

**2020 ANNUAL REPORT**



*The power of unity in  
global advocacy and witness*





## 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 IDENTITY

As a global network of Evangelicals, our essentials are rooted in the triune God as revealed in the Scriptures; we follow Jesus' call to love God and to love our neighbor, we obey his prayer that we be one, and we act on his command to make disciples of all nations.



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## LETTER FROM THE SECRETARY GENERAL



2020 will be remembered as the year of COVID-19, the pandemic that had unprecedented impact on virtually every nation in the world.

**T**ravel came to a halt, even thriving economies plummeted, and due to lockdowns and social distancing, most aspects of our daily lives moved online.

In the midst of the suffering brought about by the pandemic, we are grateful that the WEA was able to respond rapidly to some of the immediate challenges that churches faced. We were already used to working remotely with a dispersed leadership team spanning five different continents. Thus, as soon as it became evident that the new virus would become a global issue with enormous consequences, we formed a task force that would bring together every aspect of the WEA, so that we could bring alignment and strength to our efforts.

Just like the pandemic affected us spiritually, emotionally and physically, so our multi-faceted response included spiritual aspects, such as a global day of prayer and fasting, devotionals, and a video series on hope; emotional aspects, such as how to deal with kids in lockdown; and physical needs with our Pastors Emergency Fund initiative

that helped provide meals for struggling pastors and their families in Africa and Asia.

We are so grateful for the many partners and members who stepped up at this time of immense need and supported the WEA in prayer and with financial gifts. We were reminded of the importance of churches and believers working together and we will continue to focus on strengthening regional and national Alliances who foster unity among churches at grassroots. The newly launched Global Institute of Leadership is just one example that you can learn more about in this report.

We thank you for your partnership and look forward with hope and anticipation for what God has in store for the WEA in 2021 and beyond.

Sincerely,

Bp Efraim Tendaro  
Secretary General / CEO  
World Evangelical Alliance

## APPOINTMENT OF NEXT SECRETARY GENERAL

**The International Council (IC) of the WEA is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr Thomas Schirmmacher as the next Secretary General / CEO. Bringing many years of experience serving in various roles in the WEA, he was unanimously affirmed by the IC.**

In announcing this appointment, Dr Goodwill Shana, Chair of the IC said, “Thomas will be known to many of you, as he has served in the WEA for many years. He is committed to building partnerships and seeing WEA contribute to the development of the global Christian community. He has a great deal of experience that we believe will benefit the WEA and we are very happy to appoint such a gifted person. We have every confidence that Thomas is able to lead WEA at this point in our life and history and with great vision for the future. We will continue to covet your prayers and support in ensuring that this very significant step proceeds smoothly and results in the strengthening of the WEA and the proclamation of the gospel around the world.”

Outgoing Secretary General Bp Efraim Tintero commented: “It is with great joy that I will be handing over the stewardship of the WEA to Thomas early next year, the person who is best prepared to lead the global body of evangelicals into the future. I saw in him the charisma, competence and capacity that is matched by the character, conviction and calling from God that are needed for such a global task. I have

full confidence that he will lead the WEA as empowered by the Holy Spirit in advancing the Good News of the Lord Jesus Christ to all nations, and effecting personal, family and community transformation for the glory of God.”

Schirmmacher responded: “I am humbled that so many esteemed leaders are putting their trust in me. Having been part of the leadership for a long time, I already feel very much at home in the WEA. Beside all my academic and socio-political involvement, the center of my convictions has always been the transforming power of the gospel of Jesus Christ for each individual and the whole world. And I see WEA as the best place to serve the Church. I feel safe in the assurance that I am carried by the prayer of millions of believers and knowing that I am standing on the big shoulders of my predecessors.”

