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## PERSONAL INFORMATION

Born 1981

Married, 3 children

Armenian and Swiss citizen

## LANGUAGES

ARMENIAN	●	●	●	●
FRENCH	●	●	●	●
ENGLISH	●	●	●	●
RUSSIAN	●	●	●	●
ANCIENT HEBREW	●	●	●	
ANCIENT GREEK	●	●	●	

## EXPERTISE

Biblical Theology

Ecclesiology

Ecumenical Theology

Church History

Public Speaking & Teaching

Active Listening

Critical Thinking

Fundraising

## EDUCATION

- ❖ **Ph.D. IN BIBLICAL AND THEOLOGICAL STUDIES**, Faculty of Theology, University of Lausanne, 2007-2014. The title of the thesis: "The Beatitudes in the Gospel of Matthew (5:3-12) and their Reception in Armenian Patristics".
- ❖ **Awards, PRIX DE FACULTE** from the University of Lausanne, attributed for the high-quality and originality of the thesis, 2015.
- ❖ **MA in Theology**, Faculty of Theology, University of Lausanne, 2004 – 2006,
- ❖ Certificates in classical Hebrew and classical Greek, Faculty of Theology, University of Lausanne, 2002 – 2004.
- ❖ **BA in Theology**, Faculty of Theology, University of Yerevan, 1998 – 2002.

## PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

### Professor of Ecumenical Theology / Program Executive for the Ecumenical Theological Education

[World Council of Churches](#) | March 2024 – present

### Program Executive for the Commission on Faith and Order,

[World Council of Churches](#) | July 2016 – February 2024

Main responsibilities and achievements:

- ❖ Led the work of the Faith and Order Commission's Study Group (19 commissioners) working on ecclesiology.
- ❖ Represented the WCC and the Commission on Faith and Order in various conferences and seminars. The highlight is the invitation coming from Archbishop of Canterbury, The Most Rev. Justin Welby to join the group of biblical scholars and theologians to reflect and elaborate the Bible Studies of the Lambert Conference in 2022 (*see publication section*).
- ❖ Active involvement in the WCC's major events particularly contributed in the theological reflections (ex. WCC's 11th Assembly theme and Unity Statement) and led the high-level delegations (VIPs).
- ❖ Led the work related to the WCC 11<sup>th</sup> assembly plenary Bible Studies and the biblical reflections based on the liturgical calendar.

## HIGHLIGHTS OF ECUMENICAL COMMITMENT BEFORE 2014

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- Delegate of the Armenian Apostolic Church, Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin in the 10th WCC Assembly, Busan, South Korea, in 2013. Rapporteur of the Ecumenical Conversation 3, on "Transformed by Renewal: Biblical Sources and Ecumenical Perspectives".
- Delegate of the Armenian Apostolic Church, Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin in the 13th CEC Assembly, Lyon, France, in 2009. Thematic plenary speaker on "Called to One Hope in Christ".
- Representative from the Armenian Apostolic Church in the International editorial team of Week of Prayer for Christian Unity from 2010 to 2014.
- Swiss ACAT (Action des chrétiens pour l'abolition de la torture) Leadership Committee member from 2010 to 2013.

## PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY (cont.)

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**Young Professional for the Commission on Faith and Order,  
[World Council of Churches](#) | July 2014 – July 2016**

Main responsibilities and achievements:

- ❖ Led the reception and promotion process of the Faith and Order Commission's second convergence document "The Church: Towards a Common Vision" (TCTCV).
- ❖ Translated and published TCTCV into Armenian (*see publication section*).
- ❖ Facilitated and contributed in the theological reflection during the preparation of the resources for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

**Intern in the WCC program of Justice, Diakonia and Responsibility for Creation.** The work focused on 3 main topics: Climate Change, Poverty, Wealth and Ecology; and the Ecumenical Water Network.

[World Council of Churches](#) | March 2010 – April 2011

Main responsibilities and achievements:

- ❖ Plenary speaker on the WCC work on Climate Change during the World Social Forum 2011, in Dakar, Senegal.
- ❖ Plenary speaker on the WCC work on Climate Change during the Annual Assembly of the European Christian Environmental Network 2010, in Prague.
- ❖ Drafted and edited biblical reflections on the program "Seven Weeks for Water".
- ❖ Represented the WCC in UN thematic meetings and wrote reports.

