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WORLD EVANGELICAL ALLIANCE

Uniting

Evangelicals
since 1846 for

**Global Gospel
Transformation**

2023

Ministry Highlights

Here is one thing that would complete my joy—come together as one in mind and spirit and purpose, sharing in the same love. Philippians 2:2



In 1846, the World Evangelical Alliance was formed as Evangelical leaders responded to justice issues including child labor, slavery and religious persecution. 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.



Our Vision

Evangelicals united globally for Gospel transformation.



Our Mission

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



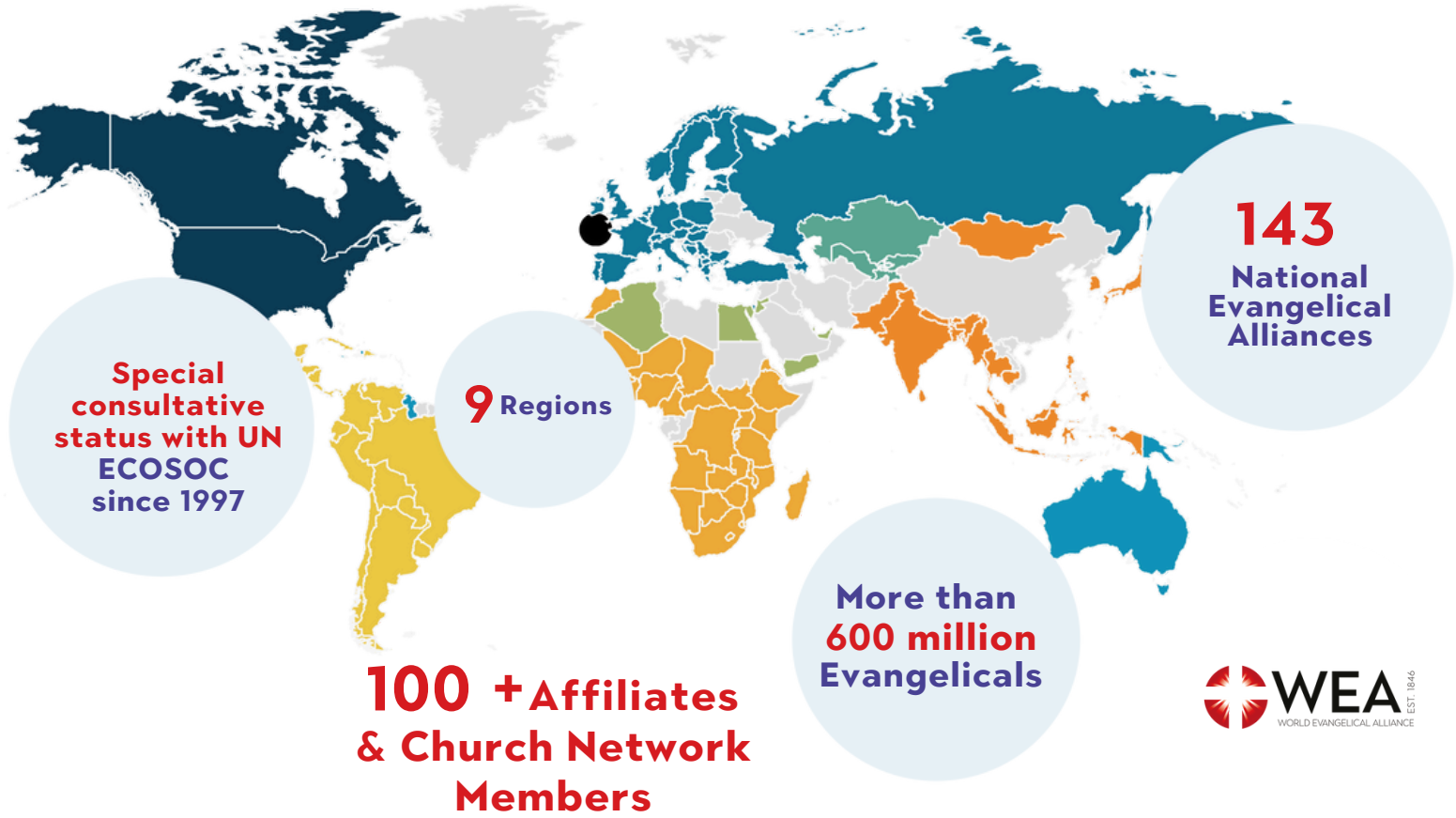
Our Values

Christ - Centered
 Kingdom - Oriented
 Unity - Based
 Collaboration - Focused
 Global - Minded



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for Prayer,
Mission & Justice.



