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To
LWF member churches

Geneva, 7 October 2019

Re: Photo exhibition on biodiversity and the Bible

Dear church leaders,

“As people of faith we are called to live in right relation with creation and not exhaust it.” This was one of the messages from the 2017 LWF Assembly in Windhoek, Namibia. Heeding this call and building on the strong leadership of youth in the LWF, our engagement for climate justice includes international advocacy and education within the churches, where the LWF provides resources for worship, education and action.

I am writing to you now to offer such a resource.

“And It Is Good”

During the week of the UN Climate Action Summit in September, the LWF launched a photo exhibition called “And It Is Good” in New York and Geneva. Pairing photos of nature and creatures with verses from the Bible, this exhibition highlights the diversity in nature and affirms that creation is good. It invites us to reflect on the web of life in a time marked by climate change, habitat loss and mass extinction. The exhibition will be displayed during the upcoming COP25 climate change conference in Santiago de Chile, Chile, from 2-13 December, where the LWF will be represented by a delegation of young climate activists from around the world. Please pray for them and for the global leaders coming together in Santiago de Chile, as they address one of the most urgent crises of our time.

With this letter, I'm offering member churches around the world to display this exhibition during the coming weeks and months. It can be used to raise awareness, spark discussions in congregations and call people to prayer and action for creation.

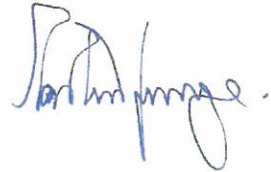
The exhibition is offered as a set of 17 posters which can be printed locally and as a video to be displayed on a large screen. The posters are available in English, French, German, and Spanish on www.lwf.is/anditisgood. If you provide us with a translation of the Bible verses and introduction, we would also be happy to create a version in your language. Contact the LWF Office for Communication Services (stephane.gallay@lutheranworld.org) for further information. An order of worship is also available as a part of the Season of Creation on www.lwf.is/anditisgood.

Ecumenical partnership for creation

"And It Is Good" is a joint initiative of the LWF, ACT Alliance, the World Communion of Reformed Churches and the World Council of Churches. It is part of the Season of Creation, which is an ecumenical celebration of prayer and action to protect creation.

We are happy to share these resources with you, as we join hands in caring for creation and campaigning for climate justice.

In Christ,



Rev. Dr Martin Junge
General Secretary