**Scientific Coordinator of Doctoral Studies at the University of Geneva/Lausanne/ Fribourg** | 2016 – 2019 October

Main responsibilities and achievements:

- ❖ Ensured the pedagogical and scientific coordination of the Doctoral Program in Theology (DPT).
- ❖ Implemented and coordinated the DPT and its [website](#).
- ❖ Developed contacts with professors and doctoral students of three faculties of theology - Universities of Fribourg, Geneva and Lausanne.
- ❖ Organized the annual colloquium of the PDT.
- ❖ Led the reflection on the future development of the Program.
- ❖ Developed contacts with other faculties of theology in Switzerland and abroad, in particular through the European doctoral network "[Théodoc](#)".

## SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

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- ❖ “Towards a Global Vision of the Church” Volume II, Cecil M. Robeck Jr., Sotirios Boukis. Ani Ghazaryan Drissi eds., Explorations on Global Christianity and Ecclesiology (Faith and Order Paper 239; Geneva: WCC, 2023).
- ❖ *Your Word is Truth*, volume 2; The Bible in Christian Traditions, Copublication of UBS and WCC, 2023, edited by Ani Ghazaryan Drissi, Rosalee Velloso Ewell, Gunnar Mägi, Dr Vasile-Octavian Mihoc, Lyn van Rooyen.
- ❖ “Towards a Global Vision of the Church” Volume I, Cecil M. Robeck Jr., Sotirios Boukis. Ani Ghazaryan Drissi eds., Explorations on Global Christianity and Ecclesiology (Faith and Order Paper 234; Geneva: WCC, 2022).
- ❖ Churches Respond to The Church: Towards A Common Vision, vol. 1, ed. Ellen Wondra, Stephanie Dietrich, and Ani Ghazaryan Drissi, Faith and Order Paper No. 231 (Geneva: WCC Publications, 2021).
- ❖ Churches Respond to The Church: Towards A Common Vision, vol. 2, ed. Ellen Wondra, Stephanie Dietrich, and Ani Ghazaryan Drissi, Faith and Order Paper No. 232 (Geneva: WCC Publications, 2021).
- ❖ Common Threads. Key Themes from Responses to The Church: Towards a Common Vision, ed. Ellen Wondra, Stephanie Dietrich, Ani Ghazaryan Drissi, Faith and Order Paper No 233 (Geneva: WCC, 2021).
- ❖ The First Letter of Peter, A Global Commentary, ed. Jennifer Strawbridge, Contributor Ani Ghazaryan Drissi, The Lamberth Conference Ltd 2020, SCM Press, London.
- ❖ “Towards a Global Vision of the Church”: The Faith and Order Commission’s work on “Broadening the table of ecclesiological dialogue”, Sotiris Boukis, Ani Ghazaryan Drissi, Krzysztof Mielcarek, International Review of Mission, (Geneva: WCC, November 2019).
- ❖ “What is Transforming Discipleship?”, Ani Ghazaryan Drissi, The Ecumenical Review, Geneva, WCC, January-April 2019.
- ❖ “The Church Is like the Homeland”, Ani Ghazaryan Drissi: A Biblical Reflection in I BELONG, Biblical Reflections on Statelessness, ed. Semegnish Asfaw, (Geneva: WCC 2017).
- ❖ ԵԿԵՂԵՑԻ. ԴԵՊԻ ԸՆԴՅԱՆՈՒՐ ՏԵՍԼԱԿԱՆ, Փաստաթուղթ n° 214 - Հավատք եւ Կարգ, «Էջմիածին» ամսագիր, 2016, էջ 78-120.
- ❖ Brochure prepared and published by Stephen Brown and Ani Ghazaryan Drissi, “Towards the Sixth World Conference on Faith and Order” Commemorating the Council of Nicaea: Where Now for Visible Unity? : [Toward the Sixth World Conference on Faith and Order | World Council of Churches \(oikoumene.org\)](https://www.oikoumene.org/en/resources/publications/towards-the-sixth-world-conference-on-faith-and-order)
- ❖ Les Béatitudes dans l'évangile de Matthieu et leur réception dans la patrologie arménienne, Ani Ghazaryan Drissi, LIT Verlag, Zurich. The book will be printed in 2024.
- ❖ **Interviews**  
RTS – Swiss radio: <https://www.rts.ch/audio-podcast/2023/audio/haut-karabakh-quel-avenir-pour-les-armeniens-26171406.html>