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Dear Member Churches,

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ! As we close the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in the Northern hemisphere, we are pleased to share some invitations regarding a promising ecumenical development for the third millennium: the “Feast of Creation” – or “Feast of Creation in Christ” – that many churches are adding to their liturgical calendars.

You might be aware of the [ecumenical dialogues](#) we have convened in Assisi over the last two years around the **elevation of the Feast of Creation** of September 1 (or subsequent Sunday) to become a **liturgical feast** in different Christian calendars. A broad consensus emerged among many church families about the prospects for it to become a feast in non-Byzantine calendars, inspired by the day's ancient liturgical symbolism in the Eastern Orthodox tradition. Stimulated by the recent centenary of Nicaea, this is a precious opportunity for Christians of the new millennium to honor the Triune God as Creator and celebrate the great mystery of the creation of all things through Christ.

As part of this developing process, we are pleased to make the following invitations:

1. *[for synods & church leaders]*

**Proposal to institute the Feast of Creation in liturgical calendars:**

Churches are invited to take practical steps to officially establish the Feast in national liturgical calendars (with potential title variations as "Feast of Creation in Christ" or other), or – if a formal calendar is not observed – to issue recommendations for congregations to mark the observance.

*For inspiring motivations and useful practicalities, see the proposal: [www.bit.ly/new-feast](http://www.bit.ly/new-feast)*

2. *[for church leaders & relevant commissions]*

**Webinar “A New Liturgical Feast, a Gift for the Third Millennium”:**

Held on March 18 and 19 (same event offered on consecutive days to accommodate timezones in different hemispheres), the webinar will provide an overview of the ecumenical process so far, its theological motivations, and practical resources to assist churches to establish the Feast. We warmly encourage you to join and invite relevant stakeholders within your church, such as commissions for liturgy/worship, ecumenism, diakonia/socio-ecological matters, etc.

*See webinar registration page: [www.bit.ly/feastofcreation26](http://www.bit.ly/feastofcreation26)*

3. *[for liturgy commissions]*

**Online workshops about liturgical resources:**

Held in April and May, these sessions will explore the possibilities for liturgical prayers, lectionary readings, and other worship resources to implement the new Feast. They are intended specifically for liturgists to explore in more depth the possibilities for liturgical texts, creating space for cross-pollination between liturgy commissions implementing the Feast.

*See workshops registration page: [www.bit.ly/feast-workshops](http://www.bit.ly/feast-workshops)*

Thanks in advance for your kind consideration of these invitations and we look forward to the next steps of this beautiful ecumenical process.



In Christ, through whom all was created and redeemed,

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