



Memo1: Announcement

37th WSCF GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2022

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To: WSCF GA Delegates, WSCF Affiliated and Associated member movements, Executive Committee and WSCF regional secretaries.

Re: In-person General Assembly Announcement

January 4th, 2022

Esteemed WSCF family,

Brothers and sisters,

Greetings from the World Student Christian Federation, wishing you a blessed and happy new year!

I hope this message finds you and your movements safe and healthy. We are living in extraordinary times of a global pandemic where millions have been severely affected by COVID 19 and its related consequences, not only in terms of health but also as a crisis that has amplified other existing crises. We pray together for all the creation in this hectic time in a world that is suffering.

The purpose of this announcement is to inform you that the WSCF Executive Committee (ExCo) approved in November 2021 the in-person General Assembly to be hosted in Berlin from 23 June – 01 July 2022.

The General Assembly is the most representative and highest decision-making body of the World Student Christian Federation. General Assemblies or General Committees of WSCF that have taken place since the federation's foundation meeting in 1895. This year, its 37th session will convene more than 100 movements from 94 countries, senior friends, partners and guests. The GA is expected to gather 180 delegates at the Zwinglikirche in Berlin, Germany with the theme, "Rejoice in Hope" (Romans 12:12), and a sub-theme "Young People, Journeying Together Towards Justice and Peace."

The theme speaks of WSCF identity and prayer. Romans 12:12 remind us that unity in Christ Jesus is our hope in times of challenges and difficulties. We are called to be one in the building of the Reign. We are called to prophesize and proclaim hope in the coming of the Reign. As a federation of young people, WSCF offers the message of hope in the context of the suffering of the world today. Hope that is built on the foundation in our work for justice, equality and peace. Hope informed by our understanding of social injustice, of the root causes of poverty, fragmentation, disunity, violence and war. Hope that is truly based on actions resisting the Empire, of speaking truth to power and making them accountable to people and mother Earth.

The General Assembly is a space to celebrate 127 years of our common and our diverse life of witness and mission to the worldwide community. We will celebrate our contribution to the building of the Reign of God, and affirm our ongoing task of working for justice, equality and peace in the world.



The GA gathers at a critical juncture in the life of the Federation as it goes through renewal and transformation. The 35th General Assembly in Bogota-2015 recognised the need of the WSCF to change if it wants to adapt to hectic times, new challenges and continue its prophetic mission in the world. This coming assembly will evaluate efforts and strategies implemented to stabilise and sustain the life of the Federation and to develop new strategies toward the future. The global pandemic also adds an extra effort in the logistics and overall organisation. The ExCo decided contingency measures to have as much participation as possible, taking into account the possibility of a hybrid assembly of 80% in-person delegates and 20% delegates through virtual participation. If the number of delegates participating in virtual modality is more significant than 30%, the assembly will be postponed. WSCF and the SCM in Germany (ESG) monitor the situation at the local level in Berlin and will follow health conditions in your country aiming to have the full participation of the SCM delegates.

Find below the GA Registration Form requesting information that will help us prepare for the forthcoming assembly. We kindly request you to go to this link and answer the forms <https://forms.gle/4dNgPha5vibkpY287> on or before January 25th, 2022. Just in case you have problems answering through google forms, please find attached the *word* version of the registration form.

We look forward to your presence, your prayers and your support for the success of this assembly.

Ut Omnes Unum Sint!

In Christ,

Marcelo Leites
WSCF General Secretary