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**SEEKING RENEWAL OF SPIRIT AND
FULLNESS OF LIFE FOR ALL CREATION
AS WITNESSING COMMUNITIES**

**THE ECUMENICAL INSTITUTE,
BOSSEY, SWITZERLAND**



The four day seminar, *Seeking Renewal of Spirit and Fullness of Life for All Creation as Witnessing Communities*, contributes to the quest for 'ecumenical discernment to seek vision, concepts and directions for a renewed understanding and practice of mission and evangelism in changing a landscape' as is stated in the World Council of Churches statement on Mission and Evangelism *Together Towards Life: Mission and Evangelism in Changing Landscapes* presented in November 2013 during the 10th WCC General Assembly at Busan in South Korea.

The main goal and objective of the course is to train missionaries and staff who belong to different mission boards, organisations, associations, societies or denominational churches with the purpose of providing orientation, understanding and reflection on the pertinent issues of witnessing to Christ as participants in the *missio dei* in today's landscape. It will also give the participants an opportunity to learn and get acquainted with the WCC and the ecumenical movement as a whole.

The overall hope is to foster a link between what is being discussed and taught in academia regarding mission understanding and practices with those who are actively involved in mission at various levels.

The fee for the course is CHF 500. This includes full room & board for four nights (three meals per day, single or double accommodation), two tea/coffee breaks per day, transportation to and from the Geneva airport or train station, meeting rooms, materials, and health insurance (if needed). The fee does not include transportation to and from Switzerland. Scholarships are available to assist participants to attend the course.

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**World Council
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Four Focus Areas

1. Mission from the Margin
2. Mission and Evangelism in the secular context
3. Mission in the multi-religious context
4. Reviewing the understanding and practice of the mission of various mission boards, organisations, associations and societies.

The structure of the programme includes:

Introduction to the Ecumenical Movement and the various programmatic works and activities of the WCC.

Introduction to the WCC New Mission Statement - the theological foundations behind it; the transition or shift from the 1982 WCC Statement on Mission and Evangelism due to the changing landscapes.

Drawing from and sharing among the participants the journeys, growth, prospects, challenges and problems that Christians in different contexts and geographical locations face as they strive to live out the call and ministry to witness to God and His mission (*Missio Dei*) in their particular local contexts.

Reporting and synthesizing of the whole process - sharing what each participants will take back from the course and the implementation of what they had learnt during the course.

