



Igreja Evangélica



CHURCH OF NORWAY

# Communion in Faith, Life and Witness

Agreement between Igreja Evangélica de Confissão Luterana no Brasil/The Evangelical Church of the Lutheran Confession in Brazil and Den norske kirke/Church of Norway

## 1. Preamble

The Evangelical Church of the Lutheran Confession in Brazil (IECLB) and the Church of Norway (CoN) confess our common faith in the triune God. We believe that through our common baptism we belong to the one, holy, apostolic and catholic Church. We confess together that the Gospel of Jesus Christ, as found in the Holy Scripture and as interpreted and confessed in the ecumenical creeds and the Lutheran Confessions, is the power of God that creates, equips and sustains us for faithful participation in God's mission in the world.

As members of the Lutheran World Federation (LWF), we are in communion, sharing Word and Sacraments and recognizing one another's ministries. As members of LWF and the World Council of Churches (WCC) we affirm our common calling and commitment to Christian unity in faith, life and witness, and express our openness to peaceful, respectful and constructive inter-religious dialogue. In our communion we are bound together to explore, extend and deepen our communion in mutual accountability.

We acknowledge the relationship and cooperation already established between our churches, as well as partnership agreements and cooperation with partners such as the Norwegian Mission Society, the Norwegian Church Aid, the Mission Alliance, the Diakonhjemmet University College on the Norwegian side, and Faculdades EST (EST), Casa Matriz de Diaconisas, Comunhão Diaconal (COD), Congregação de Catequistas, Movimento Encontro (ME), on the Brazilian side, as well as exchange and cooperation between other institutions and congregations of our churches.

## 2. Terms of Agreement

As churches in communion in faith, life and witness for Jesus Christ, the Head of the Church, we commit ourselves to deepen and develop our mutual relationship through common efforts, in order to:

- Pray for each other.
- Exchange and share general information, experiences, spiritual gifts, intercessions and concerns of our churches.
- Facilitate consultation between church leaders and official delegations through visits and meetings in conjunction with synods and ecumenical assemblies.
- Facilitate mutual sharing between representatives of our churches in different positions in order to share information, work and experiences in specific areas of common interest such as mission, diaconia, priesthood of all believers, theological

education, governance and sustainability, through exchange of information, visits and exchange programs.

- Explore further possibilities for concrete cooperation and action.
- Establish a concrete Common Plan of Action for a limited period of time, for possible renewal.

### 3. Evaluation and reporting

This agreement shall be in effect for a period of eight years, from the date of its signing and celebration. Each church will implement the agreement according to the regulations of the respective church. The agreement shall be evaluated at the end of the period and revised according to a common understanding between the two parties.

Place and date of signing: October/November 2021

Signature/assinatura

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IECLB Church Leader  
Silvia Beatrice Genz  
Presiding Pastor

CoN Church Leader  
Bishop Dr. Olav Fykse Tveit  
Presiding Bishop