

Rejoice in Hope



Young People,  
Journeying Together  
Towards Justice and Peace



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## 1. Introduction



The 37th General Assembly of the World Student Christian Federation (WSCF) was held in Berlin, Germany, from 23 to 30 June 2022. The Assembly was attended by 102 participants from more than 30 countries, with 49 delegates, who discussed our shared vision and values, celebrating the central place of Christian faith in young people’s journey together toward justice and peace.

Due to the pandemic the Berlin meeting was the first in-person Assembly in seven years since Bogota Colombia in 2015. The Berlin Assembly enabled leaders of national Student Christian Movements (SCMs) to hear directly from the new leadership team, from each other, and from expert resource people, and to agree on key priorities for the Federation.

The Assembly theme Rejoice In Hope (Romans 12:12) was chosen to express the unique and necessary prophetic role of the Federation in proclaiming a positive message of the loving presence of God among the federation, often in difficult times. Our resilience in witnessing the



message of Jesus Christ in varied and challenging circumstances shows how a new generation of young people is standing up to lead SCMs around the world.

We also joined our church partners and friends in a worship service to mark the 127th anniversary of the founding of WSCF in 1895. Our long history, stretching back over more than a century, has seen WSCF constantly challenging our changing times. The Anniversary Service theme was taken from Psalm 1, comparing WSCF to a forest of living trees, affirming our stable and durable vision of faith and our mission of unity in diversity (John 17:21).

The new group of officers and the general secretary presented reports to the Assembly, available on our website <https://www.wscf.ch>. These reports inspire strong confidence in the strategic direction and progress and stability of WSCF. The leadership of the Federation combines a courageous and visionary mission with practical organizational skills. Each regional secretary also reported to the Assembly, showing high levels of activity and professionalism despite limited funds and pandemic constraints.

Trustees of the WSCF Centennial Fund reported that the Fund continues to grow under prudent management to support the long-term future of the Federation. Further financial support to the Centennial Fund and to WSCF is particularly welcome, enabling us to expand our valuable work.

The unique place of WSCF in the Ecumenical Movement was recognised in messages of greeting from our partners.

Speeches to the Assembly emphasized the need for the radical student voice in today's world, speaking truth to power and proclaiming a challenging theology of inclusion for our churches. We walk in the footsteps of our predecessors who were empowered by WSCF in their prophetic vision for justice. Resistance and resilience of WSCF members are needed now more than ever, in solidarity with Christ among the least of the world (Matthew 25:40). We heard first-hand accounts of oppression and war from students living in Ukraine, Myanmar, Peru, Palestine, Sudan and others. Our prayers are with all these nations.

The Assembly reaffirmed policy priorities for WSCF on Democracy, Human Rights, Fundamentalism, Peacebuilding, Climate and Economic Justice, and Gender Justice, Identity, Difference, and Dialogue. We agreed to move beyond our past actions and develop new programs, cooperation and education in these areas. We committed to deepen support and interconnection within and between our regions, promoting solidarity with all suffering people. Our discussions showed our shared commitment to an inclusive and liberating Christian faith grounded in critical Biblical reflection.

Our review of the WSCF Constitution resulted in strong affirmation of our regional structure and priorities, alongside recognition of the need for better communication and cooperation.

Assembly delegates expressed deep appreciation for the opportunity to once again meet together, and profound gratitude to our Executive Committee and our hosts, the Evangelical



Students Organisation (ESG) of Germany, for ensuring such a smooth, well-managed and productive event. The wisdom and inspiration of the Assembly will help us all to build our movements with renewed energy over the coming years.

