

2022 Mondays in September: A DOTAC Study Series on the World Council of Churches document **“Called to Transformation: Ecumenical Diakonia”**

On August 31-September 8, the World Council of Churches will meet/met in Karlsruhe, Germany. The important document “Called to Transformation: Ecumenical Diakonia” was presented for discussion. DOTAC has decided to offer an on-line Zoom study group of the report. We have asked three presenters to begin each of our three sessions. All of them will attend/attended the Assembly: Matthew Ross as WCC Staff and editor of the report, Marianne Uri Øverland as representative of DIAKONIA World Federation, and Hyuk Cho as a delegate of the United Church of Canada.

September 12: Reverend Dr. Matthew Ross

September 19: Reverend Marianne Uri Øverland

September 26: Reverend Dr. Hyuk Cho

They are asked to share in their brief presentations, from their perspective

- What does the report mean to you?
- What are the most important elements of the document for you?
- What aspects of the Assembly's discussion and debate on the report stood out for you?

Breakout rooms will follow the presentations. Each small group will be assigned chapters (with synopsis and/or quotes of the chapter with open-ended questions). Then groups will be asked to report back to the plenary. The document can be found at:

<https://www.oikoumene.org/resources/publications/ecumenical-diakonia>

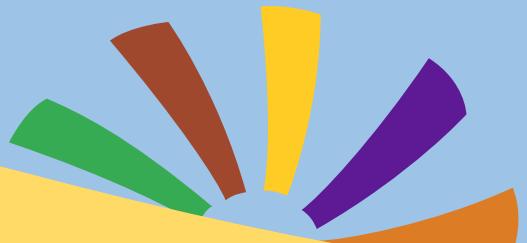
You are encouraged to read the whole document but there will be synopsis and/or quotes to summary the various chapters.

To register, send an email to teddodd@live.com

You will be sent a Zoom link closer to the time of the event.

All sessions will last just slightly over an hour and
begin at 1 pm Central Daylight Time.

(Check an on-line time zone converter for local times.)



September 12 **Rev. Dr. Matthew Ross**

Ross, Matthew, Rev. (Switzerland/Scotland) Executive Secretary of the World Council of Churches for Ecumenical Diakonia and Capacity Building in Geneva, formerly General Secretary of Action of Churches Together in Scotland, Edinburgh. Since 2018, Matthew served as Secretary to the Reference Group on Ecumenical Diakonia and worked as editor for the Called to



September 19 **Rev Marianne Uri Øverland**

Marianne is President DIAKONIA-DRAE (Region Africa-Europe) and one of the vice-presidents in DIAKONIA World Federation (DWF). She represents DWF with the World Council of Churches and attended the 2022 Assembly in Karlsruhe, Germany. Marianne is ordained as a pastor in the Church of Norway (Lutheran) She has completed degrees in Theology, Literature and Education. She has done congregational work both as a pastor and as a chief administrator and has been teaching at a theological college both in Norway and in Botswana. Some of her theological training she did in USA and Germany.



September 26 **Rev. Dr Hyuk Cho**

Hyuk was one of the delegates from the United Church of Canada at the 2022 WCC Assembly. Recently, Hyuk has been appointed as Professor of United Church Formation and Studies, at the Vancouver School of Theology. Hyuk has wide pastoral experience in Korea and across Canada. As a progressive theologian, he has passion for exploring the mission of the church, and justice issues.

His doctorate is from Emmanuel College, University of Toronto. And he has published academic papers on many theological topics.

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