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The Lutheran World Federation Forms New Collaboration With Lutheran University Press

MINNEAPOLIS, MN - The Lutheran World Federation, Geneva, Switzerland, has selected Lutheran University Press as the North American publisher/distributor for their English language book publications.

The Lutheran World Federation (LWF) is a global communion of Lutheran churches. Founded in 1947, the LWF has 140 member churches in 78 countries, representing 66.2 million Christians.

“We are excited about this publishing partnership,” says the Rev. Leonard Flachman, publisher at Lutheran University Press. “With the ease of travel and the Companion Synod programs, members of North American congregations are encountering a changing context for mission and witness. As the churches engage globalization they are articulating a new public theology, ecclesiology, and polity, providing profound insights for the Western churches.”

Previously the LWF English language books, printed in Europe and distributed from Geneva, have not had much North American exposure. With an internet online catalog and immediate access to the major book distributors and the English language internet booksellers such as Amazon.com, Lutheran University Press will provide much needed accessibility to the LWF titles. A more “local” access to the leaders of the North American Lutheran churches will facilitate the dissemination of information on new titles.

The LWF English language books originate in three departments: the Department of Theology and Studies, Dr. Karen Bloomquist, director; the Office for Communication Services, Ms. Karin Achtelstetter, director; and the Office for Ecumenical Affairs, Rev. Sven Oppegaard, assistant general secretary for ecumenical affairs. The LWF books are also published in German by a German publisher.

The first LWF titles to be published by Lutheran University Press this Fall are *Faith and Human rights: Voices from the Lutheran Communion*, and *The Apostolicity of the Church: Study Document of the Lutheran–Roman Catholic Commission on Unity*. The “Apostolicity” manuscript was prepared by the LWF and the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity.

Selected books, previously published by LWF, are now available from Lutheran University Press. Visit www.lutheranUPress.org/catalog/ and click on the LWF button on the left side of the page.

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