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# The Conference of European Churches invites all people to commit themselves to **human rights**

The Universal Declaration of Human Rights was adopted on 10 December 1948. This year we celebrate its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The Conference of European Churches invites all Christians and people of other faiths and convictions to commit themselves to the defence of human dignity. As Christians, we believe that God's creation of human beings in His own image and likeness constitutes the dignity of each individual.

**On the occasion of the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the Conference of European Churches invites all people to commit themselves to human rights**

*“On the basis of our Christian faith, we work towards a humane, socially conscious Europe, in which human rights and the basic values of peace, justice, freedom, tolerance, participation and solidarity prevail”.* This was said in the Charta Oecumenica (2001), a document on ecumenical cooperation that has been signed by Roman Catholic, Orthodox, Protestant, Anglican and Old Catholic Churches from all parts of Europe.

Our engagement as Christians in the struggle for human dignity seeks to eliminate from our world torture, persecution, denial of the basic necessities of life, prejudice, cruelty and all other violations of human rights.

Our commitment to the Universal Declaration includes the appeal to all human beings never to be indifferent to the suffering of others.

Our Lord, Jesus Christ, said “just as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you did it to me.” (Matthew 25, 40). We are all invited to put this commandment into practical action. Let us celebrate the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Universal Declaration by reaffirming our ongoing commitment to human rights.

*For more information about our human rights work, visit*

[www.cec-kek.org/content/human\\_rights.shtml](http://www.cec-kek.org/content/human_rights.shtml)

*For other information, visit* [www.knowyourrights2008.org/](http://www.knowyourrights2008.org/).

*For the text of the Charta Oecumenica, visit* [www.cec-kek.org](http://www.cec-kek.org).

*God bless all people on earth!*

*“So God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.”*

Genesis 1:27

*All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights. They are endowed with reason and conscience and should act towards one another in a spirit of brotherhood.*

Article 1 Universal  
Declaration of Human Rights

*“You shall love your neighbour as yourself. Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law”.*

Romans 13:8-10.

*Everyone has the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion; this right includes freedom to change his religion or belief, and freedom, either alone or in community with others and in public or private, to manifest his religion or belief in teaching, practice, worship and observance.*

Article 18 Universal  
Declaration of Human Rights



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