



# ANNUAL REPORT

## 2018

Evangelicals united globally for  
Gospel transformation



## What do we mean by “evangelical”

Evangelicals globally are incredibly diverse and vibrant people of faith! They are bound together by spiritual convictions that they consider ‘non-negotiable’, while acknowledging a wide variety of expressions in non-essential matters, such as their style of worship.

Evangelicals emphasize the importance of an individual and personal relationship with God that is not defined by any political, cultural or social association, nor automatically given by way of nominal membership of any specific denomination.

Instead, evangelicals are recognized by their high regard for the Bible as the Word of God that guides their daily lives; the conviction that salvation is only received by faith through Jesus Christ who died on the cross and was resurrected to life; that God is triune as Father, Son and Holy Spirit; and a few other core beliefs as found in WEA’s statement of faith.

Finally, evangelicals want to share the Good News (in Greek: evangelion) of Jesus Christ with others, serve those who are in need and speak up for the marginalized. Their highest commandment is to love God, and to love their neighbor as themselves.

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**WEA is a global network  
of evangelicals that unites  
churches for Gospel witness  
and discipleship.**

## Our Vision

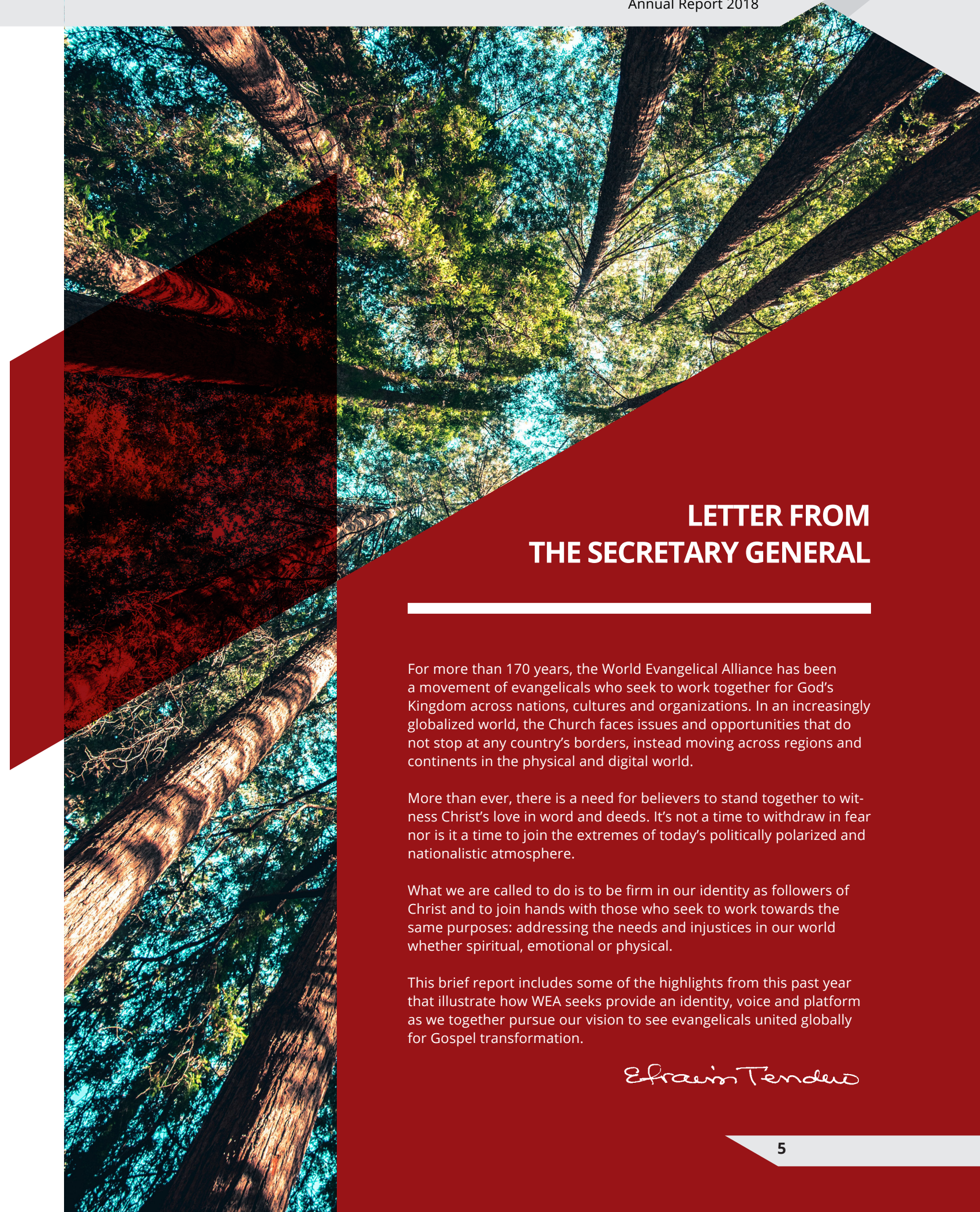
Evangelicals united globally for Gospel transformation.

