Towards the 10th Assembly of the World Council of Churches

God of life, lead us to justice and peace

World Council of Churches
10th Assembly
30 October to 8 November 2013
Busan, Republic of Korea
A prayer on the way

On the way to Busan, may we humbly walk with you, God of life.

On the way to Busan, guide us as we gather, pray and deliberate as disciples of Christ.

On the way to Busan, lead us in the way of justice, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

Amen.
An assembly of the World Council of Churches

- Expression of the living fellowship of 349 WCC member churches in prayer, celebration and decision making
- Highest governing body of the WCC
- Largest most diverse gathering of Christians in the world – 825 member church delegates – ecumenical partners and other churches
- Offers the potential to affirm common direction for the one ecumenical movement
A new style of WCC assembly

- Space for member churches and ecumenical partners to move towards a shared vision
- Rooted in common prayer, Bible study, celebration and reflection
- Prepared in the spirit of “togetherness” based on the ethos of fellowship and consensus
- Coherent programme where all elements build upon each other – clear flows and linkages
- Separation between business and celebration
Assembly theme

“God of life, lead us to justice and peace”

- Life together in Faith: Unity and Mission
- Life together in Hope: for Justice, Peace and Reconciliation in the world
- Life together in Love: for a Common Future
Busan Exhibition and Conference Centre

BEXCO
Being the church together in the world today

- **Koinonia** – unity and fellowship – one faith and fellowship in Christ
- **Martyria** – mission and evangelism – witness of the church in the world
- **Diakonia** – justice and peace – faith in action and service to the world
- Ecumenical formation – growing in faith and preparing for leadership
- Inter religious dialogue and cooperation – common context for all churches
# World Council of Churches

10th Assembly, Busan, Republic of Korea

"God of life, lead us to justice and peace"

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*Note: The schedule includes various events such as plenary sessions, committee reports, and dinners.*
## Building blocks of the assembly programme

- Prayer
- Bible study
- Thematic plenaries
- Ecumenical conversations
- *Madang* – workshops, exhibitions and side-events
- Business plenaries and committees
# Building blocks of the assembly programme

- **Prayer and Bible Study on 1 Kings 21: 1-22 (Day 8 – Justice)**
- **Thematic plenaries: *Justice and Peace***
- **Ecumenical conversations:**
  - Promoting Justice and Peace for an Economy of Life: Overcoming Greed;
  - The earth community groans: a call to ecological justice and peace
- ***Madang* – workshops (see list)**
- **Business plenaries and committees**
Madang – gathered in God’s courtyard

madang gate

madang theatre

traditional madang

modern madang
Madang

- CEC/CLAI – Threats and challenges of globalisation (WS 119)
- OAC: Tackling greed: the worst enemy of justice REO assemblies in Latin America, the Pacific, Africa and Europe (WS)

- Oikotree movement : Kairos Global: Justice, Peace and Life (WS)
- EJN of FOCCISA: From ecological debt to eco-justice: Mining, Reparations and Earth rights (WS)
Pre-assembly events

- REO assemblies in Latin America, the Pacific, Africa and Europe
- Orthodox delegates, specialized ministries, sub-regional and national preparatory meetings
- Pre-assemblies for women, youth *(eco-justice one of the three main themes)*, Indigenous Peoples and EDAN
- Ecumenical partner meetings – CWCs, WSCF, ACT
- Global ecumenical theological institute (GETI)
Possible assembly highlights

- God of life – addressing threats to life
- Praying and living together – urgent action
- Commitment to a comprehensive unity agenda
- New affirmation for mission and evangelism
- Peace and reconciliation for Korea and the world
- Call for justice in the economy and with creation