## 2. Assembly Timetable and Methodology

### 2.1. Timetable

**TIMETABLE**

WORLD STUDENT CHRISTIAN FEDERATION  
**General Assembly 2022**  
BERLIN, GERMANY

TIME/DATE	DAY 1 THU 23 JUN	DAY 2 FRI 24 JUN	DAY 3 SAT 25 JUN	DAY 4 SUN 26 JUN	DAY 5 MON 27 JUN	DAY 6 TUE 28 JUN	DAY 7 WED 29 JUN	DAY 8 THU 30 JUN	DAY 9 FRI 1 JUL
09:00 – 10:00			Opening Worship and Keynote Address	Worship and Bible Study	Worship and Bible Study		Worship and Bible Study	Worship and Bible Study	
10:00 – 11:00	GA Orientation			Fourth Business Session: Report of the General Secretary	Regional and Programme Report	Exposure	Seventh Business Session: Constitutional Amendments and Key Issues, Report from the Drafting Group	The WSCF in the 21st Century: Elements of a New Strategic Framework, Affirmations for a New Federative Covenant	
11:00 – 11:30	MORNING BREAK								
11:30 – 13:00	Regional Caucuses on the General Assembly	First Business Session: Opening Actions		Fifth Business Session: Report of the Honorary Treasurer, Report on the Centennial Fund The WSCF in the 21st Century: Towards a New Strategic Framework Listening Session: Research Report	Regional and Programme Report	Exposure	The WSCF in the 21st Century: Towards a New Strategic Framework (Thirty minutes in Plenary and one hour in Discernment Groups)	Eighth Business Session: Resolutions, Public Issues and Policy proposals; Report from the Resolutions and Public Issues Committee	
13:00 – 14:30	LUNCH BREAK								
14:30 – 15:30	Women's Pre-Assembly	Second Business Session: Opening Actions		Sixth Business Session: Report from the Constitutional Amendments Committee, Presentation of Proposed Amendments; Constitutional Amendments and Key Issues (Discernment in Groups)	Discernment in Groups and Plenary: Constitutional Amendments and Key Issues	Exposure	The WSCF in the 21st Century: Towards a New Federative Covenant (Thirty minutes in Plenary and one hour in Discernment Groups)	Recommendations	
15:30 – 16:00		Chairperson's Address							
16:00 – 16:30	AFTERNOON BREAK								
16:30 – 17:00				TRAVEL TO SOPHIEKIRCHE		Exposure			
17:00 – 18:30		Thematic Panel on the Global Context and Testimonies		127th Year Celebration SOPHIEKIRCHE (PUBLIC EVENT)	Thematic Workshops Session I	TRAVEL TO ZWINGLIRKIRCHE Debrief from exposure groups and prayer	Thematic Workshops Session II: Harvesting		Final Actions
18:30 – 19:00						RETURN TO YOUTH HOSTEL			Closing Worship
19:00 – 20:00	DINNER					DINNER			Dinner and Farewell Party
20:00 –	Room meetings at the Youth Hostel and Offenbarungskirche				Intercultural Evening		Regional Caucuses		

ARRIVALS - EXCO MEETING - CF BOARD | EXCO MEETING - DEPARTURES

PUBLIC EVENTS on ZOOM **WORSHIPS and BIBLE STUDIES** [▶ https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85467019254](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85467019254)  
**127th YEAR CELEBRATION** [▶ https://us06web.zoom.us/join/joinMeeting/register/tZEqdemtpjMuGddyKGtqDUg4XeFFG8\\_Na9YI](https://us06web.zoom.us/join/joinMeeting/register/tZEqdemtpjMuGddyKGtqDUg4XeFFG8_Na9YI)

### 2.2. General Methodology:

The General Assembly was a space of discernment, dialogue and interaction of the delegates, guests and all the participants coming to the GA. The methodologies implemented during the assembly vary according to the session and the type of discussion:

1. Table Groups as Home Groups
2. Regional Caucuses
3. Listening Sessions in Plenary
4. Business Sessions in Plenary
5. Workshops
6. Panel Presentations



- 7. Cultural expressions
- 8. Exposure Visits
- 9. Women's Pre-Assembly

### 3. Pre-Assembly of Women



The Women's Pre-Assembly was held on June 24, it was a space for reflection and discussion among the delegates on the role of female leadership, empowering young women to take an active role in society and address gender-based violence. The Women's Pre-Assembly was an opportunity to empower and support female members of the WSCF community at national, regional and global levels.