## Our Mission

Fostering unity in Christ, strengthening identity, voice, and platform for Gospel witness and discipleship.

## Our Aspiration

The fullness of life for every person  
A healthy church for every people  
An equipped leader for every congregation  
The shalom of God for every nation



## LETTER FROM THE SECRETARY GENERAL

For more than 170 years, the World Evangelical Alliance has been a movement of evangelicals who seek to work together for God's Kingdom across nations, cultures and organizations. In an increasingly globalized world, the Church faces issues and opportunities that do not stop at any country's borders, instead moving across regions and continents in the physical and digital world.

More than ever, there is a need for believers to stand together to witness Christ's love in word and deeds. It's not a time to withdraw in fear nor is it a time to join the extremes of today's politically polarized and nationalistic atmosphere.

What we are called to do is to be firm in our identity as followers of Christ and to join hands with those who seek to work towards the same purposes: addressing the needs and injustices in our world whether spiritual, emotional or physical.

This brief report includes some of the highlights from this past year that illustrate how WEA seeks provide an identity, voice and platform as we together pursue our vision to see evangelicals united globally for Gospel transformation.

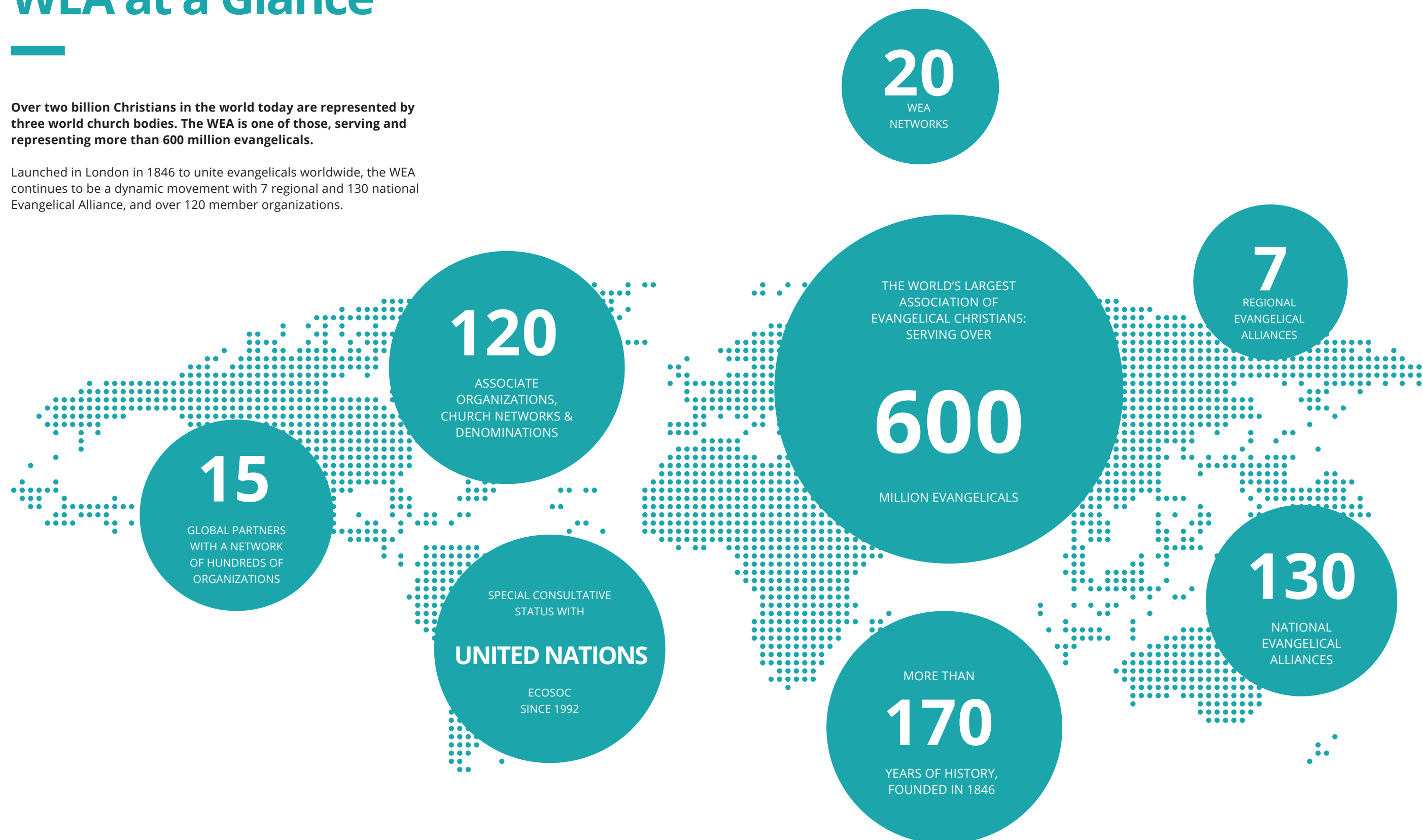
*Efraim Tendeo*



# WEA at a Glance

Over two billion Christians in the world today are represented by three world church bodies. The WEA is one of those, serving and representing more than 600 million evangelicals.

