

2024

ANNUAL REPORT



Uniting
Evangelicals
since 1846

Global Gospel
Transformation

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. Throughout its history, the WEA has played a pivotal role in amplifying the voices of evangelicals on important global issues, from the enduring commitment to evangelism and discipleship to religious freedom and alleviation of human suffering to environmental stewardship.



Our Vision

Evangelicals united globally for Gospel transformation.



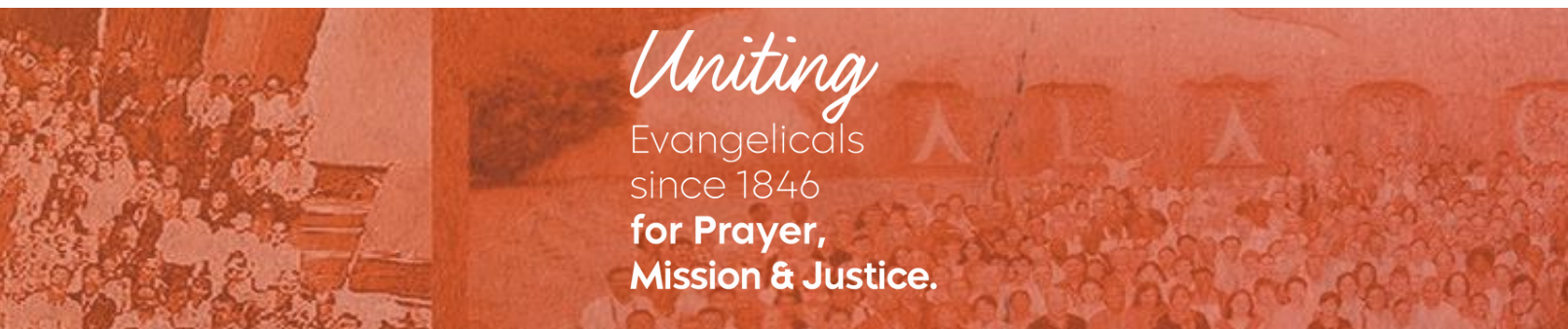
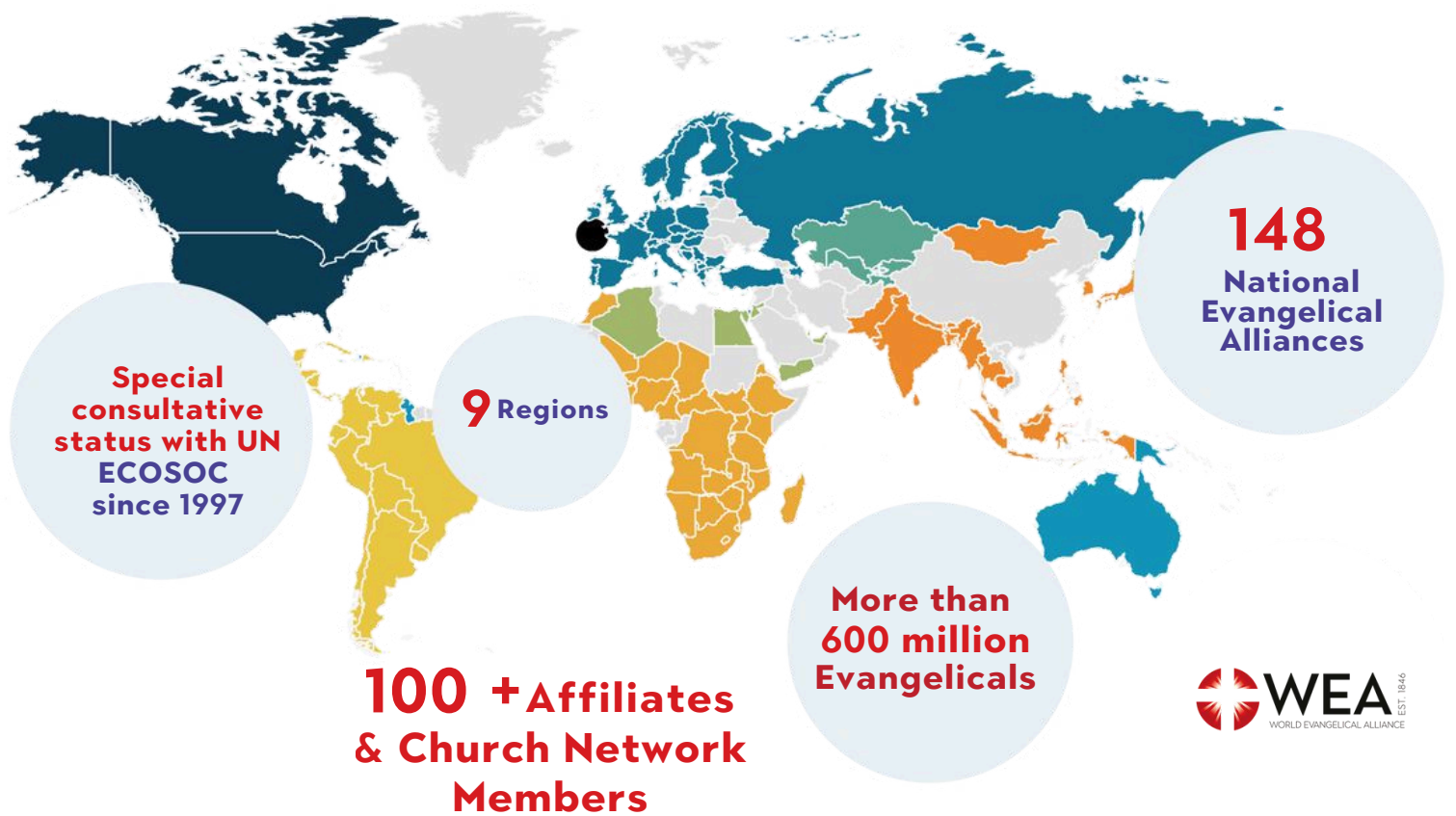
Our Mission

