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Brev fra LVF ang. valg av generalsekretær (*vedlagt*)

## Saker fra de økumeniske organisasjonene

### Det lutherske verdensforbund

#### Sammendrag

I et brev til LVFs råd datert 19. mai 2008, forut for rådets møte i Arusha, Tanzania, 25.-30. juni d.å., meddeler generalsekretær Dr. Ishmael Noko sin beslutning om å gå av som generalsekretær 31. oktober 2010.

I tråd med gjeldende retningslinjer valgte rådet på sitt møte en Search Committee bestående av til sammen syv personer fra de ulike geografiske regionene i LVF.

I et brev til LVFs medlemskirker datert 30. juni d.å. redegjør LVFs president, biskop Mark Hanson om denne utviklingen, og henstiller samtidig til medlemskirkene å bidra med nominasjon av kandidater til denne stillingen.

Hver kirke kan nominere mer enn én person, og det oppfordres til nominasjon av både kvinner og menn. Det opplyses at funksjonsperioden er på syv år, og kan fornyes én gang.

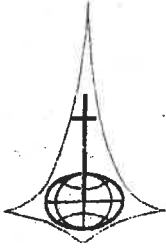
Nominasjoner må sendes inn skriftlig, og ledsages av *curriculum vitae*.

*LVFs eksekutivkomité vil på sitt møte i oktober vedta en oppdatert stillingsbeskrivelse for generalsekretæren. Den vil så bli sendt til medlemskirkene.*

*Fristen for innsendelse av nominasjoner er 15. januar 2009. Nominasjoner mottatt etter denne datoen vil ikke kunne tas i betraktning.*

## **Forslag til vedtak**

1. Mellomkirkelig råd har mottatt brev fra LVFs president med oppfordring til å nominere kandidat(er) til generalsekretær i LVF.
2. Siden stillingsbeskrivelsen vil bli revidert i oktober d.å. er det naturlig at endelig beslutning i saken foretas etter at den nye beskrivelsen er mottatt.
3. I lys av samtalen på MKRs septembermøte bes MKR/AU ferdigstille nominasjonen og oversende den til LVFs president.



# THE LUTHERAN WORLD FEDERATION

A COMMUNION OF CHURCHES – EINE KIRCHENGEMEINSCHAFT – UNA COMUNIÓN DE IGLESIAS – UNE COMMUNION D'ÉGLISES  
LUTHERISCHER WELTBUND – FEDERACIÓN LUTERANA MUNDIAL – FÉDÉRATION LUTHÉRIENNE MONDIALE

The President

TO: Member Churches of the  
Lutheran World Federation

30 June 2008

Dear Heads of Member Churches,

Greetings in the name of our crucified and risen Christ. I am addressing this letter to you in keeping with the Constitution of the Lutheran World Federation which stipulates in its Bylaws the following:

## **8. ELECTION OF GENERAL SECRETARY** *(LWF Constitution, Article XII)*

8.1 *In due time before the end of the General Secretary's term of office, the Council shall appoint a Search Committee for the position of General Secretary consisting of seven persons, four of whom shall be members of the Council. The Council shall appoint the chairperson and secretary for the committee from among the seven members. The Search Committee's Rules of Procedure shall be defined by the Council.*

*When the Search Committee is appointed, member churches shall be invited to submit nominations for the position of General Secretary; such nominations shall be submitted in writing and with curricula vitae to the Search Committee. The Search Committee shall have the mandate to consider other candidates than those nominated by the member churches. The Search Committee shall submit all nominations together with its recommendation to the Council. Nominees who decline consent shall not be submitted.*

*The Council shall, at its next ordinary meeting, elect a General Secretary who shall serve for a seven-year term. If the next ordinary meeting of the Council is the first meeting of the new Council immediately after an Assembly, the Council shall have the right to postpone the election to the next ordinary meeting of the Council.*

*The General Secretary shall be eligible for reelection once.*

With his letter of 19 May 2008 the current General Secretary, Rev. Dr Ishmael Noko, has informed the Council of his intention to conclude his service as General Secretary of the Lutheran World Federation on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2010.

The Council at its 2008 meeting in Arusha has appointed in line with the directions given in

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the Bylaws the following persons to the Search Committee:

1. **Rev. Iteffa Gobena** , Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus (**chair**)
2. **Bishop Dr. J.Hutauruk**, Protestant Christian Batak Church
3. **Ms. Millta Poskiene**, Evangelical Lutheran Church of Lithuania
4. **Mr Peter Stoll**, Evangelical Church in Württemberg
5. **Rev Dr Gloria Rojas Vargas**, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Chile
6. **Ms Maria Immonen**, Finnish Evangelical Lutheran Mission (**secretary**)
7. **Bishop Susan Johnson**, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada

With this letter I am inviting the member churches to submit nominations for the chief administrative position in the Lutheran World Federation. Churches may nominate more than one candidate. Churches are encouraged to nominate both women and men candidates. The term for the General Secretary is seven (7) years and may be renewed for one term. As stipulated in the Bylaws such nominations must be submitted in writing and with *curricula vitae*. In October the LWF Executive Committee will update the General Secretary's position description and send it to member churches.

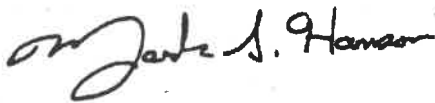
I kindly ask you to submit your nominations to the LWF Search Committee:

c/o Bishop Mark S. Hanson, President  
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USA

May I kindly ask that you to respect the deadline of 15 January 2009. I count on your understanding that nominations which are received after that date cannot be taken into consideration.

I am deeply impressed with the diversity, gifts and strength of the newly elected General Secretary Search Committee. Please pray for us as we will remember you in your deliberations regarding nominees for this important leadership position. My sincere greetings include the wish that God may richly bless the work of your church.

In God's grace,



Mark S. Hanson  
President

cc. LWF Council members & advisers  
LWF National Committees  
LWF Cabinet