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## WEA leaders congratulate Olav Tveit on his reelection as General Secretary

(Bonn, 16.07.2014) Wilf Gasser, associate secretary general of World Evangelical Alliance (WEA) and Thomas Schirmmacher, chair of the Theological Commission of WEA, congratulated Olav Tveit on his reelection for a second term as general secretary of the World Council of Churches (WCC) by the Central Committee of WCC, bringing greetings from the Secretary General of WEA, Geoff Tunnicliffe. Both were visiting the committee's session in Geneva. The Central Committee is the highest decision body of the WCC.

In a short speech to ecumenical partners, Schirmmacher thanked Olav Tveit for half a decade of fruitful cooperation. Under Tveit, cooperation between WCC and WEA in human right matters and else had been increased. WCC often would search for WEA's opinion, and there would be a lot of room for discussion of theological and other differences between WCC and WEA behind doors and not through the media. The cooperation of WCC and WEA through the Global Christian Forum (GCF) and the Christian World Communions (CWC) shows to be fruitful, especially the upcoming process on discrimination and persecution of Christians. Schirmmacher expressed his hope, that the relationship would even grow in the second term of the general secretary.



f.l.: Wilf Gasser, Olav Tveit, Thomas Schirmmacher

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[www.vkwonline.com](http://www.vkwonline.com)

Giving Hands – International Charity  
[www.gebende-haende.de](http://www.gebende-haende.de)

Help Worldwide – International Charity  
[www.hilfe-weltweit.de](http://www.hilfe-weltweit.de)

Institute for Pro-life and Family Studies  
[www.bucer.de/ifw](http://www.bucer.de/ifw)

International Institute for Islamic Studies of the World Evangelical Alliance  
[www.islaminststitute.net](http://www.islaminststitute.net)

International Institute for Religious Freedom of the World Evangelical Alliance  
[www.iirf.eu](http://www.iirf.eu)

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Theological Commission of "Hope for Europe" (European Evangelical Alliance)  
[www.hfe.org](http://www.hfe.org)

Theological Commission of the World Evangelical Alliance  
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