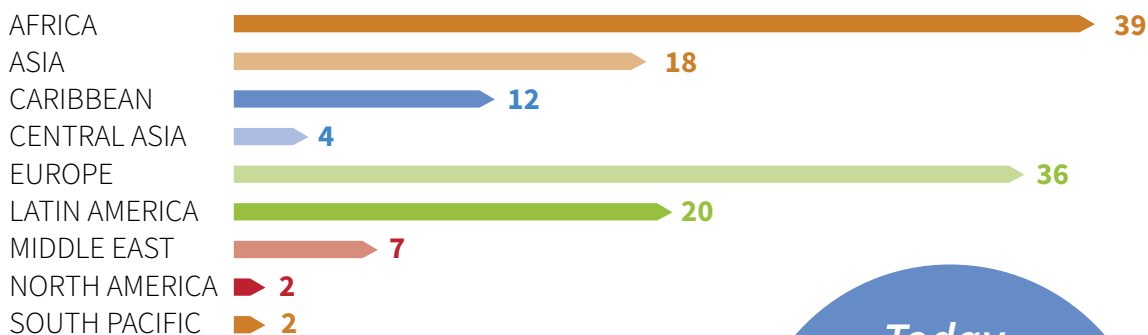
Thomas and his wife Christine have two adult children and live in Bonn, Germany. Christine is a professor of Islamic Studies at the Universities of Bonn and Leuven and also serves the WEA as Commissioner for Islamic Affairs.

For more information, go to [www.worlddea.org/sg](http://www.worlddea.org/sg).



## A BRIEF HISTORY

The World Evangelical Alliance began in 1846 as Evangelical leaders responded to justice issues including child labor, slavery and religious persecution as led by William Wilberforce. Evangelicals sought fellowship across denominational lines. Since the middle of the last century, this community has grown from 90 million to over 600 million today.



Today  
there are  
9 Regional  
and 140  
National  
Alliances.

### AFRICA

Algeria  
Angola  
Benin  
Botswana  
Burkina Faso  
Cameroon  
Central Africa  
Chad  
Democratic Republic  
of the 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  
Uganda  
Zambia  
Zimbabwe

### ASIA

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

**CARIBBEAN**  
Antigua and Barbuda  
Barbados  
Dominica  
Grenada  
Guyana  
Haiti  
Jamaica  
St. Croix  
St. Kitts  
St. Lucia  
St. Vincent and the  
Grenadines  
Trinidad and Tobago

### CENTRAL ASIA

Kazakhstan  
Kyrgyzstan  
Tajikistan  
Uzbekistan

### EUROPE

Albania  
Austria  
Azerbaijan  
Belgium  
Bosnia and  
Herzegovina  
Bulgaria  
Croatia  
Cyprus  
Czech Republic  
Denmark  
Estonia  
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Kosovo  
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  
Cuba  
Dominican Republic  
Ecuador  
El Salvador  
Guatemala  
Honduras  
Mexico  
Nicaragua  
Panama  
Paraguay  
Peru  
Uruguay  
Venezuela

### MIDDLE EAST

Egypt  
Jordan  
Palestinian  
Territories  
Qatar  
Tunisia  
United Arab Emirates  
Yemen

### NORTH AMERICA

Canada  
United States

### SOUTH PACIFIC

New Zealand  
Papua New Guinea



## ROADMAP 2030

In 2020, a vitally important, strategic planning and visioning initiative resulted in a document titled: Roadmap 2030. For more details visit [worldia.org/roadmap2030](http://worldia.org/roadmap2030), however, below we note our four core strategies:

### A. Strong Evangelical Alliances

At the heart of our family of networks are regions and countries in which there are Evangelical Alliances. The genius of this global network is that each National and Regional Alliance is truly indigenous. Founded around evangelical theology and led by called and competent people, each alliance is positioned to provide unity and collaborative action on matters of Gospel concern.

### B. Influential Voice of Advocacy

We have a unique opportunity to affect the global narrative on critical issues in both sacred and secular halls of power. With WEA's existing sphere of influence, having special consultative status in the United Nations, we will be bolder and more effective in speaking to global platforms of power.

### C. Fruitful and Broad Collaboration

WEA intentionally facilitates working relationships with a diverse coalition of networks, organizations, and denominations. As global issues and arrangements shift, we will remain alert and proactive, fostering partnerships and nurturing new and creative movements based on shared values and a common agenda, inspiring action and linking and mobilizing us within networks centered on God's kingdom.

