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Weekly summary

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29 March - 04 April 2024

WEEKLY HIGHLIGHT

WCC, WHO commemorate 50 years of collaboration

ECUMENICAL PRAYER CYCLE

This week we pray for:

The Balkans - Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia, Slovenia

31 March 2024 - 06 April 2024

Next week we pray for:

Bulgaria, Hungary, Romania

07 April 2024 - 13 April 2024

NEWS

WCC condemns killing of aid workers in Gaza

World Council of Churches general secretary Rev. Prof. Dr Jerry Pillay condemned the killing of aid workers in Gaza, and extended condolences to the families and friends who are in shock and mourning upon hearing the news that an Israeli airstrike killed seven people working for World Central Kitchen.

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WCC, WHO commemorate 50 years of collaboration

The World Council of Churches (WCC) and the World Health Organization (WHO) are celebrating 50 years of collaboration. Their work together includes strategizing, publications, seminars, webinars, and responding to crises such as HIV, the Ebola outbreak, and COVID-19 pandemic.

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As World Health Day approaches, WCC invites global prayer

As World Heath Day—observed 7 April annually—approaches, the World Council of Churches is inviting people across the world to join in prayers and reflections.

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WCC congratulates new general secretary of Conference of European Churches

World Council of Churches (WCC) general secretary Rev. Prof. Dr Jerry Pillay extended congratulations to Rev. Frank Dieter Fischbach, who has been appointed as the new general secretary of the Conference of European Churches.

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South Sudan churches share Easter messages of hope

Churches in South Sudan shared Easter messages of hope, even amid troubling times for the African nation.The South Sudan Council of Churches, in its message, emphasized renewed hope. “In today’s world, marked by so many conflicts and so much suffering, we understand that many of us feel disheartened,” reads the message.

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Visionaries honored for dedication to advancing communication for all

On 27 March, ten visionaries were honored for their longtime dedication to advancing communication for all.

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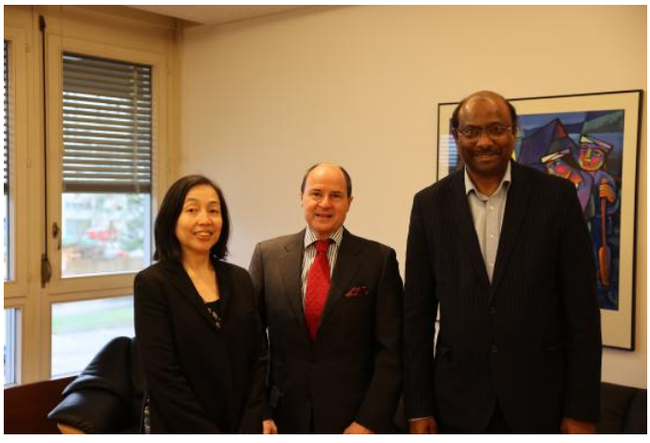

WCC general secretary meets with head of 2050Today Initiative

World Council of Churches (WCC) general secretary Rev. Prof. Dr Jerry Pillay met with the executive director of the 2050Today Initiative, Jean-Pierre Reymond.

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Church leaders gather with Easter joy at St Pierre Cathedral

Ecumenical leaders, including World Council of Churches general secretary Rev. Prof. Dr Jerry Pillay, gathered with several hundred people, filling St Pierre Cathedral in Geneva with the sounds and songs of Easter joy.

