

# **THE GLOBAL CHRISTIAN FORUM**

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### **Website**

The Global Christian Forum has a website: [www.globalchristianforum.net](http://www.globalchristianforum.net) with up-to-date information and access to all the main documents on the Forum, links to churches and organizations related to the Forum process, contact details of committee members etc. Suggestions for improvement of the website are welcome. A french-language version is already up and a spanish one will follow soon.

### **Global Christian Forum – Nairobi 2007**

The global gathering on the Forum will take place from 6 – 9 November 2007 in Nairobi, Kenya. The Conference of Secretaries of Christian World Communions and the World Evangelical Alliance have decided to hold their annual meetings in conjunction with the Global Christian Forum – Nairobi 2007 so that the members of their conference and international council can attend the gathering. For more news see [www.globalchristianforum.net](http://www.globalchristianforum.net) or contact the secretary at [gcforum@freesurf.ch](mailto:gcforum@freesurf.ch).

### **Latin America Consultation**

The last of the four regional consultations on the Forum will be in Latin America, on 26 – 29 June 2007 in Santiago, Chile.

### **Document on Global Christian Forum**

A comprehensive and up-to-date document setting out the background, purpose, history and process of the Global Christian Forum is available on the website [www.globalchristianforum.net](http://www.globalchristianforum.net). It exists in English and Spanish in pdf format. If you wish a copy please contact the secretary at [gcforum@freesurf.ch](mailto:gcforum@freesurf.ch)

### **Brochure on Global Christian Forum**

The brochure has been revised and updated. Copies can be ordered at [gcforum@freesurf.ch](mailto:gcforum@freesurf.ch) or by telephone, fax or letter (see above).

### **Death of Dr George Vandervelde**

George Vandervelde, member of the Continuation Committee on the Global Christian Forum passed away on 19<sup>th</sup> January in Toronto, Canada after a brief illness. A member of the Christian Reformed Church in North America, George Vandervelde was asked to join the committee in 1999, unofficially representing the World Evangelical Alliance. The first Forum consultation he attended was in September 2000 at Fuller Theological Seminary and he participated in virtually all the consultations and committee meetings since then. With his long experience in evangelical – ecumenical relations and his passion for the unity and the mission of the church he has contributed immensely to the deepening of the Forum concept and the advancement of the process. Many participants in the consultations will remember his faith, his calvinist spirituality and his wit. The Continuation Committee grieves at the loss of a dear friend and prays for his wife and family.