



Saksbehandler: Olav Fykse Tveit og Stephanie Dietrich

Referanser:

Saksdokumenter:

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Oppnevninger

Til Faith and Order (SDI)

Faith and Order-sekretariatet ber Den norske kirke om å foreslå kandidater til Standing/Plenary Commission for perioden 2006-2013. I de forrige 2 periodene var Turid Karlsen Seim medlem i Standing Committee. Hun avslutter nå sitt engasjement i denne sammenhengen i samsvar med reglementet om maksimalt 2 medlemsperioder.

Kriteriene for nominasjonen er fremragende kunnskaper om arbeidsfelt innenfor Faith and Order.

Forslag til vedtak:

Mellomkirkelig råd nominerer generalsekretær Olav Fykse Tveit som kandidat til Faith and Order Standing/Plenary Commisjon for perioden 2006-2013.

COMMISSION ON FAITH AND ORDER

TO: WCC Member Churches

RE: Nominations for Faith and Order Commission

ADF/rs
9 February 2004

Dear Friends,

At its meeting in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia later this year, the Faith and Order Standing Commission will set in motion a nominations process for membership of the Commission from 2006 - 2013 by appointing a Nominations Committee which will bring recommendations to the Faith and Order Standing Commission in summer 2005. The Standing Commission will then recommend to the Central Committee, meeting immediately after the WCC Porto Alegre Assembly, names for the Faith and Order Standing Commission and for its moderator from 2006 onwards. The procedure is outlined in the By-Laws of the Faith and Order Commission as approved by the WCC Central Committee in 1999.

I am therefore writing to invite you to nominate persons for consideration by the Faith and Order Nominations Committee for membership of the Faith and Order Standing and Plenary Commissions. I should be most grateful if you could send names at your earliest convenience but not later than 1 March 2005.

In order to facilitate the nomination process for you, let me remind you what the role of the Faith and Order Commission is:

3. **Aim and Functions**
- 3.1 The Aim of Faith and Order is to proclaim the oneness of the Church of Jesus Christ and to call the churches to the goal of visible unity in one faith and one eucharistic fellowship, expressed in worship and in common life in Christ, in order that the world may believe.
- 3.2 The Functions of the Standing Commission and the Plenary Commission are:
 - (a) to study such questions of faith, order and worship as bear on this aim and to examine such social, cultural, political, racial and other factors as affect the unity of the Church;
 - (b) to study the theological implications of the existence and development of the ecumenical movement and to keep prominently before the Council the obligation to work towards unity;
 - (c) to promote prayer for unity;
 - (d) to study matters in the present relationship of the churches to one another which cause difficulties or which particularly require theological clarification;
 - (e) to study the steps being taken by the churches towards closer unity with one another and to provide information concerning such steps;
 - (f) to bring to the attention of the churches, by the best means available, reports of Faith and Order meetings and studies;
 - (g) to provide opportunities for consultation among those whose churches are engaged in union negotiations or other specific efforts towards unity.

Plenary Commission. You are certainly aware of the new rule (Central Committee decision 2002) that members of churches which have not paid their WCC membership fee in the year previous to either a Standing or Plenary Commission meeting are not entitled to receive a financial subsidy.

It would be excellent if we could receive more than one name so that there is a choice to achieve balance in gender and age as well as at the confessional and geographical level. Clearly, persons nominated should have competence in one of the theological disciplines. It would be most helpful to receive a short curriculum vitae of your nominees and some indication as to their particular theological interests (e.g. form enclosed).

We are looking forward to hearing from you in due time and send our best wishes for your ministry.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. Dr Alan D. Falconer
Director