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WCC BLOG

Jesus and the ladder to peacemaking: an Easter meditation

04 April 2024

Originally published by The Canadian Council of Churches.*

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PHOTO GALLERIES

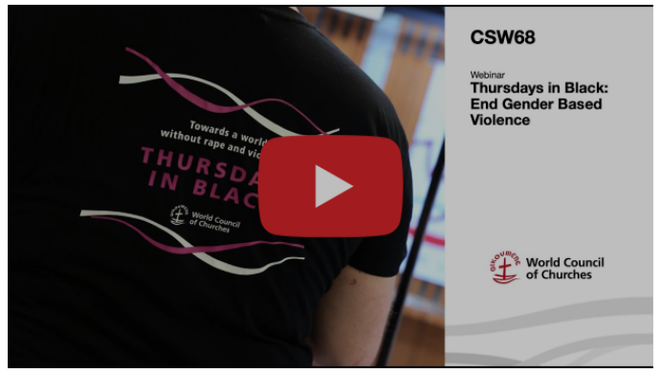
WCC general secretary visits Lebanon

Permanent Committee on Consensus and Collaboration inaugural meeting

VIDEOS

WCC Easter Message 2024: The empty tomb is a sign of life, hope, and love

WEBINARS



CSW68 Thursdays in Black: End Gender Based Violence

RESOURCES

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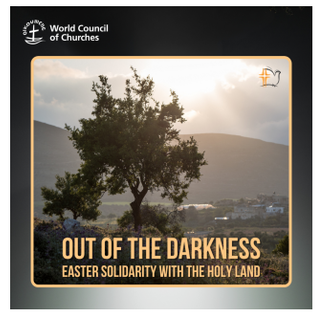
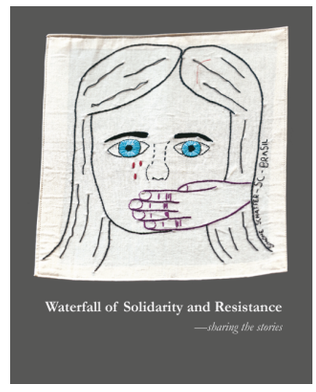
True Freedom: A New Global Course for Lent 2024



Social media cards - Easter Initiative 2024

PUBLICATIONS

Compendium of Promising Practices of African Faith Community Interventions against Paediatric and Adolescent HIV



Waterfall of Solidarity and Resistance: Sharing the stories

EVENTS

Easter Initiative 2024

Dates : 01 March 2024 - 05 May 2024 The Easter Initiative is an annual activity of the WCC-EAPPI, setting out to connect the stories of Easter with current realities in Palestine and Israel, to spotlight the challenges of a life marked by violence, war and occupation alongside nurturing hope and highlighting groups and individuals striving for a just peace.

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Executive Committee meeting (online)

Dates : 10 June 2024 - 14 June 2024 The 25-person Executive Committee is the WCC governing body, with members from churches in every region, meeting twice a year to monitor ongoing work, supervise the budget and deal with policy matters referred to it by the WCC Central Committee.

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Bossey interfaith summer course

Dates : 08 July 2024 - 17 August 2024 Applications are open for the Ecumenical

Institute at Bossey's 2024 interfaith summer course, during which students earn a Certificate of Advanced Studies in Interreligious Studies.
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GEM School 2024

Dates : 19 August 2024 - 30 August 2024 Applications are open for the 2024 Ecumenical School on Governance, Economics, and Management Economy of Life, to be held in Nairobi, Kenya, 19-30 August 2024.
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International conference "Towards Nicaea 2025: Exploring the Council's Ecumenical Significance Today"

Dates : 04 November 2024 - 08 November 2024 The World Council of Churches' Ecumenical Institute at Bossey cordially invites emerging and senior scholars from diverse Christian traditions to participate in an international conference focusing on the ecumenical significance of the First Ecumenical Council of Nicaea (325 CE) and its relevance in today's rapidly changing world.
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Central Committee meeting

Dates : 18 June 2025 - 24 June 2025 The Central Committee serves as the chief governing body of the WCC until the next assembly, meeting every 2 years. It is responsible for carrying out the policies adopted by the Assembly, reviewing and supervising WCC programmes and the budget of the Council.
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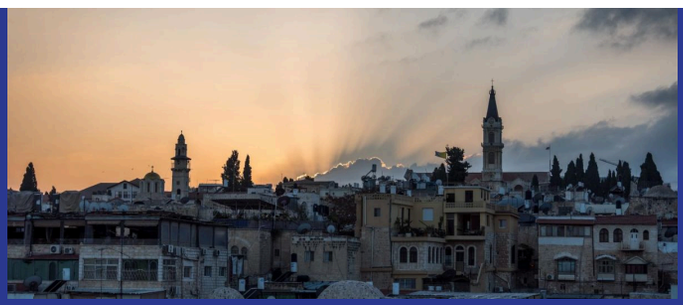
Seven Weeks for Water 2024:
Weekly theological reflections on water and peace for the season of Lent

True Freedom: A new global resource for Lent 2024,
encouraging response to modern slavery



Easter Initiative 2024:
Out of the darkness – Easter solidarity with the Holy Land

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