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Dear Colleagues,

Many thanks for your kind invitation to take part in the virtual meetings of the WCRC's Executive Committee 17-20 May 2022. I apologise for not replying to your earlier letter, a delay occasioned by the need to firm up on a number of WACC-related events and dates.

Having done so, I regret my inability to attend the Executive Committee meetings and wish you well in your deliberations and decision-making.

First, let me commend you on your bold assumption of a collegial general secretariat and all that it implies for the collective burden of leadership and implementation of actions. A problem shared is a problem halved, they say, and I hope this is proving true as the WCRC extends its activities and influence.

Second, in the face of the tragedy being played out in Ukraine, it is heartening to see the extensive work WCRC is undertaking in cooperation with its members and partners. WACC and WCRC are united in their condemnation of the invasion and their horror at the atrocities and harm being perpetrated. Equally, we are united in our call for peace and for a swift end to the tremendous suffering. Sadly, both seem to be a long way off.

Two areas of work in particular stand out in the WCRC's emphasis on justice that find a ready echo in WACC's Strategic Plan 2022-27. They are "Gender justice and partnership" and "Ecological justice and care for creation". Over the next few years, WACC looks forward to working with the WCRC and other ecumenical partners to bring greater understanding of these issues.

In the meantime, on behalf of directors and staff, I send greetings and very best wishes.

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