Launched in London in 1846 to unite evangelicals worldwide, the WEA continues to be a dynamic movement with 7 regional and 130 national Evangelical Alliance, and over 120 member organizations.





# Areas of Engagement

Family  
Church Health  
Humanitarian Advocacy  
Missions & Evangelism  
Religious Liberty  
Children  
Marketplace  
Human Rights  
Human Trafficking  
Women's Issues  
Youth Outreach  
Leadership Training  
Refugees  
Theology  
Creation Care  
Poverty & Corruption  
And more.

## Regional and National Alliances

### Countries with Evangelical Alliances

#### AFRICA

- Algeria
- Angola
- Benin
- Botswana
- Burkina Faso
- Cameroon
- Central Africa
- Chad
- DR Congo
- Eritrea
- Ethiopia
- Ghana
- Guinea
- Guinea Bissau
- Ivory Coast
- Kenya
- Lesotho
- Liberia
- Madagascar
- Malawi
- Mali
- Mauritius
- Morocco
- Mozambique
- Namibia
- Niger
- Nigeria
- Rwanda
- Senegal
- Seychelles
- Sierra Leone
- South Africa
- South Sudan
- Swaziland
- Tanzania
- The Gambia
- Tunisia
- Uganda
- Zambia
- Zimbabwe

#### ASIA

- Australia
- Bangladesh
- Bhutan
- Cambodia
- India
- Indonesia
- Japan
- Korea
- Malaysia
- Mongolia
- Myanmar
- Nepal
- Pakistan
- Philippines
- Singapore
- Sri Lanka
- Thailand

#### CARIBBEAN

- Antigua & Barbuda
- Barbados
- Dominica
- Grenada
- Guyana
- Haiti
- Jamaica
- St Croix
- St. Kitts
- St. Lucia
- St. Vincent & the Grenadines
- Trinidad & Tobago

#### EUROPE

- Albania
- Austria
- Azerbaijan
- Belgium
- Belgium
- Bosnia & Herzegovina
- Bulgaria
- Croatia
- Cyprus
- Czech Republic
- Denmark
- Estonia
- Finland
- France
- Germany
- Greece
- Hungary
- Ireland
- Israel
- Italy
- Kazakhstan
- Kosovo
- Kyrgyzstan
- Latvia
- Luxembourg
- Macedonia
- Netherlands
- Norway
- Poland
- Portugal
- Romania
- Russia
- Serbia
- Slovakia
- Spain
- Sweden
- Switzerland
- Turkey
- United Kingdom

