



## WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES: COMMISSION OF THE CHURCHES ON INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

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To Whom It May Concern:

Greetings from the Commission of the Churches on International Affairs of the World Council of Churches (WCC)! WCC represents more than 550 million Christians from over 340 Protestant, Orthodox, Anglican and other churches, taking a leading role in public witness by facilitating, networking, coordinating and challenging churches and organizations within the ecumenical movement.

We are currently recruiting volunteers for the United Nations Advocacy Week (UNAW), which will be held from November 15 to 20, 2009 at the Church Center for the United Nation in New York. We are looking for those who can volunteer before, during, and/or after UNAW.

Each year the WCC organizes UNAW that gathers 80 to 120 members of the global ecumenical community together to analyze the opportunities for ecumenical advocacy within the UN system from social, political and theological perspectives. Selected advocacy themes and issues are explored each year. For the UNAW 2009, the priorities are Columbia, Indigenous Issues, and Resettlement as a Result of Climate Change.

Key to the success of UNAW is the hospitality, support and facilitation provided by volunteers. Specific responsibilities include, but are not limited to the following:

- 1) Before UNAW (July 13 to November 14, 2009): Providing hospitality; calling Permanent Missions to the United Nations; putting folders together; communicating with delegates; drafting and editing letter.
- 2) During UNAW (November 15-20, 2009): Greeting participants; assisting with the set-up and clean-up of meals and coffee breaks; distributing interpretation equipment; helping with power point slides and sounds; and other responsibilities.
- 3) After UNAW (November 20, 2009 and beyond): Assisting in followup work with participants and Permanent Missions to the UN; and the drafting of letters and reports.

We greatly appreciate you passing this information on to others who may be able to help us find volunteers. A volunteer form is attached. If you are able to volunteer, we all the more appreciate your interest! Thank you!

Sincerely,

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