### D. Effective Organizational Structures

Responsive and able organizational structures are critical for WEA to be effective with its Regional and National Alliances, global office and departments, partners and affiliates. A strong and dynamic organizational "backbone" is based upon a common agenda, helps measure shared outcomes, facilitates mutually reinforcing activities, and ensures connectivity among partners.



# AN ORGANIZATIONAL OVERVIEW

The global body of WEA is an international network linking National and Regional Alliances, initiating action in areas such as global advocacy for religious freedom, peace and reconciliation, missions and evangelism, women’s empowerment and environmental concerns to name a few. This chart outlines our world ministries. The International Council is elected by its many members.



**9 Regional Alliances | 140 National Alliances**





## WEA GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN JAKARTA, INDONESIA



The WEA operates under the authority of the International Council, which is elected by representatives of its Regional and National Alliances at the General Assembly (GA). In late 2019, 800 delegates gathered from 92 countries in Jakarta for fellowship, encouragement and strategic planning.

The GA set into action our new organizational model: six department leaders were assigned areas of responsibility. Even though the pandemic shut down travel, department leaders were able

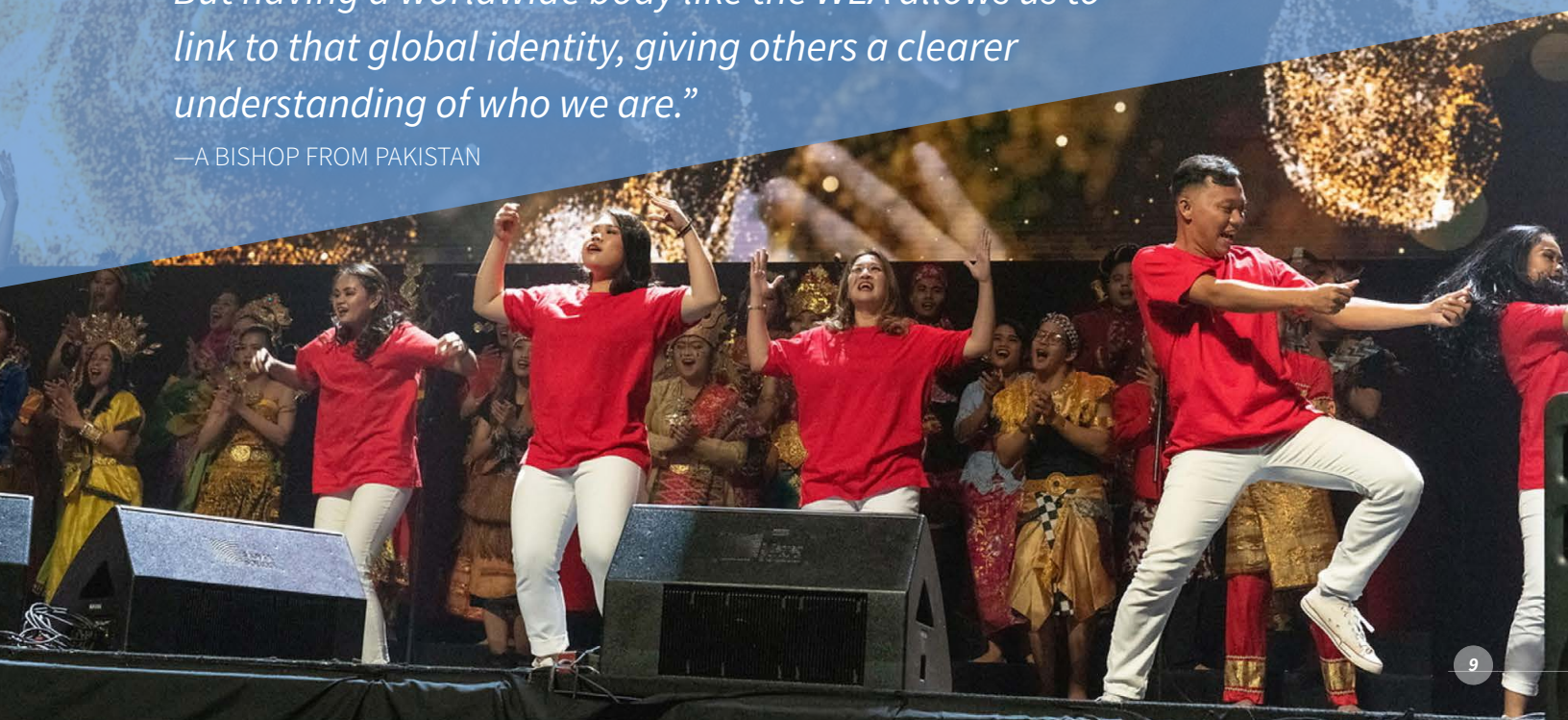
to access their commissions, task forces, and work with their staff in developing plans and setting in place strategies for their respective initiatives.

