



THE
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Office of the
General Secretary

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To the Member Churches of the
Lutheran World Federation

Geneva, 1st October 2016

Re: Nominations for President of the Lutheran World Federation

Dear Respected Church Leaders, Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

One of the important decisions that the Lutheran World Federation Assembly will be taking when it meets in Windhoek in May 2017 will be the election of the next President of the Lutheran World Federation.

I write to give you notice of this upcoming election and to request that your church consider nominating one or more persons to be candidates for election of LWF President. You may nominate persons from your own church or from any other member church of the LWF.

The LWF Constitution (Article XI) includes these provisions:

- The Assembly shall elect the President by majority vote in a written ballot.
- The President shall assume office immediately after the close of the Assembly and shall hold office until the close of the following Assembly.
- The President is not eligible for a second term.
- The President shall be the chief official representative and spokesperson of the LWF.
- The President shall be the presiding officer of the Assembly, the Council and the Meeting of Officers.
- The President shall oversee the life and work of the LWF, in consultation with the General Secretary.

Other than these provisions about the duties that the President is required to be able to perform, the LWF Constitution and Bylaws are silent about who is eligible to be elected President.

Would your church like to nominate one or more persons to be a candidate for election as LWF President? If so, please send to my office, by mail, email and/or fax:

- The name or names of the person(s) your church is nominating.
- Contact information for the person(s).

Please be sure that your nomination reaches my office no later than 28 February 2017.



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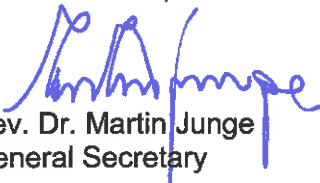
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After receiving the nominations, LWF staff will contact those nominated to confirm that they accept nomination and to gather biographical information. Staff will also contact the member church of each person not nominated by his or her own church, to confirm that that person enjoys the endorsement of his or her own member church. The results of the nominations process will be announced to the LWF member churches by early April 2017 and then formally presented to the Assembly.

As I said at the opening, this is an important decision that the Assembly will be taking. Please consider this prayerfully, and please contact me should you have any questions about this matter, or about the procedure to be followed.

Yours in Christ,



Rev. Dr. Martin Junge
General Secretary