

DISCRIMINATION, PERSECUTION, MARTYRDOM:
FOLLOWING CHRIST TOGETHER
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- We are glad that repentance for persecuting each other is part of our message. We see it to be important to heal memories wherever this happened. We will encourage our pastors and churches to do this on a local level and discuss ways with the four bodies behind this consultation, how to facilitate this on a national, regional and global level.
- We will do whatever possible to help and train our people to overcome prejudices against other Christian traditions and not to confuse things from the past with present realities.
- We want to state very clearly, that we want to continue the work that started with this consultation. The four bodies need to work together and all Christian churches worldwide have to work together ongoingly in matters of discrimination, persecution and martyrdom, which includes going beyond the surface to address some of the hard problems among us.
- We will start to appoint evangelical ambassadors to other Christian communities with an emphasis on religious freedom, both 1. to improve relations with them overcoming suspicion from history and 2. to cooperate in reacting to discrimination and persecution together, eg in dealing with the governments.
- We will ask our Religious Liberty Commission and especially the International Institute for Religious to cooperate even more with non-Evangelical Christians and churches and their research and educational organizations and would be glad if the other bodies would reciprocate.
- Prayer always has to be the first form of solidarity among Christians and churches. Therefore the WEA will strengthen the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church in November and invite as many churches worldwide as possible to take part in it, suffering and non-suffering churches alike. It should be possible for every congregation to reserve one Sunday service a year for suffering sisters and brothers in Christ.