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Re: Search for a new General Secretary

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

May the grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you in this new year as we continue our journey together in a world of conflicts, crises, injustice, and uncertainties. Yet together we rejoice in the Lord always!

At the Central Committee meeting of the World Council of Churches June 2018, it was announced that our General Secretary, Rev. Dr Olav Fykse Tveit, will not be seeking a third term. We give thanks for his ministry and leadership over these past years.

We are now in the position of seeking a new General Secretary to lead this historic and critical ecumenical fellowship of the one church of Christ.

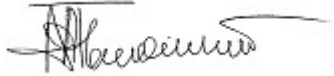
A Search Committee was elected by the Central Committee and had its organizing meeting in November 2018. With this letter, we are inviting member churches and our ecumenical partners to solicit nominations for the position, following the timeline described below. You will find the essential documents attached to this letter to aid your process of identifying and encouraging qualified nominations: The "Role and Responsibilities of the General Secretary of the WCC" and the nomination and application forms.

The deadline for submitting an application with the nomination form from the member church is **1 May 2019**.

A shortlist of candidates will be determined at the 9-11 July 2019 Search Committee meeting. Interviews will be held 29-31 October 2019. The final candidate(s) will be brought to the Central Committee for election at its next meeting in March 2020.

Thank you for your prayerful attention to this process to fill the position of General Secretary. Please keep the Search Committee in your prayers as they do their work and in return we thank you for your assistance in identifying and encouraging qualified candidates to apply.

May God bless you in your ministry in Christ Jesus!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dr. Agnes Abuom', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Dr Agnes Abuom
Moderator of the WCC Central Committee

Attachments

- Role and Responsibilities of the General Secretary of the WCC
- Nominations Form
- Application Form