The opening remarks were led by Pavlina Manavska, Vice-Chair of the World Student Christian Federation, who highlighted key milestones in the work of the organisation on these topics. Following the opening remarks, Natalia Vasilevich, a member of SCM Belarus, led a poignant address about the role of women in Christian and Civic Activism in Belarus.

The second half of the Pre-Assembly was focused on identifying local realities and potential solutions. Delegates worked in small mixed working groups to share local, national and regional challenges and inspire actions led by and focused on girls and women within the WSCF community and beyond.

Participants call the WSCF and the National Movements to continue advocating for female leadership in Christian and civic life, discussing challenges, sharing good practices for empowering girls and women and addressing gender-based violence in local, regional and global levels.

#### 3.1. Women's Pre-Assembly Programme:

Pre-Assembly Facilitator:



- Pavlina Manavska, Vice-Chair of the World Student Christian Federation
- Natia Tsintsadze, WSCF Executive for Europe region and Interfaith Programme Director

#### 14:30 - 15:00 Opening Remarks & Address

- Welcome and Round of Introduction
- Opening remarks: Pavlina Manavska, Vice-Chair of the World Student Christian Federation
- Address: Natallia Vasilevich, Christian Vision / Center Ecumena Belarus

#### 15:00 - 15:45 Small Working groups

- Sharing local, national and regional challenges
- Identifying inspiring actions led by and focused on girls and women within the WSCF community and beyond

#### 15:45 - 16:00 Presentations and closing

- Presentations from the small working groups
- Draw a common message from the women's pre-assembly

## 4. Organizational and Governance Activities

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### 4.1. Activities Performed:

- Chairperson's Address or Report



- Treasurer’s Report
- Regional Reports
- General Secretary’s Report
- Centennial Fund Report
- Presentation, discussion and adoption of the Strategic Plan 2023-2026 and the New Federative Covenant “The WSCF in the 21st Century”
- Installation of representatives to the ExCo
- Approval the General Secretary’s appointment
- Amendment of the WSCF Constitution: No amendments

## 4.2. Business sessions: Reporting and evaluating toward the future

The General Assembly is the space where all the Student Christian Movements (SCMs) analyze the life of the federation, the ecumenical, and social context and plan actions based on the internal and external environment in order to fulfill the mission, vision and values of the federation adapting it to the new reality of the local, regional and international context.

Reports about the life of the federation were presented to the Assembly (available on our website <https://www.wscf.ch>). They were key not only to evaluate the work done but also to set the basis for the future. The General Secretary, the new group of officers -the chairperson and the honorary treasurer-, the Centennial Fund, and the Regional Secretaries/Program Directors reported on the past year's performance of the federation in terms of the international health of the SCMs, the administrative and financial challenges and the outcomes and suggestions of the programmatic and institutional life.

During the General Assembly, the WSCF Report on Strategic Plan 2022-2026 Survey was presented by the General Secretary who invited the assembly delegates to discuss it. Through a discernment process participants were able to decide on key aspects for the next WSCF Strategic Plan 2023-2026 which aims to progress programmatically and institutionally under a solidarity and interconnected framework that fosters mutual accountability, good practices, capacity building, and impact communication.

## 4.3. Reports

During the General Assembly reports were delivered by the following:

1. [Chairperson Address](#)
2. General Secretary Report
3. [Treasurer Report](#)
4. Centennial Fund Chairperson Report

Regional and Program Reports

1. [WSCF LAC - EcoJustice](#)
2. [WSCF Asia Pacific - Identity Diversity and Dialogue](#)
3. [WSCF Africa - Bible and Theology](#)





4. [WSCF EU - Interfaith Cooperation](#)
5. [WSCF ME - Peacebuilding](#)

#### 4.4. The WSCF in the 21st Century: Strategic Plan and New Federative Covenant discussions and outcomes.

The 37th World Student Christian Federation (WSCF) General Assembly culminated in a significant outcome: the adoption of the general lines for a new strategic framework. This framework embodies the Assembly's commitment to collaborative action and outlines WSCF's path for implementing and assessing its mandates. Key aspects include active engagement of Student Christian Movements (SCMs) and Regions, ensuring unity and accountability across federation levels.

