

Representative of the Union of Utrecht

On 22 February's email, we were reminded "to prepare before this meeting a short written contribution, ..., summarizing the activities of your respective churches related to the programme of the WCC Assembly, and your expectations as well as concerns related to the Assembly".

I am here as proxy of Archbishop Joris Vercammen. My intervention regarding our expectations and concerns for the General Assembly in Busan is in my capacity as Ecumenical Officer of the Union of Utrecht.

1. (First), It is our hope that the General Assembly will go beyond merely internal, structural and constitutional matters. WCC is called to be a renewed instrument at the service of the unity. We do hope that this primary call of the WCC will be strengthened. In this sense, the *Unity Statement* (still to be received and to be submitted for approval) and the *Mission Statement* (which was already adopted by the CMWE) are two key points for reflection and exchange among the participants. We welcome the renewed interest for ecology and ecojustice but we expect not to lose sight on the call for Christian unity.
2. (Second) The Union of Utrecht is convinced of the need of a reflection on what does it mean to be one, holy, catholic and apostolic church in a continuing globalizing world. Our representatives were always part of the ongoing reflection on such a topic. We already propose to start a process by which various churches look for a shared understanding of catholicity to face globalization according to our ecclesial condition. Concerning the Assembly we expect to have some insights on this matter and we hope that the Faith and Order document on the Church will assist us on this task.
3. (Third and last point) The representatives of the Union of Utrecht hope they would be able to grasp some ideas from the Korean churches missionary approach, given the fact that they seem to obtain a significant success in a milieu characterized by both multi-religious environment and highly secularized society.

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