Word from the Office of the Secretary General

The World Evangelical Alliance (WEA) is a grassroots, global movement that strives to unite evangelicals across denominational, cultural and geographic boundaries for the sake of the gospel. In this report, we are humbled to report our highlights for 2023 in ways we have catalyzed Evangelicals to witness the good news to every person, engage the church to yield lasting fruit and to advocate for religious freedom and the persecuted.

EVANGELICALS globally are diverse people of faith. We are bound together by theological convictions that are ‘non-negotiable’, while acknowledging varied expressions of faith in non-essential matters.

We emphasize an ongoing personal relationship with God that is not defined by any political, cultural, social or denominational affiliation. The Bible is inspired, inerrant and the infallible Word of God. We believe that salvation is only received by faith through Jesus Christ who lived, died and resurrected.

Finally, our love for God compels us to share this love with others. We want to be witnesses of the evangelion of Jesus Christ to others. This include serving them and advocating for the marginalized.

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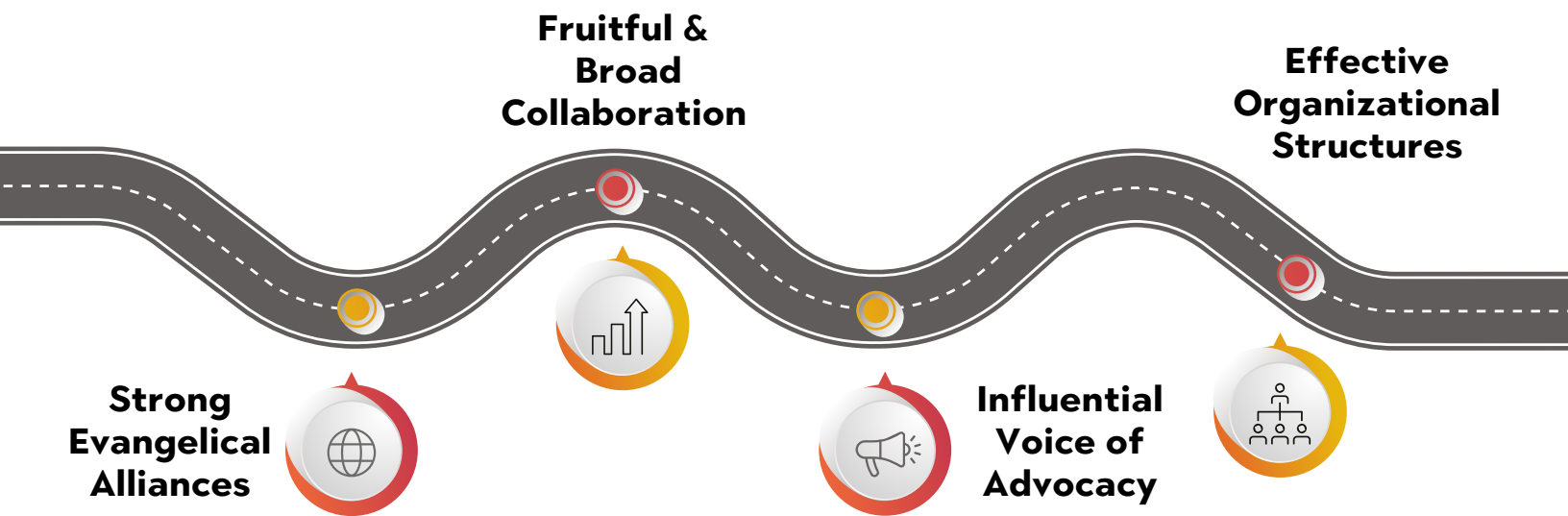
Prof. Dr. Thomas Schirmacher resigned as the Secretary General at the end of March 2024 due to health reasons. WEA is grateful for his service and wishes him a speedy recovery.

OUR STRATEGY

2030 ROADMAP



Our efforts to realize the WEA’s vision and fulfil its mission and unique role encompass four essential strategies. These strategies enable action, give mobility and provide clarity as we are focused on Jesus Christ, empowered by the Spirit of God and committed to Gospel witness and discipleship.



WHAT IS AN ALLIANCE?