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 Executive Chair and the Office of the Secretary General

The year 2024 marked a decisive and challenging chapter in the continuing story of the World Evangelical Alliance's (WEA) 179-year history. It was a year of transition, reflection, and renewal—defined by significant leadership changes in the Office of the Secretary General, internal review processes, renewed and sustained commitment to the mission of representing, equipping, and serving the global evangelical community. In the midst of change and scrutiny, the WEA remained faithful to its calling to serve the global evangelical family, standing as a united evangelical voice for the Gospel, justice, and human dignity across more than one hundred and forty national alliances worldwide.



LEADERSHIP TRANSITION AND INSTITUTIONAL CONTINUITY

Early in 2024, the WEA experienced a major transition in leadership following the departure of Dr. Thomas Schirmacher from his role as Secretary General and Chief Executive Officer. His departure brought to a close a distinctive period of service marked by advocacy, theological engagement, and global partnerships. The International Council (IC), acting in accordance with its constitutional mandate, moved swiftly to ensure stability and continuity by requesting the Chair of the IC, Dr. Goodwill Shana, to assume interim executive oversight as Executive Chair. This arrangement was designed as a temporary exigent measure to preserve organizational stability, sustainability, functionality and coordination while the search for a new Secretary General was initiated.

The transitional period tested the institutional resilience of the WEA. It required not only administrative adjustments but also renewed commitment from the IC, the Office of the Secretary General (OSG), and regional and national alliances to sustain the mission amid uncertainty. The interim phase brought into sharper focus the importance of clearly defined structures, governance roles, improved internal communications, and unified leadership in the face of external and internal challenges. The Executive Chair immediately set about ensuring that communication, connection, communion and cohesion was initiated through regular and inclusive dialogue between the Senior Leadership Team and Regional General Secretaries. These brought stability and co-ordination.

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PREPARATION FOR THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2025

Throughout 2024, preparations advanced for the upcoming General Assembly to be held in Seoul, South Korea, in October 2025. This Assembly is expected to mark a significant milestone in WEA's history, both as a moment of renewal and as the formal occasion for the installation of a new Secretary General. The OSG and IC worked jointly with the Seoul Organizing Committee, led by key partners such as SaRang Church, Yoido Full Gospel Church, and the Korean Evangelical Fellowship, to lay the groundwork for the Assembly. Administrative processes were refined to ensure that national and regional alliances would participate as members in good standing, fully eligible to vote and engage in the constitutional and strategic deliberations that will shape the next phase of the WEA's journey.

