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media@wcc-coe.org16. July 08 WCC solidarity team visit to strengthen Indonesian Christian efforts in overcoming violenceChurches working for peace in Indonesia - a country which over the last decades had to cope with repeated outbreaks of ethnic and religious conflicts, the integration of internally displaced people as well as refugees from outside its borders - will receive a solidarity visit of an international ecumenical delegation sent by the World Council of Churches (WCC) from 17 to 24 July. [more]

15. July 08 WCC to attend Madrid interfaith conferenceWorld Council of Churches (WCC) representatives will participate at the 16-18 July international interfaith conference convened in Madrid by the Muslim World League following an initiative by Saudi Arabia's King Abdullah. The WCC will be represented by one of its presidents, Patriarch Abune Paulos, head of the Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Church, and by Metropolitan Emmanuel (Adamakis) of France, from the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople. Also attending the conference will be Lebanese Minister of Culture Dr Tarek Mitri, a former WCC staff and a member of the Greek Orthodox Patriarchate of Antioch and all the East, as well as the WCC's Director of Inter-religious dialogue and...[more]

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Rio de Janeiro, BrazilRepresentatives of concerns of people living with disabilities, Indigenous Peoples, Dalits and those struggling against racism will meet in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 18 - 23 August 2008, as part of a continuing conversation on "churches becoming and effecting just and inclusive communities" that began in La Paz, Bolivia in May 2007.[more] Weekly summary (4 - 10 July 2008)Media contact: + 4122 791 6153 +4179 507 6363

media@wcc-coe.org8. July 08 WCC internship programme 2009The World Council of Churches (WCC) will welcome five young people (aged 18-30 years) to serve as interns in its Geneva offices from February 2009 to January 2010. Interns bring valuable experiences to the WCC at the same time as they undertake several modules of ecumenical learning.[more]

7. July 08 Pacific visit to highlight WCC concern on climate changeClimate change, its causes and consequences as well as the role of churches and the worldwide ecumenical family will be at the center of a 7-14 July visit to the Pacific region by the World Council of Churches (WCC) general secretary Rev. Dr Samuel Kobia. [more]

July 08 Seesaw of interfaith cooperation: working together for peaceful relations in Cologne"It's always good to see what can come of an idea," says Rev. Barbara Rudolph, executive director of the Council of Christian Churches in Germany (ACK). On this beautiful summer Sunday, she is delighted to hear how the local project in Cologne of the campaign *Weit Du wer ich bin?* ("Do you know who I am?") has developed. [more]

4. July 08 Care for the people of Zimbabwe, WCC tells the international community After "what is now being described as a deeply flawed election", the World Council of Churches (WCC) has called for the protection of the population "against increased and continued violence", an "intensified international monitoring of the situation" and the provision of humanitarian aid. The WCC also issued a warning concerning the possible consequences of economic sanctions. [more]

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