An Evangelical Alliance is a representative group of Christian leaders who have agreed to work collaboratively together to see the kingdom of God advance within their nation or region. They are leaders who believe the mission of God is achieved “better together.”

Strategic Priority #1

Strengthening National Alliances in 2023

To support leaders in building vital, visible and vibrant Evangelical Alliances as they mobilize churches, mission agencies and other networks towards a common agenda in their witness for Christ and advancement of God's kingdom.

- **Country Visits** to over 25 countries to engage national alliances as well as work on developing new alliances through strengthen unity of the churches and supporting religious legitimization. One highlight was the gift of a piece of land for Evangelical Churches Alliance Qatar [ECAQ] the 'House of the Lord.'
- **Crisis Response** to support churches to be the hands and feet of Christ. WEA provided capacity building and brokered relationships for our alliances to serve the community tangibly in countries like Afghanistan, Sudan, Ethiopia, Israel, Gaza, Morocco, Ukraine.
- **Global Institute of Leadership** organized zoom calls to build healthy national alliances through training and coaching on seven qualities
- **Platforms for shared learning of key evangelicals:**
 - 172 missions leaders age 26 to 76, gathered in Chiang Mai, Thailand for the 15th Global Consultation of the WEA Mission Commission
 - 262 strategic invited leaders in the Future of the Gospel Forum with key topics like holistic disciple-making
 - 230+ millennials recommitted themselves in the Emerging Leaders' Summit



PASTORS SUPPORT REPORT

The Response Ukraine Special Taskforce (TRUST)

in collaboration with the Council
of Evangelical Protestant
Churches of Ukraine



People in a line to receive aid from a church led by one of the pastors supported by the program.

In 2023, WEA TRUST, in collaboration with the Council of Evangelical Protestant Churches of Ukraine, launched a special program to provide financial support and recuperation to Ukrainian pastors suffering from Russian aggression.

Hundreds of Ukrainian pastors are—both literally and metaphorically—on the front lines of the war in Ukraine. As the devastating Russian invasion rages, **pastors play a key role in nurturing and supporting their local communities, as well as in helping refugees, internally displaced persons, and soldiers who protect their homes.** This takes a tremendous toll on their lives and well-being. Many Ukrainian pastors lack basic means of sustaining their families, endure serious health issues, and risk their lives daily to remain beacons of hope and faith amid unimaginable terror and destruction.

The program encompasses **13 church unions** and denominations and has impacted **678 pastors**, including those serving on the front lines or in occupied territories, military chaplains, and many pastors who have lost their home or income.

678 PASTORS SUPPORTED

537
WITH
RECUPERATION

51
WITH
PHYSICAL NEEDS

90
WITH BOTH
NEEDS

“ Risking one’s life is a difficult choice. The motivation for doing so was this realization: if unbelievers are standing there knowing that they may die, then how can I, a believer, not stay here, preach to them, and be with them? ”

— a pastor from southern Ukraine who risked his
life to serve soldiers on the front line

Strategic Priority #2

Fruitful and Broad Collaboration in 2023

Prophetically develop and champion a common agenda for the global evangelical movement for today's world through pursuing broad, purposeful collaboration at all levels of thinking and practice for maximum effectiveness.

- **Strengthen** global networks in missions, children, family, youth, women, arts for healthy churches.
- **Connect** like-minded organizations and networks in the public space on matters of reconciliation and human trafficking.

Other key collaborating initiatives include:

- **What is Evangelicalism?** WEA began the conversation with a global survey in collaboration with the Kirby Laing Centre for Public Theology in Cambridge.
- **Evangelical Chinese Platform** WEA inaugurated the World Chinese Christianity Alliance, a global platform uniting Chinese diaspora Christians and ethnic Chinese countries to share resources
- **Climate Change** The WEA Sustainability Center (WEASC) was co-hosts and co-organizers of the first ever Faith Pavilion at the UN Climate Change Conference (COP28) in Dubai, United Arab Emirates. This pavilion enabled the voices of faith actors to be shared in the form of messages to the negotiating parties at the UN Climate Change Conference.
- **Holy Land Response** WEA published a call to prayer that all believers, whatever their political perspectives, could endorse. Additionally, WEA rallied its global networks to support its alliances with serving the people on the ground.



