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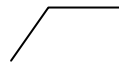
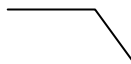
NOW is the time... to testify about the work of the World Student Christian Federation!

We need to HEAR your voice, SEE your face, and LEARN your story. The "We are the Federation" Campaign is YOUR chance to tell us how the Student Christian Movement has shaped your life. Students and Senior Friends are welcome!



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ECO-JUSTICE PROGRAMME



Agape International Political Camp Focuses on Eco-Justice

Approximately 60 participants, including students and Senior Friends, attended the Eco-Justice themed 2012 Agape International Political Camp 5-12 August. Participants from various regions, many of whom are members of national SCMs, convened to contribute their energy and vision for issues relating to ecology and economic justice. WSCF Latin America and Caribbean Interim Regional Secretary Marcelo Leites gave a presentation on the WSCF's Eco-Justice Programme, together with a panel of SCM representatives from Colombia, Canada, and Cambodia.

While there, WSCF students committed to raising awareness of issues such as climate change, ecological debt and local resistance to green and greed economy that they would take back to their movements for global activism.

The keynote speaker for the event was Indian physicist Vinoid Rania, a regular contributor to the eco-justice work of the World Council of Churches and the World Social Forum. Rania presented a talk entitled, "Ecological Debt to Ecological Justice", and explained how the economic and ecological crises are linked to an imperial and militaristic system of world domination.

He stated that the word "crisis" should be replaced with the word "imperialism." Rania described in detail the ratio of ecological footprints shared among the nations, highlighting how North America and Europe share the highest ratio of certain regions combined.

"The discussions at Agape can be a point of reference when the participants return to their different countries," said Alberto Zoratti from Italy, in a video produced by a working group at the camp.

The video manifesto outlines the intrinsic link

between economy and ecology, and the role of science and technology in helping humanity move towards low-carbon and post-fossil fuel societies.

Students, Senior Friends, and WSCF representatives concluded the video by saying, "Eco-justice does not

only call for a paradigm shift in the economic and ecological domains, but a paradigm shift in relations among humans and between humans and the whole inhabited Earth."

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[To watch the video manifesto made by camp attendees, click here!](#)

In Memoriam



Bishop K.H. Ting

The World Student Christian Federation was saddened by the passing of **Bishop K.H. Ting** on November 22. Bishop Ting was one of China's most important church leaders and Christian thinkers of the late 20th century. Committed to the work of the Student Christian Movement and the World Student Christian Federation, Bishop Ting was appointed mission secretary for SCM Canada in 1945.

He later moved to Geneva, where he worked for WSCF throughout the 1950's.

During this time, he worked closely with the future leaders of the ecumenical community, particularly the leadership of the World Council of Churches during its formative years. Bishop Ting went on to serve as Principal of Nanjing Union Seminary, Three Self Patriotic Movement, and the president of the China Christian Council.

WSCF continues to be blessed by Bishop Ting's work even in the wake of his passing.

GLOBAL PARTNERSHIPS

WSCF General Secretary Urges Inclusion of Youth at Key Ecumenical Gathering

General Secretary Christine Housel represented the World Student Christian Federation at the Central Committee Meeting of the World Council of Churches in Kolympari, Greece 28 August



Senior Friends gathered together at the WCC Central Committee Meeting

through 5 September. The meeting was held in preparation for the 2013 WCC General Assembly in Busan, South Korea.

Speaking on behalf of the WSCF, Housel delivered an intervention following the Report of WCC General Secretary Rev. Dr. Olav Fykse Tveit. In her statement, Housel highlighted the importance of youth involvement in the ecumenical community. "We must be deliberate about inspiring, including, learning from, and forming our young people," asserted Housel. She maintained that while the ecumenical community often discusses the importance of active participation from young people, investment in youth is neither prioritized nor approached strategically.

An important part of youth participation is preparation, insisted Housel, and that training before ecumenical gatherings like the WCC General Assembly will enable young people to share from their own depth of experience and knowledge.

Many SCM/WSCF Senior Friends (alumni) were present at the Central Committee Meeting as committee members, WCC staff members, and ecumenical guests, and gathered with the General Secretary and the SCM students present as stewards to hear updates about WSCF and consider its strategic role in the ecumenical movement of the 21st century.

[Read General Secretary Christine Housel's full intervention here!](#)

Young Adult Missioners Join IRO Staff

Fall marked the greatly anticipated arrival of two new missioners to the WSCF Inter-Regional Office in Geneva. Brittany L. Browne and Faida Rachel Bahati were commissioned in August by the General Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church.

In September, the office welcomed Brittany Browne from Columbus, Ohio, U.S.A. Brittany holds a B.A. in Communications from Ohio Dominican University, and has years of experience working with the YWCA, AmeriCorps, and Volunteers of America. In addition to being a WSCF Advocacy and Solidarity Officer, Brittany is fluent in Spanish and is currently helping the WSCF's translation work.



Faida Rachel Bahati arrived in November from Kamelie, Democratic Republic of Congo. She graduated with a B.S. in Environmental Studies and French from Africa University, in Mutare, Zimbabwe. In addition to having experience in youth education, Faida Rachel has worked with WSCF partner organization DanChurch Aid. She is currently supporting the work of the Eco-Programme Committee, and is helping translate WSCF's documents into French.

As part of their program, Brittany and Faida Rachel will spend a year and a half of their three-year terms with the WSCF in Geneva.

[Read Brittany's Bio Here!](#)

[Read Faida Rachel's Bio Here!](#)



MIDDLE EAST PROGRAMME

International Coordination Meeting of Youth Organizations

The International Coordination Meeting of Youth Organizations (ICMYO) met from 7-9 September at the Cairo International Scout Centre in Egypt. ICMYO exists to facilitate coordination between international youth organizations and regional platforms in advocacy and programmatic work.

The discussions highlighted current and upcoming opportunities for collaboration between ICMYO participating organisations, at events such as the UN Commission on the Status of Women, Youth 21, and in discussion around the Millennium Development Goals post-2015 framework.

The meeting also included a Networking Day on 8 September, where youth organizations were able to strengthen their local and international networks with one another. The Networking Day provided international exposure for local youth organizations from the Middle East Region and personal exposure to Egypt and the Middle East Region post-Arab Spring for the ICMYO international representatives. WSCF was well-represented by several Egypt SCM leaders including Ayman Karam, the Middle East co-regional secretary, and Youhanna Kamal, WSCF Honorary Treasurer. Karam and Kamal represented WSCF in much of the planning process in partnership with the World Scout Bureau.

WSCF moderated the day together with the World Scout Bureau and the Arab Region of the World Scout Bureau.

"It was a new opportunity and a good chance for the Egypt SCMs to be open and strengthen relationships with other youth organizations in Egypt as well as gaining knowledge of and contact with different UN personnel and local programmes through the high level panel," said Kamal.



WSCF General Secretary Christine Housel with SCM Egypt

After the meeting, Housel stayed to visit a SCM student conference and key leaders from the 8 Egypt SCMs. This internal WSCF sharing and solidarity, and the ICMYO work to better connect local youth organizations in Egypt, is a part of the Federation's Middle East solidarity programme.

The WSCF was renewed as a Task Force member of ICMYO, and remains committed to increasing our valuable partnerships with other youth organizations and their leaders, strengthening our international advocacy platforms, developing our Middle East Programme-exploring ways to express greater solidarity with our SCMs in the Middle East.

[For more information on ICMYO, click here!](#)

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