Under the banner of “Your Kingdom Come,” the historic gathering consisted of plenary sessions and workshops covering a diverse range of topics including intergenerational leadership, disciple-making in community, interfaith conversations, reconciliation and peacebuilding as well as discipleship in family.

# THY KINGDOM COME

“*Being evangelical defines what we believe and what we do. But having a worldwide body like the WEA allows us to link to that global identity, giving others a clearer understanding of who we are.*”

—A BISHOP FROM PAKISTAN





**Global Institute of Leadership Effectively Engages with National Alliances for Greater Impact**

The WEA Global Institute of Leadership (GIL) is focused on helping National Evangelical Alliances (NEA) become more effective through leadership development, coaching, and peer-learning.

In 2020, the GIL defined the core indicators of an effective NEA, and as a result helped over 70 Alliances identify their strengths, weaknesses, and priority development goals. Various tools and resources for the NEAs have been developed for improving fundraising, public engagement and strategic planning. The GIL also created a mobile app as the platform for NEA leaders to engage and grow through peer-learning.

The GIL is utilizing proven best-practices and technologies to improve WEA internal communication; encourage sustained peer mentoring; and provide focused contextualized coaching and training to better connect the various parts of the WEA and grow up its NEA members to greater health.



**Project 20.'25: Launching a Global Evangelical Clean Energy Initiative ( J A N U A R Y )**

The Global Evangelical Clean Energy Initiative is the WEA's commitment to assist 20% of the global evangelical footprint – educational institutions,

medical facilities, churches, other related entities, and households – to be powered by clean renewable energy by 2025.

Project 20.'25 –which highlights the 20 percent by 2025 commitment, is the program designed to help accomplish this goal. First partnerships have been formed in the US and Uganda, with more opportunities in Liberia, Sierra Leone, the South Pacific and Europe.



**First-Ever Joint WEA-UN Session Takes Place in the German UN Hub in Bonn ( F E B R U A R Y )**

The first ever joint session between the WEA and United Nations Agencies took place in Bonn, Germany as part of the program of the WEA Global Leadership Team Meeting.

“The World Evangelical Alliance aims at a structured dialogue and partnership with UN Agencies in order to jointly address relevant questions regarding sustainable development. Faith communities, particularly a large global network as the WEA, have unique resources, connections and outreach possibilities to contribute to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs),” Matthias Boehning, WEA UN Liaison Officer in Bonn and Director of the WEA Sustainability Center, stated.

The WEA has put an increased strategic focus on engaging with United Nations Agencies in relation to the SDGs and the Agenda 2030. The WEA, as a global umbrella body, is active in almost all areas of sustainable development: from the fight against poverty, more and better education, to advocacy for human rights, particularly religious freedom. With its Creation Care Task Force and the WEA Sustainability Center, the WEA is actively engaged in the fight against climate change, one of the current priority areas of engagement.



**WEA Global Taskforce on COVID-19 Provides Diverse Resources ( M A R C H )**

The Global Taskforce on COVID-19, established early on in the pandemic under the WEA Department of Relief and Development, aimed at offering guidance and resources to alliances, church networks, churches and families.

The newly launched taskforce website became a platform to share resources for church leaders, health professionals and business leaders, as well as theological perspectives and suggested activities for children at home. The inspirational video series “Hope in Crisis” by WEA Global Ambassador Brian Stiller still speaks to the pandemic-ridden world today.