Strategic Priority #3

Influential Voice of Advocacy 2023

To strengthen credible Christian voices within the public sphere at the national, regional and global levels on critical and contemporary issues. This is done primarily through research, advocacy and empowering Evangelical Alliances to mobilize churches and civil society in mitigating violations of religious freedom and advocating for the marginalized or oppressed.



Recognizing the strategic importance of the UN as the single, most significant, multi-lateral governmental institution in the world, the advocacy team

- **Builds relationship** with key country missions and UN entities to address the requests of our constituencies.
- **Submitted national reports** to the UN highlighting religious freedom issues in India, Nigeria, Sri Lanka, Pakistan, Yemen, Eritrea, France, Algeria. We also reported on human trafficking in Malaysia and submitted a report on the paradox of hate speech laws.
- **Developed oral statements** on topics related to human trafficking, registration of places of worship, peace, food security, condemning religious extremism, blasphemy laws and the paradox of hate speech laws.
- The WEA International Institute for Religious Freedom was given the **Global Religious Freedom** Index to measure religious freedom. It has also developed a Violent Incidents Database to provide accurate data on religious persecution that can be used for international advocacy.
- **Participation in COP28**, advocating for creation care and were instrumental in establishing a Faith Pavilion that showcase different faith perspectives in relation to creation care.



Strategic Priority #4

Effective Organizational Structures

To enhance WEA’s various organizational structures so as to keep pace with the growth and needs of departments, alliances and the movement as a whole.



In its pursuit to unite Evangelicals across the world, the WEA is a multi-layered organisation made up of 143 national alliances as its grassroots foundation. National Alliances are aggregated into Regional Alliances that together with affiliated members and partners form the broader WEA family.

This structure is served by the International Council, working through the executive committee and the Office of the Secretary General (OSG), The OSG is currently made up of the Executive Chair (awaiting appointment of a substantive SG/CEO and supported by two Deputy Secretary Generals (DSGs)

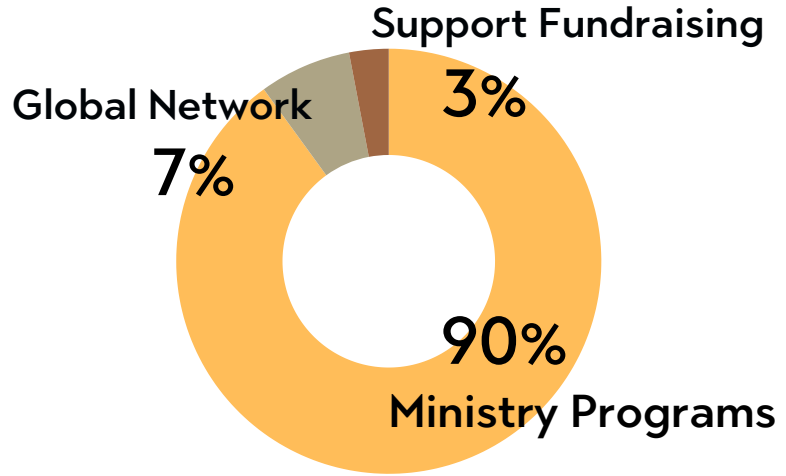
Through the Senior Leadership Team and in liaison with the Regional General Secretaries, the OSG superintends operational and ministry departments that serves the WEA family.

In the short to medium term, the OSG is focused on ensuring organisational stability, clarity, focus, cohesion, vision and missional leadership. Current efforts are underway to monitor, assess and recommend better organisational alignment and develop financial strategies that will ensure that WEA is focused, functional and effective in serving its members and delivering on its mandate.

Financial Update

REVENUE 2023

Global Office Revenue	\$3,260,902
EXPENSES	\$3,161,082
Ministry Programs	\$223,231
Global Network	\$113,087
Support Fundraising	\$3,497,400
TOTAL	



Change in Net Assets	(\$236,498)
Net Assets Beginning of Year	\$993,469
Net Assets End of Year	\$756,971

1. Not included are revenues generated directly by WEA Depts, Commissions and National Alliances
2. Includes support of: WEA U.N. Advocacy Offices, Global Institute of Leadership, religious freedom & persecution, relief & development, creation care, theological commission, peace & reconciliation, Pastor’s Emergency Fund and other
3. Includes: Global leadership team and office, communications and public media, National Alliances support
4. * All amounts are in USD



WEA has been a charter member of the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability since 1980.