Acknowledging diversity, the framework allows customization of thematic areas and programs based on unique contexts. This operational advancement fosters cohesion within WSCF, streamlining communication and reporting processes for greater efficiency. The harmonization of global and regional plans enhances alignment and impact. This transformative outcome propels WSCF into a journey marked by collaboration and shared responsibility.

The federation aims to create a lasting impact on global ecumenical youth. Further details about the framework's implications will follow in subsequent discussions, below are the main discussions and approval lines during the 37th General Assembly:

##### a. WSCF Strategic Plan Affirmations

The WSCF General Assembly reaffirmed the historical identity and prophetic role of the federation as the largest and most ecumenical coalition of youth and students worldwide.

WSCF possesses immense potential, being an international movement with a geographical distribution through various Student Christian Movements. It thrives on cultural and traditional diversity, embraces multidisciplinary approaches, and stands firmly on ecumenical principles.

A central focus of WSCF's efforts lies in addressing justice, emphasizing fostering international solidarity for transformation, upholding human dignity, and caring for creation.

Guided by the mandates of the 37th WSCF General Assembly, a set of themes and strategies have emerged, serving as essential guidelines, with some already poised for implementation. The forthcoming years will see WSCF engaging in in-depth discussions on the following thematic areas:



Climate and Economic Justice  
Youth, Peace, and Security - Peacebuilding  
Democracy, Human Rights, and Fundamentalisms  
Identity, Diversity, Dialogue, and Gender Justice  
Youth Ecumenical Leadership

To effectively address these themes, WSCF will adopt various strategies at the core of its work with youth and students worldwide. These federation-wide strategies, which cut across different programs, include

Biblical Theological Reflection  
Youth Mobilization and Participation  
Advocacy and Solidarity  
Capacity Building and Strengthening of Movements

These strategies will provide a comprehensive framework for WSCF's endeavors, enabling the federation to empower young individuals and student communities globally, fostering positive change and embracing the diverse challenges and opportunities that lie ahead.

#### **b. New Federative Covenant: WSCF's Affirmation of Working Together**

This report highlights the WSCF's affirmation of the New Federative Covenant, representing a significant step towards strengthening collaboration and solidarity within the World Student Christian Federation (WSCF). The adoption of this new covenant, unanimously embraced during the General Assembly, as a crucial period in the federation's journey, serves as a testament to the collective commitment to working together to pursue the WSCF's mission.

Affirmations:

1. **Assessment of Best Inter-Regional Practices:** The WSCF recognised the value of collaboration and shared learning, leading to a comprehensive assessment of the best inter-regional practices. This process facilitated the identification and harnessing of strengths and successes from each region. By exchanging knowledge and experiences, the federation promotes solidarity and maximizes its collective impact in addressing challenges and embracing opportunities.

2. **Mutual Accountability: A Framework for Good Practice:**

Central to the New Federative Covenant is establishing a robust framework for mutual accountability. This framework is the foundation for transparent and effective communication, ensuring the proper dissemination and evaluation of the impact and changes resulting from the WSCF's work. By adhering to these good practices, the



federation fosters trust and enhances its adaptability, responsiveness, and ability to effect positive change.

### 3. Operative Model for Enhanced Collaboration:

The New Federative Covenant promotes implementing an operational model intended to enhance collaboration within the WSCF through the Global Staff Team mandate. This model aims to unify and standardize the work mandates of regional executives and global program coordination, facilitating smooth internal and external communication concerning the federation's global programs under the coordination of the Inter-Regional Office. By embracing this model, the WSCF harnesses the power of teamwork and collaboration, amplifying the impact of collective efforts and transitioning from the hybrid staff model approved in 2016 to a more programmatic model that serves the three levels of the Federation.

