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## **LWF Backstage Pass 8 – 21 March 2014**

Dear Friends

I am delighted to inform you of a brand new event that the Lutheran World Federation (LWF) will be holding next March and to ask you to kindly promote this widely among your congregations.

**LWF Backstage Pass** offers a unique opportunity for a group of like-minded people to spend two weeks in Nepal to gain an insight into the work of the LWF.

For many years we have been in Nepal supporting Tibetan and Bhutanese refugees to improve their livelihoods through improved income generation opportunities, education and skills development. We assist vulnerable people through a variety of community-based programs including support for farm-based enterprises and cooperatives. We also support young people with general skills development and lessons in starting small business. (See our website for details: <http://www.lutheranworld.org/content/nepal>)

The visiting group will spend time with our LWF colleagues and those people whom we serve. They will also spend a week trekking high in the mountains, drinking tea with Buddhist monks and learning about how the LWF lives out its values in an interfaith context. There will be times of Christian fellowship with a truly international Lutheran team.

The program will be led by a senior LWF staff member who lived and worked in Nepal for 17 years. It will be co-led by our LWF colleagues in Nepal. The common language will be English.

One of the explicit aims of the **LWF Backstage Pass** is to raise valuable funds for the work of LWF Department for World Service program in Nepal. In addition to covering their own travel, food and accommodation costs, participants will be required to raise an additional 1,100 Euros (1,500 US dollars). More information

can be found on the LWF website including details of the itinerary, and the application form.

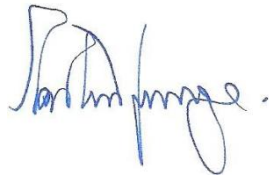
<http://www.lutheranworld.org/content/lwf-backstage-pass-expedition-nepal>

This program is the first of its kind for the LWF. It is open to any person from within the Communion. We expect a huge demand for places. We will process applications strictly in the order in which they are received. I therefore ask you to kindly distribute this letter quickly in order to avoid disappointment for those who would like to apply. Please feel free to use your own website to promote this prestigious event.

Applicants will need to be reasonably fit in order to enjoy the trekking. We also ask for applicants to be endorsed by their sending church.

I thank you in advance for supporting and promoting this exciting venture.

Yours in Christ



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General Secretary