#### LATIN AMERICA

- Argentina
- Belize
- Bolivia
- Brazil
- Chile
- Colombia
- Costa Rica
- Dominican Republic
- Ecuador
- El Salvador
- Guatemala
- Honduras
- Mexico
- Nicaragua
- Panama
- Paraguay
- Peru
- Uruguay
- Venezuela

#### MIDDLE EAST / NORTH AFRICA

- Egypt
- Jordan
- Palestinian Territories

#### NORTH AMERICA

- Canada
- United States

#### SOUTH PACIFIC

- New Zealand
- Papua New Guinea



## Some Highlights of 2018

For more than 170 years, WEA has worked towards creating a global network of evangelicals by providing an identity, serving as a voice for the global body of evangelicals and developing platforms to share relevant issues. Through this network, WEA is able to speak on behalf of the 600 million evangelicals in the world on national and international platforms, including the United Nations, governments, and through media.

### Evangelicals Coming Together

Core of WEA's mission is to strengthen evangelical Alliances and establish them in places they do not yet exist. After years of building relationships and momentum for partnership, leaders from several National Alliances in the Middle East and North Africa have come together to form a regional Alliance in order to strengthen their fellowship and collaboration as evangelicals in a uniquely challenging context.



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### Raising a United Voice

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### Representing Evangelicals

WEA's leadership frequently engages governments to share the perspectives or concerns of evangelicals on matters of public life. This past year, Bp Tundero met with the President of Kosovo to discuss recent national legislation affecting religious affairs in the country. He commended President Thaçi for upholding freedom of religion and promoting religious harmony among different faith groups.



### Engaging with the United Nations

WEA's Office at the UN in Geneva speaks on behalf of evangelicals at the UN's Human Rights Council. They work together with National Evangelical Alliances to raise concerns about human rights and religious liberty issues. This year, they submitted statements and reports about countries including Nepal, India, Sudan, Central African Republic, Cuba, Iraq and more.

"WEA's Geneva team made sure that the voice of the religious minorities particularly Christians from India was not unheard. I am especially grateful for the way the team guided us and helped in highlighting the



issue of targeting of minorities in India during India's Universal Periodic Review." – Rev. Vijayesh Lal, General Secretary, Evangelical Fellowship of India



Bp Tundero and UN Secretary General António Guterres met at the UN Headquarters in New York to talk about their shared concern for human rights, religious liberty and social issues. Guterres specifically acknowledged the role evangelicals played in serving refugees.



## Bible Engagement as a Priority

As evangelicals, we believe in the importance of studying God's Word and applying it to everyday life. Research over the past years has proven a variety of benefits of daily Bible study leading to a more fulfilled life.

*“There is adequate scientific evidence that demonstrates the correlation between Bible Engagement and progressive, Christlike transformation. Therefore, we campaign for better Bible Engagement among individuals and communities, beginning with evangelicals.”*

– Lloyd and Dahl Estrada,  
WEA Bible Engagement Advocates

## Empowering Women Leaders

WEA's Women's Commission continues to host regional and national trainings, events and activities, providing resource material for women who are engaged among the most disadvantaged. In the face of challenges such as poverty, exploitation and discrimination, these women leaders are role models of resilience, love and courage active in countries as diverse as Barbados, Egypt, India and New Zealand.

## Youth Reaching Youth

Young people are catching a vision for the impact churches have when they come together. One example is a gathering of South Asian youth leaders from different agencies and churches who met to dream and strategize. Outcomes included a fresh commitment to working together to reach the youth of their nations and in their words “learning how to love; proclaiming real love, in relationship”, “getting out of a minority mindset”, “hearing young people themselves”, and exploring “new uses of technology”.

## FaithInvest

In today's globalized world, Christian business leaders have a unique contribution to make to building God's Kingdom. As part of its efforts to engage with these leaders, WEA's Business Coalition announced a new platform called “FaithInvest” that will bring together some of the largest religious investors with investible projects around the world that meet specific faith-related criteria. Initially, they will focus on investing with a vision of an equal, just and environmentally sustainable world without poverty, in which no one is left behind.