### 4. Capacity Building for Sustainability:

The WSCF's commitment to sustainable development is emphasized in the New Federative Covenant through a focus on capacity building. This includes empowering the Staff, Executive Committee, and Boards to develop the skills and competencies necessary to address emerging challenges effectively. By investing in collective growth and nurturing leadership potential, the federation cultivates a strong foundation for future success.

#### Alignment with Global Strategic Plan and Programs

The New Federative Covenant seamlessly aligns with the Global Strategic Plan and Programs, providing a unified framework for the WSCF's shared vision and objectives. While allowing flexibility for regional adaptation, the covenant ensures that each regional plan contributes to the global goals and indicators established by the General Assembly. This integration of global and local perspectives fosters a powerful synergy, enabling the federation to navigate diverse cultural, political, and institutional landscapes while avoiding duplication of reporting and accountability processes.

With the New Federative Covenant as its guiding light, the federation is poised to make a lasting impact on the lives of students and young people worldwide. The WSCF affirms its commitment to justice, solidarity, and the shared values that bind it as a global community.

## 5. Bible, Theology and Worship

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### 5.1. Activities Performed

- Opening and Closing Worship
- Daily Bible Study
- Daily prayers
- Keynote Address
- 127th Anniversary Worship

### 5.2. Opening and Closing Worship

Days of the Assembly	Thematic Area	Biblical Texts and Bible Study Leaders	Stories and story-teller - Stories of Hope from the Margins	Region in charge of preparation	Biblical Symbols & Colors
Saturday 25	<a href="#">Opening Worship</a> Empire as a transversal theme	Romans 12: 12 Keynote speaker: Rudelmar Bueno de Faria		Worship Committee	Water Baptism / Blue
Sunday 26	Climate and Ecological Justice	Revelation 21 and 22, Genesis BS leader: Rev. Peter Ciacco, Italy (Chiesa Valdese)	Stories from the Pacific Islands (Tuvalu), LAC and Greta Thurnberg from Sweden	Latin America and the Caribbean	Trees /Green



Sunday 26	127 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Celebrating our identity	Guest preacher Rev. Christiane G. from Germany	Seniors+SCMers	Worship Committee	
Monday 27	Social and Economic Justice - Poverty - Migration, Refugees, Asylum seekers - Indigenous people	Matthew 25 Isaiah  Dr. Kuzipa Nalwamba	Stories from North America, Europe, Africa	Middle East and Africa	Light /Yellow- and/ or Fire -Red
Wednesda y 29	Fundamentali sm	BS leader: Rev. Dario Barolin, Uruguay, (AIPRAL)	Stories from LAC	Europe	Wind /White
Thursday 30 (joining Thursdaysl nBlackT)	Gender Justice Women Identities No hegemonic masculinities	Rev. Dr Dora Arce Valentin, Cuba, (World Communion of Reformed Churches)	Women, LGBTQI/identity issues from Asia	Asia Pacific/ North America	Ashes/ Black or Grapes/ Purple  Launching of TheladyinBl ack Campaign
Thursday 30 (afternoon/ evening)	<a href="#">Closing Worship</a> and Celebration Ecumenical youth: affirming hope and justice	Bishop Geevarghese Coorilos, WSCF Chairperson	SCMers involved	Worship Committee	Bread and grapes Communion / Multicolore d

## 6. Witness for Justice and Peace

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## 6.1. Activities performed

- Thematic Panel Presentations and Workshops
- Statements and Resolutions
- Visits and conversations with local groups and communities

## 6.2. Thematic Panel and Workshops Outcomes

### 6.2.1. Keynote Address and Thematic Panel

#### a) Keynote Address:

**Mr. Rudelmar Bueno de Faria** was the keynote address of the 37th General Assembly. He is from Brazil and is the current General Secretary of ACT Alliance (since 2017). He has more than 25 years of experience working with national and international church-related organizations in humanitarian, development, and advocacy programs.

