Waystations of the Ecumenical Pilgrimage

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1. Station
1983
Vancouver WCC Assembly
Conciliar Process for Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation

2. Station
1988 – 1998
Ecumenical Decade – Churches in Solidarity with Women

3. Station
1989
40 years Church and Peace at Bienenberg
I. Europäische Ökumenische Versammlung/ European Ecumenical Assembly Basel

4. Station
1993
European Mid-Decade Conference in Corrymeela
Team-Visits

5. Station
1997
II. Europäische Ökumenische Versammlung / European Ecumenical Assembly Graz

6. Station
1998
WCC Assembly Harare: decision to launch the Ecumenical Decade to Overcome Violence
AGAPE process : The role of the churches for an „Alternative Globalisation“.
7. Station
2001

Charta Oecumenica

Charta Oecumenica III.8:
‘We commit ourselves to work for structures of peace, based on the non-violent resolution of conflicts. We condemn any form of violence against the human person, particularly against women and children. Reconciliation involves promoting social justice within and among all peoples; above all, this means closing the gap between rich and poor and overcoming unemployment. Together we will do our part towards giving migrants, refugees and asylum-seekers a humane reception in Europe. We commit ourselves to counteract any form of nationalism which leads to the oppression of other peoples and national minorities and to engage ourselves for non-violent resolutions...’

8. Station
2001 - 2010 Ecumenical Decade to Overcome Violence

9. Station
2006

ÖRK-Vollversammlung/ WCC Porto Alegre

Aufruf zur Neuverpflichtung in der Mitte der Dekade / Call for renewed commitment halfway in the decade

Beschlüsse/Decisions:

- Team-Visits
- Friedenskonvokation (Peace convocation)
- Friedensdenkschrift (Peace memorandum)
- R2P (Responsibility to protect)
- Erklärung zur Abschaffung von Atomwaffen (declaration on prohibition of nuclear weapons)
- Erklärung zu Terrorismus (declaration regarding terrorism)

10. Station
2007

III. Europäische Ökumenische Versammlung/ European Ecumenical Assembly Sibiu

11. Station
2009

C&P Conference Bienenberg: Statement on R2P
12. Station

2011

International Ecumenical Peace Convocation Kingston, Jamaica

(1) Friede in der Gemeinschaft
(2) Friede mit der Erde
(3) Friede in der Wirtschaft
(4) Friede zwischen den Völkern

C&P Conference St. Antoine: Statement on R2P

13. Station

2013

ÖRK Vollversammlung/WCC Assembly Busan:

Pilgrimage of Justice and Peace (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EmBH9TAKioC)

Prophetic, strategic and missionary dimension.
 a. Celebrating the gifts (via positiva)
 b. Visiting the wounds (via negativa)
 c. Transforming the injustices (via transformativa)

Ecumenical Call to Just Peace

4. TOGETHER WE RECOMMEND THAT THE WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES
 a. Undertake, in cooperation with member churches and specialized ministries, critical analysis of the
 “Responsibility to Prevent, React and Rebuild” and its relationship to just peace, and its misuse to justify
 armed interventions;

14. Station

2015


15. Station

2018

Arusha World Mission Conference:

Women’s Pilgrimage of Justice and Peace (the spirituality of peace building)

Report in Ecumenical Diakonia: Called to Transformative Action

16. Station

CEC Assembly Novi Sad (May/June) – s. Public Issues Statement
WCC Central Committee (June) - Theological Study Group (Fernando Enns):

Pilgrimage Team-Visits of Justice and Peace in Israel/Palestine, Nigeria and Columbia Youth Delegates

Unity, Peace, Justice

see with new eyes, when we walk, see different perspectives

Perspective of the marginalized/ Decolonize our Theology/ Go gently with our God/ Since 2013 – we are today not the same...we touched wounds/ Theology of companionship –those who share the bread on their way

*) Themes: Land and displacement/Truth and Trauma/Gender justice and discrimination/Colour and racism/Spiritual and theological challenge/Walking with the marginalized at Galilee/Speak the truth to the powers at Jerusalem/Transformative journey

17. Station

Church and Peace Conference High Leigh