Your gift will make a difference

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The WEA has physical offices in New York, Bonn, Geneva and Manila. The diverse ministry is sustained through an efficient blend of multi-sourced revenues and valuable contributed services. Depending on the strategic priority of the ministry, Global Operations works on securing revenues through internationally sourced donations and membership fees. This totals approximately \$5 million USD annually. Finances are overseen by the International Council in general and Finance Committee specifically. Annual audits and reports are conducted and prepared by independent Chartered Accountants.

In 2023 WEA continues to be dependent on the generosity of a small group of individuals, foundations and family trusts who understand our unique ministry of uniting and empowering the global evangelical church. Pray with us as we look towards developing, diversifying and deepening WEA’s funding and revenue base. This includes the membership fees of the national, regional and affiliate members as well as the continued generous and strategic giving of those who believe in the vision of the WEA.

ABOUT OUR MEMBERS

The World Evangelical Alliance (WEA) embraces member-bodies whose identity and vocation are rooted in historic biblical Christianity. The WEA affirms and seeks the biblical unity of Christ’s body, the Church, celebrating the diversity of practices and theological emphases consistent with the WEA Statement of Faith, recognizing the existing dynamic tension between undeniable unity and marvelous diversity.

Its members join in common concern to live and proclaim the Good News of Jesus amongst all nations and peoples, seeking holiness, justice, and transformation at every level: individual, family, community, and culture. In this way the Father is honoured, the kingdom of his Son is extended, and the Holy Spirit’s empowering presence moves freely in gifting, community renewal, and ministries.

There are three types of membership with the WEA:

- **Regional & National Alliances** are regional evangelical fellowships and their national fellowships/alliances.
- **Affiliate Members** are independently incorporated organizations with their own specific ministries and accountability, an international scope of ministry across at least two regions, and the capacity and authority to serve in and beyond the WEA community.
- **Church Networks & Denominations** are located in a number of countries in at least two regions and which are organized with a written constitution.



- Association of Evangelicals in Africa
- Asia Evangelical Alliance
- Evangelical Association of the Caribbean
- Central Asia Evangelical Alliance
- European Evangelical Alliance
- North American Evangelical Alliance
- Alianza Evangélica Latina
- Middle East Evangelical Alliance
- South Pacific Evangelical Alliance

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Advocates International
 AM International
 Asia Theological Association
 Asian Access
 Barnabas Aid
 Bakke Graduate University
 Barnabas Relief Fund
 Bible Discovery
 Bible League of Canada, the
 Biblica
 Calling Ministry
 Campus Missions International
 CEDAR Fund
 Center for Mission Mobilization
 ChinaSource
 Christian Endeavor World Union
 Christopher Sun Evangelistic Association
 COMIBAM - Cooperation of Mission from Latin America
 Continuing Evangelical Episcopal Communion (CEEC)
 Creatio International
 Crossroads Christian Communications Inc.
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 David Chung Ministries International
 Diakonos International
 EFCA Reach Global
 Elim Center International
 EnArche Institute
 Engineer Ministries International
 Evangelical Presbyterian Church
 Every Home for Christ International
 Every Nation Churches & Ministries
 Faith & Family Foundation
 Finnish Lutheran Overseas Mission
 Frontier Ventures
 Frontiers USA
 Gather25
 Global Outreach Day
 Global Scholars
 Gospel & Information Technology
 Healthcare Christian Fellowship International
 Holy Bible Society
 Integral Alliance
 International Association for Refugees
 International Association of Evangelical Chaplains
 International Christian Medical and Dental Association (ICMDA)
 International Council for Evangelical Theological Education - ICETE
 International Evangelism Association
 International Justice Mission
 International Needs Network
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 One Collective
 OneHope
 Open Doors International
 Operation Mobilisation
 The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada
 Pioneers International
 Power to Change
 Refugee Highway Partnership
 Reliant Mission
 RREACH
 Saint Luke Society
 The Salvation Army
 Scripture Union International Council
 SEE Global
 SIL International
 SIM International
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 TEAM - The Evangelical Alliance Mission
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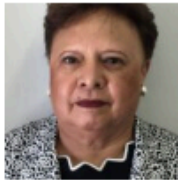


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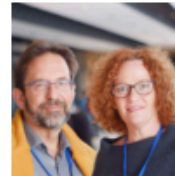
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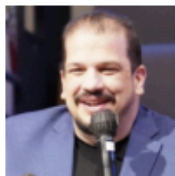
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