September 2023.

As you know the Assembly is the highest governing body of the Lutheran World Federation, meeting normally every six years. It is the place and the event where the global nature of the communion is powerfully and tangibly expressed because of the participation of delegates from each of its member churches. Celebrating worship together, praying together, reflecting over God's word and God's calling in today's world, the Assembly is a high point in the member churches' common journey as a communion.

As part of its business, it elects our President, appoints our Council members, and sets the strategic direction of our organization. This will be our 13th Assembly after 75 years of the LWF.

I very much hope that your church will be represented and will participate fully. Plans are already underway. The LWF Executive Committee approved the theme of the Assembly, as well as the Assembly budget and the "Fair share" apportionment of Assembly fees. Your contribution is factored into this important equation that ensures we will be one body of Christ with much to offer one another from the rich diversity of our Communion.

The fair share Assembly fee for The Church of Norway is calculated to be Euro 506.134. As with the membership fee, this is based on the numerical size of your church and the relative wealth of your country. I include our invoice with this letter.

You may wish to pay this amount in more than one instalment. In order for us to plan our finances, I request that, if possible, you plan to have made the whole of your contribution by the end of March 2023. I would ask you please to let me know your intentions so that we can plan carefully how we finance this huge and exciting undertaking. If you have any questions on the practicalities of making this payment, please do not hesitate to contact our finance department via <a href="mailto:veronique.debal@lutheranworld.org">veronique.debal@lutheranworld.org</a>

Thank you for your support. I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours in Christ

Rev. Dr. Martin Junge General Secretary