WEA Secretary General Bishop Efraim Tendo also prepared a devotional series, “The Holy Week in Lockdown” to provide spiritual strength to families and churches leading up to Easter, as well as a video series “Alliances in Action” featuring how national and regional Alliances served their communities in the crisis. Visit [covid19.worldea.org](https://covid19.worldea.org) to find the latest information and resources.

COVID-19 pandemic. The theme “Lord, Help” was inspired by Psalm 107 where the people of Israel cried out to the Lord in their trouble and He delivered them from their distress.

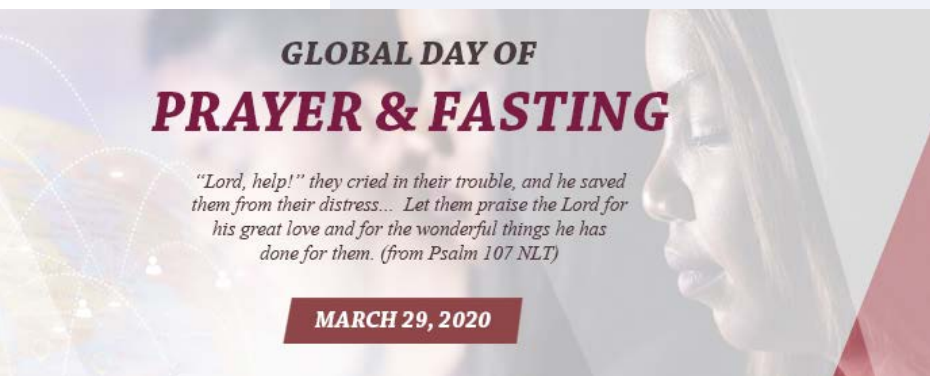
“Prayer is still the greatest help that we can give. As we pray for people in this difficult time, let us assure them of God’s love and care for those who are fearful. Let’s pray especially for all the frontline medical and government workers - for protection, good health, and wisdom in all that they do. Working together with God’s help, we shall overcome Covid-19,” said Bp Efraim Tendo, Secretary General of the WEA.



**Pastors Emergency Fund: Relief for Pastors in the Global South ( M A Y )**

The WEA launched a Pastors Emergency Fund (PEF) to support pastors in the Global South, caught by a loss of income during the pandemic. Many pastors and their families struggled for even one meal a day. They were not able to have Sunday services, which made collection of tithes for support almost impossible.

In India, Pastor Borkar and his family had no food and were praying for God’s intervention. They received a relief kit to last the family for almost 3 weeks. His wife was overcome when she saw the provision. They expressed how grateful they were to everyone who made it possible. In collaboration with National Alliances in India, Sri Lanka and Zimbabwe, the WEA’s PEF continues to bring provisions to pastors in need.



**WEA Calls for a Global Day of Prayer and Fasting amid COVID-19 Pandemic ( M A R C H )**

The WEA called for a Global Day of Prayer and Fasting on March 29, 2020 amid the worsening

**Spiritual Care Teams Reaching Out into the Neighborhoods**

( J U L Y )

Inspired by their experience at the WEA’s General Assembly in 2019, two Indonesian pastors responded to the pandemic with a new approach. Concerned that hard-to-reach church members would be left vulnerable during the lockdown, they arranged for care teams to visit members weekly, pray for them, ask about their needs and provide support. The program then expanded to their neighbors, which led to hundreds of people accepting Christ as their Lord. COVID-19 looked like a hopeless situation, but it became an opportunity to reach out into the neighborhoods.

**Evangelical Review of Theology Journal Moves Online, Available for Free**

( A U G U S T )

The Evangelical Review of Theology (ERT), a quarterly journal of WEA’s Theological Commission since 1977, has moved online in August 2020 and is now available free in downloadable PDF form.

“The new ERT will be an invaluable resource to reach the body of Christ and our partners around the world with strategic, carefully prepared messages,” said Dr. Thomas Schirrmacher, WEA Associate Secretary General for Theological Concerns and General Editor of the publication. “ERT’s new status will enable us to attract articles from some of the world’s most powerful Christian voices, as well as to communicate the insights of the WEA’s gifted leaders on a much broader platform.”