His speech addressed the interconnected challenges facing the world, advocating for a faith-based approach to addressing issues such as inequality, discrimination, climate change, and justice while emphasizing the vital role of youth in driving positive change.

The following are some key points of his speech:

- Expressed gratitude for the opportunity to address the 37th General Assembly of the World Student Christian Federation. The sub-theme of the assembly, "Young People, Journeying Together Towards Justice and Peace," is highlighted as timely given the current global context marked by inequalities, conflicts, and polarization.
- Contextualized how the world is focused more on individualism than collective well-being, fueled by misinformation and values conflicting with Christian principles. Religious, political, and economic fundamentalisms are identified as drivers of polarization, reshaping values and undermining human rights, with examples such as ongoing conflicts and the situation in Ukraine.
- Emphasized the role of religion in contemporary society, influencing personal decisions and societal systems. The confluence of faith, politics, and economics is noted, and the potential for religious communities to address economic injustices, inequality, and abuses of power is acknowledged.
- Pointed out on the need for a revised global order and more effective multilateral institutions is highlighted, given the changing world landscape. Concerns are raised about the misuse of power by certain nations within international bodies like the UN Security Council.
- Underscore the challenges posed by climate change, the COVID-19 pandemic, and persistent discrimination and inequalities, and the need for multilateral action, partnerships, and the importance of faith-based organizations in



addressing these issues. As long as, the ecumenical movement's challenges and responsibilities, including the need to align Christian values with actions that promote solutions without undermining human rights.

- Called faith-based organizations to adopt an anti-racist stance and proactive engagement in issues related to climate and gender justice.
- Highlighted the role of youth in driving positive change and emphasized the need for intergenerational collaboration and providing space for youth leadership in the ecumenical movement.

Complete speech [here](#).

b) Thematic Panel on the Global Context and Testimonies

Testimonies:

**Shein Thet Nyunt (video recording), National Secretary of Myanmar SCM**

His participation was online as no delegate from Myanmar could participate in person at the GA due to the current coup dictated by the junta in Myanmar. He shared that young people are fleeing the country and many have been arrested. SCM Myanmar members “are now on their run”, he said. He also added that due to the political situation and COVID-19, the SCM had to shut down on its programs. Finally, he called the WSCF to pray for the SCM staff and students in Myanmar, and advice the SCM on how to move forward.

**Kateryna Potapenko, Member of SCM Ukraine**

Her speech focused on the consequences that the war is having over the lives of people, like farmers. With photos and videos of affected communities, she highlighted the importance of human rights, democracy, globalization, and communication, and the interconnection between the invasion, world hunger, world economic crisis, and ecological disaster. As closing remarks, Kateryna called the WSCF to continue being a prophetic voice in the ecumenical movement and to radically condemn the invasion of Ukraine.

Global Context:

**Ms. Joy Eva Bohol** was invited to be part of these thematic panel as the Youth Programme Executive of the World Council of Churches Youth Engagement.

During her speech, she:

- Greeted the Assembly.
- Shared about a recent visit framed on the pilgrimage of the Justice and Peace Program of the WCC to Sami indigenous communities in Norway. Where impacts of "green colonialism" were evident as the government and



multinational companies built wind turbine parks on Sami ancestral lands, displacing communities and threatening their cultural identity tied to reindeer herding. Exhausted with this ongoing fight with the government and multinational companies, defending their ancestral land and their cultural livelihood, a Sami youth leader, Ramona, shared that she doesn't see herself being a reindeer herder anymore in the future. Joye highlighted that Ramona's story resonates with many experiences of young people today, especially the indigenous young people (Ashaninka and Arahucos). Hopelessness surrounds societies, especially among younger generations. This hopelessness is brought about by systemic injustices in different levels.