## Caring for Creation in the Cities

WEA's Creation Care Task Force convened global urban leaders to attend UN-Habitat's 9th World Urban Forum in Kuala Lumpur where the Gospel and the Future of Cities: A Call to Action statement was released. It was developed to provide a biblical foundation to mobilize churches, ministries, and urban leaders to work toward urban shalom and sustainable cities during this historic period of rapid global urbanization.

## Evangelicals and World Christianity

The third Global Gathering of the Global Christian Forum in Bogotá, Colombia, brought together the widest variety of Christian traditions, with 251 church leaders from nearly every stream of global Christianity and 55 nations. As one of the founding members of the Forum, WEA is committed to engaging in honest conversations with other church traditions while holding onto its evangelical faith. WEA leaders shared biblical perspectives on “old and new relationships” between historical churches and newer expressions, and emphasized how sound theology and personal experience of God's love need to go hand in hand.



**YOUR  
KINGDOM  
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**World Evangelical Alliance  
General Assembly 2019**

**JAKARTA & BEYOND  
7-13 NOVEMBER 2019**



# Financial Report

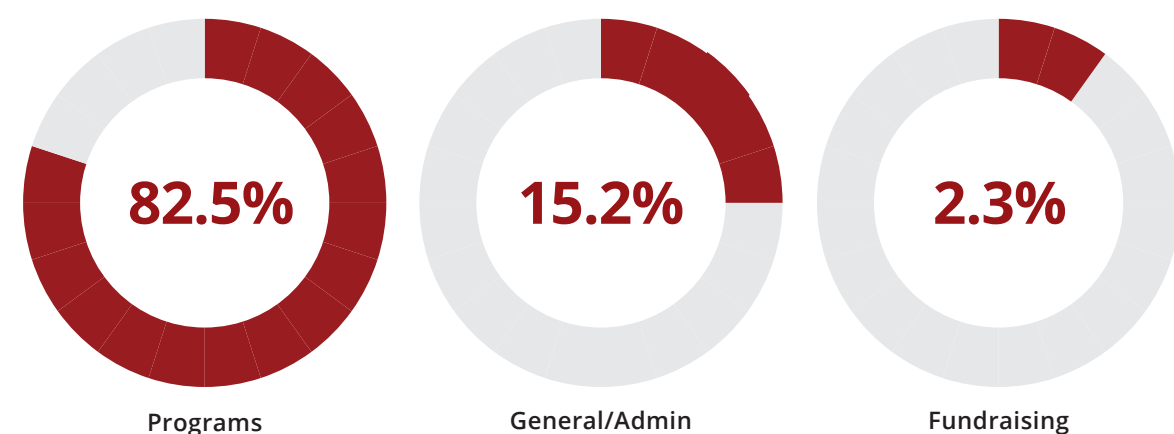
Statement Of Revenue And Expenses  
Year Ended – June 30, 2018

REVENUE	2018
Contributions and Grants	643,201
Contributed Services	1,126,904
Membership & Other Revenue	45,571
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,815,676</b>

EXPENSES	2018
Programs	1,500,546
General/Admin	276,623
Fundraising	42,015
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,819,184</b>

Change in Net Assets	\$(3,508)
Net Assets End of Year	209,114

## PERCENTAGE OF FUNDING



## Offering a Platform for Collaboration

Following months of deliberations, WEA began to introduce a new leadership structure with three core leaders that together form the Office of the Secretary General, ensuring greater efficiency and effectiveness. WEA also held elections for its International Council and is working on setting up a development office to strengthen its financial base. In the picture: IC Executive Committee, Secretary General and two Deputies.

## International Council

Rev. Dr. Goodwill Shana  
*Chairman*

Rev. Dr. Frank Hinkelmann  
*Vice-Chair*

John E. Langlois  
*Secretary*

Kenneth Artz  
*Treasurer*

Rev. Bruce Clemenger

Dr Mario Li-Hing

Ms. Judy Kalinga

Bp. Noel Pantoja

Dr. Snehal Pinto

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Rev. John O. Smith

Rev. Paul Ueki

Rev. Brian Winslade

Bp. Efraim Tenderso  
*Secretary General / CEO*





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