**WEA Sustainability Center Presents Biblical Approach to SDG Implementation**

( S E P T E M B E R )

The WEA Sustainability Center released a probing series of studies entitled ‘The Bible and the SDGs’, containing devotionals and supportive content related to the 17 United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The studies include reflections on Christian

responsibility in the 17 SDG areas, authored primarily by WEA Mission Commission Director Dr. Jay Matenga. The messages, packed with numerous biblical references, are accompanied by examples of featured projects and suggestions for practical action.



Through the Bible and SDGs Campaign, churches and congregations were empowered to implement creation care on a daily basis and thus become a strong, legitimate and united voice in global debates on sustainability. It also helped raise awareness among the global sustainability community that evangelicals are committed to the integrity of creation and want to actively participate in the implementation of SDGs.

**“One With Them” - the Int’l Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church (IDOP) 2020**

( N O V E M B E R )

The International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church (IDOP), commemorated on November 1st and 8th this year, has united millions of Christians in prayer for suffering members of the Body of Christ around the world.

Over the years, the IDOP has served as a platform to highlight the stories of persecuted Christians and mobilize the global Church to respond to their plight. It has also been a source

of solidarity and encouragement to persecuted Christians by reminding them that they are part of a larger, global family of believers and that they are not forgotten.





## **WEA Launches Children's Network to Equip Parents and Church to Love, Protect, Guide & Empower All Children (NOVEMBER)**

For years, the WEA together with its partners have been engaged in a variety of issues, ranging from discipleship and raising children in faith, to education and youth leadership, to social issues related to children-at-risk, such as domestic violence, orphans, unaccompanied minors and child trafficking, among others. In order to step up and coordinate these efforts more intentionally, the WEA has now launched its Children's Network with the mission of "equipping parents and the Church to love, protect, guide and empower all children."

The network will rally experts and WEA's global constituency in more than 130 countries together by providing a platform for collaboration that aims to connect global children's ministries and Evangelical Alliances; to equip Alliances, churches and families with resources; and to speak as a representative evangelical voice to United Nations, governments and media on issues related to children, and as a prophetic voice to inspire and challenge the Church to care for children with God's heart.

## **Newly Launched Christian Network to End Domestic Abuse Provides a Booklet to Equip Churches (NOVEMBER)**

The newly launched global Christian Network to End Domestic Abuse (CNEDA) aims to provide a Biblical framework on healthy relationships, so that churches can respond with care and wise sensitivity to abuse and pain in families.

On November 25th, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women, CNEDA released a booklet: A Biblical View of Relationships to End Domestic Abuse. Made available online free of charge, the booklet is full of sound Biblical teaching and practical advice to equip churches and Christian organizations.

## **Re-Forma: A Solution for the "90 percent"**

With the enormous growth of evangelical Christianity, we can't train pastors fast enough. Today, more than 90 percent of all evangelical pastors (over 2 million worldwide) and additional millions of Christian workers lack sufficient ministry training. Not only does their limited training create numerous pastoral and theological problems, but in many countries, governments

deny official recognition to ministers who cannot demonstrate certification.

Re-Forma, an independent organization affiliated with WEA's Theological Commission, is addressing this problem through an innovative certification program that follows a set of ministry standards applicable to pastors and Christian workers anywhere in the world.

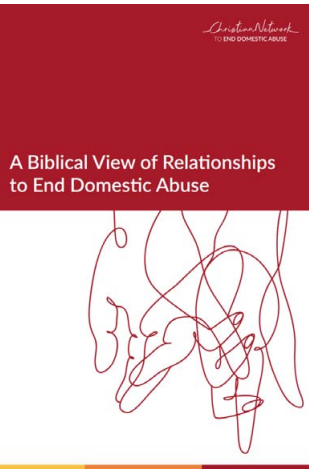


Under the guidance of an approved evaluator, candidates submit a test designed to evaluate their biblical knowledge and ministry capacities. Upon successful completion, Re-Forma awards candidates a Certificate of Biblical Training for Ministry endorsed by the WEA—the first-ever global standard for ministry training and a game changer for public leadership and ministry. For more information visit [www.re-forma.global](http://www.re-forma.global).