- Emphasized the importance of young people's voices and struggles in decision-making spaces and the key role organizations play in supporting and enhancing youth political activism.
- Introduced the book "Let the Waves Roar," co-authored by young voices from around the world, which addresses various injustices and offers proactive recommendations for churches and ecumenical partners.
- Urged a collective responsibility across generations to build a just and sustainable future, highlighting the story of two young Sami leaders who are working to preserve their culture and fight for their ancestral rights.
- Concluded with a blessing from the Interfaith Council for Peace and Justice, encouraging attendees to seek discomfort in the face of injustice, work for equity, and have the audacity to create positive change in the world.

Complete speech [here](#).

## 6.2.2. Thematic Workshops Performed

During the General Assembly, four Thematic Workshops were carried out to discuss the programmatic thematic focuses for the Federation on the way to a new strategic plan for 2023-2026. Workshops were split into two sessions, one on Monday, 27 June 2022, 16:30 - 18:00 and the second one on Wednesday, 29 June 2022, 16:30 - 18:00. The following were the titles:

- A. Climate Justice and Economic Justice Workshop
- B. Identity Diversity and Dialogue and Gender Justice Workshop
- C. Peacebuilding, Youth and Security - Peacebuilding Workshop
- D. Democracy, Human Rights and Fundamentalisms Workshop

Workshops were guided by Global Program Directors and participants were delegates from different regions.

Major outcomes and recommendations from the Thematic Workshops performed:

**SUMMARY OF NEW GLOBAL THEMATIC FOCUS - GA DISCUSSIONS**





### 6.3. Witness for Justice and Peace Outcomes: Resolutions, Public Issues and Policy Proposals; Report from the resolutions and Public Issues Committee

The Public Issues, Resolutions, and Recommendations Committee has proposed several resolutions, recommendations, and statements for the 37th WSCF GA 2022. These proposals aim to raise awareness, advocate for justice, and promote inclusivity and human rights.

Proposals for the 37th WSCF GA 2022 have been submitted by various Student Christian Movements (SCMs) from around the world. These proposals fall under different categories, including Public Issues, Resolutions, and Recommendations. Below is a summary of each proposal:

#### Public Issues:

1. Russian Military Invasion to Ukraine and the Role of the Ecumenical Movement: SCM Belarus proposes a statement to be shared on behalf of the WSCF, calling for visibility and solidarity actions for Ukrainians affected by the invasion. They also suggest implementing safe space policies and using accurate language when discussing the war.
2. Deliberate Attempt at Exterminating Christian Identities, Institutions and Communities in Nigeria: SCM Nigeria calls on the WSCF and SCMs to advocate for issues related to violence against Christian communities in Nigeria and engage with the government.
3. WSCF Statement on Violence Against Transgender and Non-Binary People: SCMs of Canada, Aotearoa/New Zealand, and the Philippines propose a public statement denouncing gender-based violence towards the transgender and non-binary global community and recognizing it as a global human rights violation.

#### Resolutions:

4. Increased Inclusion of LGBTQIA+ Participants in the WSCF General Assembly: SCMs of Canada, Aotearoa/New Zealand, and the Philippines propose adjustments in WSCF practices to be more inclusive of the LGBTQIA+ community, including altered room assignments, a pre-assembly for the LGBTQIA+ WSCF community, and the use of gender-diverse pronouns.
5. Respect Democracy and Human Rights! Stand with Myanmar People!: SCM Myanmar desires international solidarity during the current military coup and calls for organized prayers, education, monitoring, and condemnation of human rights violations.
6. Resist the Marcos-Duterte Administration: Monitor the Human Rights and Economic Situation in the Philippines: SCM Philippines calls for crafting a policy paper on the socio-political situation in the Philippines, supporting the investigation of the



International Criminal Court on Duterte's war on drugs, seeking monthly human rights and economic updates, spreading relevant statements, arranging activities for solidarity actions and education, and commemorating the victims of Marcos and Duterte administrations.

