

## **Message from the John Knox International Reformed Center**

Warm greetings from the John Knox International Reformed Center Association in Geneva and our very best wishes to one and all for a successful Executive Committee meeting.

The Center has emerged relatively unscathed from the pandemic. We have our financial worries – but then, these days, who doesn't! At least, we can now hope to soon be able to rehire our staff on a full-time basis and to welcome back groups.

Looking forward, we have reconsidered how to progress and are now working with a team of volunteer architects, engineers, hospitality specialists, and city planners to construct a greener Center which will build on our history, on our statutory goals, and on a better integration into the local community. This will of course take a few years, but it always takes time to build in Geneva.

In the meantime, the committee has given a framework to the Programme Commission which now plans to organize annual meetings on various topics open to all who are interested.

Furthermore, the Witnessing Together in Geneva movement, so dear to our hearts and those of many church and international communities, is active again and planning its intercommunal celebrations for 9 September 2022.

Should you be in town, do look us up. So often visitors say, "This place is magic!" Indeed, when you look beyond the buildings which are increasingly somewhat decrepit, there is an undeniable feeling of peace. We hope that the Center will always be a safe haven, a place of dialogue, and a home from home for generations to come.