



Rev. Dr Martin Junge

**General Secretary
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Rev. Dr. Martin Junge is the General Secretary of the Lutheran World Federation (LWF) since 2010. He is the first Latin American to hold the office of general secretary in the LWF. Prior to that he was LWF Area Secretary for Latin America and the Caribbean in the Department for Mission and Development from 2000. He was president of his home church – the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Chile from 1996.

In his term as the General Secretary, led preparations for the historic joint Catholic-Lutheran commemoration of the 500th anniversary of the reformation in Lund and Malmö, Sweden, involving Pope Francis and LWF leaders as co-hosts. Likewise, he led the increase of LWF's response to refugees to 3 million people; development of gender justice policy; mainstreaming of right based approach and active participation of youth in the life of the organization.

In recognition of his achievements, he received an Honorary Doctor of Divinity Degree from Wilfrid Laurier University in Waterloo, Ontario, Canada and an Honorary Doctor of Laws Degree from the University of Notre Dame, South Bend, Indiana, USA. He was awarded the Augsburg Peace Prize in October 2017.