Recommendations:

7. A Call for Justice: Hearing the Plead of Palestinian Christians and Labelling Israel as an Apartheid Regime: SCM Palestine asks the WSCF to officially take on the position that Israel is guilty of committing apartheid, raise awareness through social media, and organize an olive picking and/or planting visit to Palestine for SCMerS from other places.
8. A Land of Heritage Called Artsakh Under Destruction: The Armenian Church University Students' Association calls on the WSCF to update their statement on the Armenian Genocide of 1915 by recognizing the Republic of Artsakh, raise awareness about the issue within SCMs, raise awareness through social media, and help Armenian SCMs and societies be in solidarity with the National Committees of Armenian Cause.

The adoption of these policies concerning human rights, inclusivity, and international advocacy against structural powers and wars was a huge success for the General Assembly. They have put the Federation again on the stage of being a vanguardist and cutting-edge ecumenical organization, an interregional organization led by students and young people. These proposals were approved by the Assembly last plenary

## 6.4. Visits and conversations with local groups and communities: Exposures

Thematic exposures:

1. Berlin during the Cold War
2. Berlin 1933 to 1945 National Soc.
3. Berlin and Religious
4. Political Berlin - Visit to Parliament
5. Berlin and Diversity

## 7. Community Building and Fellowship

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### 7.1. Activities Performed:

- Welcome and opening event



- Inter-cultural presentations
- Pop-up shows, exhibits and performances
- Senior friends Gathering
- Story-telling and poetry
- Celebration of 127th anniversary of WSCF

## 7.2. Major Highlight: Celebration of the 127th anniversary of WSCF

The 127th Anniversary Celebration of the World Student Christian Federation (WSCF), held in advance of and throughout the 37th General Assembly in Berlin in June 2022, was remarkable. Despite the prevailing COVID restrictions and visa challenges, the celebration was a harmonious blend of virtual and in-person activities.

This diverse event showcased a rich tapestry of greetings, support, reminiscences, personal experiences, biblical references, and collective worship. It stood as a testament to the commitment of the Federation, emphasizing its unique prophetic role within the global church and society. Messages of support and gratitude poured in from 25 countries, echoing the Federation's influence far and wide. These messages served as a voice for those who lacked internet access and emphasized the Federation's consistent dedication to promoting justice and love, inspiring youth worldwide to embrace transformative ecumenism. [Anniversary Greetings](#).

The celebration also featured senior friends of the Federation, both physically present in Berlin and through written reflections. These reflections provided valuable insights into the Federation's historical journey, exploring challenges faced and the ongoing mission to address social injustices and empower youth. The words of these senior friends resonated deeply, highlighting the Federation's instrumental role in pioneering the modern ecumenical movement.

Formal greetings from sister ecumenical organizations and partners emphasized the strong ties between global ecumenical bodies and the WSCF's collaborative work and advocacy history. Some organizations went further, challenging the Federation to translate its aspirations into concrete actions. Notable organizations extending greetings included the World Council of Churches, ACT Alliance, World Communion of Reformed Churches, United Church of Canada, and Evangelische Mission Weltweit (EMW).

The Anniversary Service was essential, uniting all participants through prayer, reflection, remembrance, and shared experiences. Worship and prayer held immense significance, particularly given the limited opportunities during the pandemic.

The anniversary's spirit encapsulated the essence of the WSCF's 127-year history, marked by joy, hope, and an enduring commitment to social justice. It was a testament to the Federation's resilience and lasting impact, embodying the spirit of "We are marching in the light of God."



[127th Anniversary Liturgy](#)

## 8. Participants of the General Assembly

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- [List of participants](#)
- Total of participants: 117
- Man: 51
- Women: 53
- Non-binary: 2
- Countries: 49
- Global South: 82 out of 117

## 9. Appendices

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### 9.1. Global Workshop Outcome

**SUMMARY OF NEW GLOBAL THEMATIC FOCUS - GA DISCUSSIONS**



## 9.2. Verification Means of Indicators

[GA\\_Indicators\\_Narrative Report \\_WSCF\\_Summary](#)

## 9.3. 127th Anniversary

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