## **Advocating for Religious Freedom at the United Nations in Geneva (ALL YEAR)**

The WEA's Geneva Liaison Office exists to strengthen the voice of the more than 600 million evangelicals worldwide in order to achieve positive structural changes in their countries, improving the rule of law, freedom of conscience and of religion, minority rights, social justice and good governance.

Speaking at the UN Human Rights Council and Human Rights Committee, WEA shed light on recent challenges related to religious freedom in countries such as Algeria, Iran, India, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Turkey and Nepal, among many others. The WEA also submits recommendations to the Universal Periodic Review (UPR), a peer-review process at the UN aimed at improving the human rights situation, where every nation's human records are questioned thoroughly every three years.



# FINANCIALS

## REVENUE 2020

**Global Office Revenue<sup>1</sup> \$2,442,350**

## EXPENSES

Ministry Programs<sup>2</sup> \$1,773,706

Global Network Support<sup>3</sup> \$422,828

Fundraising \$184,657

**TOTAL \$2,381,191**

Change in Net Assets \$61,159

Net Assets Beginning of Year \$1,488,961

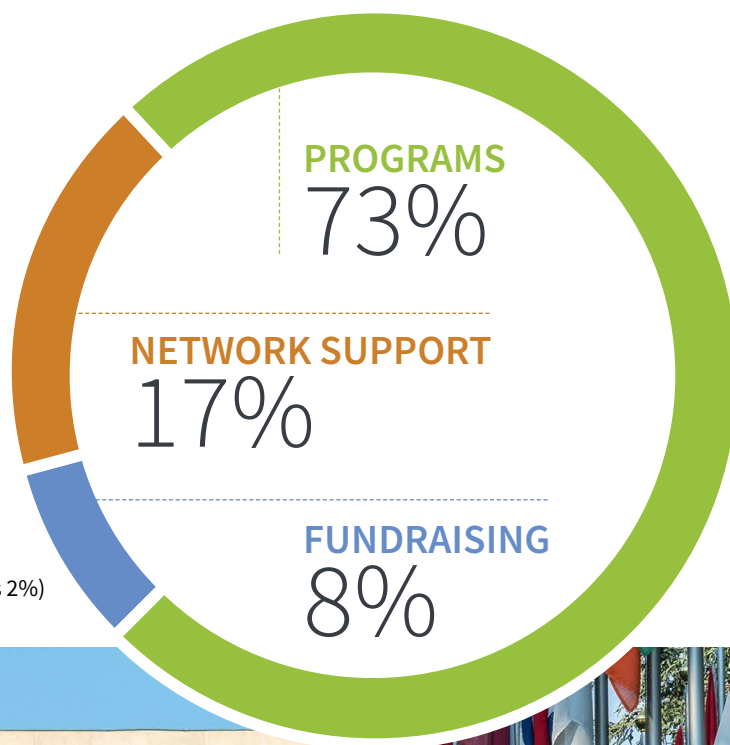
Net Assets End of Year \$1,550,120

<sup>1</sup> Not included are revenues generated directly by WEA Depts, Commissions and National Alliances

<sup>2</sup> Includes support of: WEA U.N. Advocacy Offices, Global Institute of Leadership, religious freedom & persecution, relief & development, creation care, theology commission, peace & reconciliation and other

<sup>3</sup> Includes: Global leadership team and office, communications and public media, National Alliances support

\* Amounts are in U.S. \$



# INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL



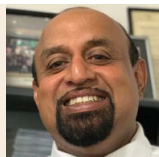
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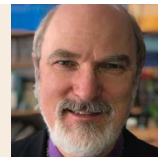
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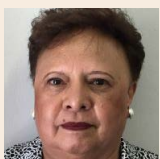
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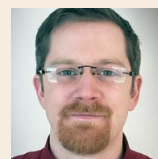
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 Officer



**Dr. Brian C. Stiller**  
 Global Ambassador

*Forget the former things;  
do not dwell on the past.  
See, I am doing a new thing!  
Now it springs up;  
do you not perceive it?  
I am making a way in the  
wilderness and streams  
in the wasteland.*

—ISAIAH 43:18-19



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