

# **LWF Gender Justice Policy**

### Principles summary

#### The policy directs staff of LWF to commit to adherence to the ten Principles of Gender Justice

- 1. Promote gender justice as a theological foundation for dignity and justice for all, with gender equality as a universally recognized human right.
- 2. Uphold dignity and justice, inclusiveness and participation, mutual accountability and transparency.
- 3. Ensure equal representation and participation of women and men at all levels in decision-making positions.
- 4. Ensure gender analysis in all humanitarian and development work.
- 5. Support the empowerment of women.
- 6. Actively promote involvement of men.
- 7. Address systemic and structural practices that create barriers to full participation of women.
- 8. Ensure that key organizational policies, systems, practices, budgets, HR management, staffing, representation, training, management and decision-making bodies are gender balanced and support equal participation of women and men.
- 9. Ensure that gender analysis is built into all programs and stages of project cycles.
- 10. Engage all aspects of theology, liturgy, and devotional life from the perspective of gender justice.

## Country Programs are also to put into place the following Guidelines and Tools for Contextualized Action Plans:

- 1. Contextual assessment
- 2. Participatory approach
- 3. Declaring gender justice as a cross-cutting priority
- 4. Capacity development
- 5. Organizational arrangements
- 6. Establishing safe places and healing communities
- 7. Systems and mechanisms of mutual accountability

### Non-negotiables for LWF

- To ensure application of the 10 Principles established in the Gender Justice Policy.
- To apply the above Guidelines and Tools in daily work of the Country Programs.

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