OUTLOOK

As 2024 concluded, the WEA stood at the threshold of a new season. The challenges of leadership transition and internal reform had given rise to renewed institutional humility and commitment to unity, accountability, and faithfulness to the Gospel. The lessons of the year underscored the enduring truth that the strength of the WEA lies not only in its structures or leadership, but in the shared vision and faith of the global evangelical community it represents. As the Alliance enters 2025, it does so with clarity of vision, strengthened governance, and a firm resolve to proclaim the Gospel faithfully to every nation, tribe, and people.

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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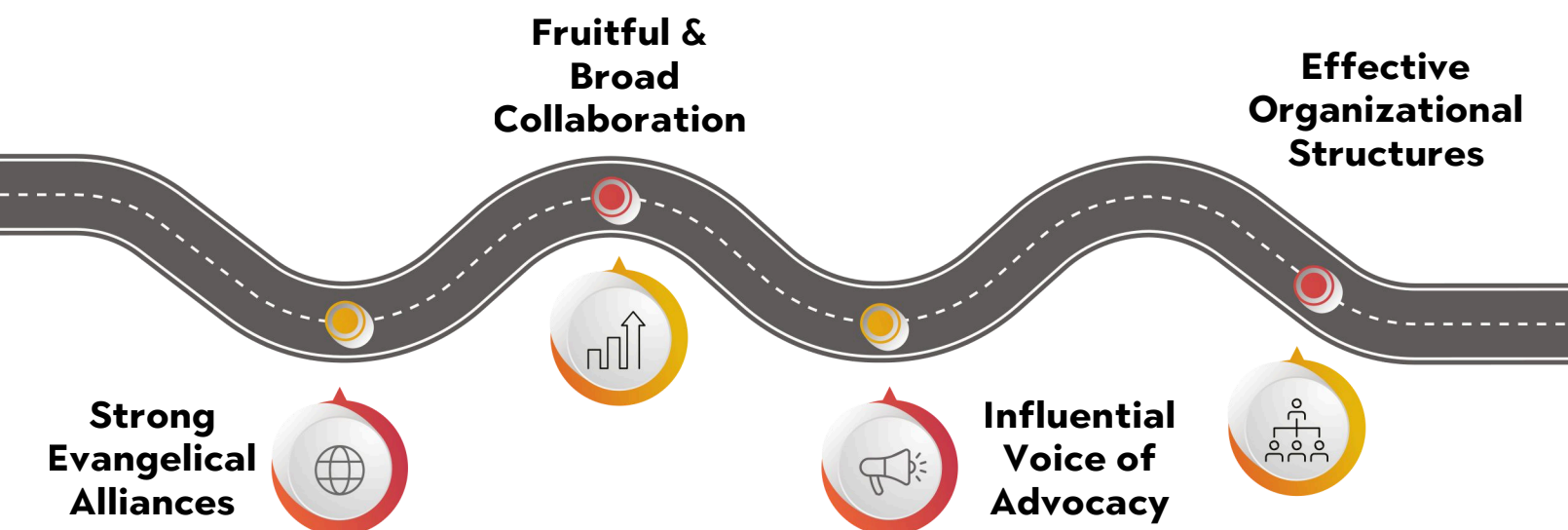
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OUR STRATEGY

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 2024

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.

- We worked with regional alliances around the world to augment their impact. This included actively contributing to the regional General Assemblies in the Middle East and North America as well as Asia. We worked with the team of speakers for alliances to equip local leaders in countries like Papua New Guinea, Japan, and Vietnam.
- **Lobbying for UAE/ Dubai National Alliance** -facilitated meetings with the government to lobby for the legal right to meet for worship in Dubai. This is still a work in progress, but there are positive indications for the recognition and registration of evangelical churches in that region.
- **Qatar Land Grant**- Working with Evangelicals in Qatar, the Qatari Government agreed to give land to build an evangelical center that would be a base for all evangelical churches in Qatar. The government agreed to recognize and register 61 Evangelical churches.
- **Humanitarian Response**—We continued our humanitarian response in Ukraine, supported Christians in Syria and the Holy Land, and provided capacity building for alliance leaders in the MENA region on humanitarian standards. We also worked with the African region and facilitated humanitarian intervention in Ethiopia and Sudan through the Association of Evangelicals in Africa.



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- **Prayer Mobilization** - organizing prayer meetings for alliances that are in particular crisis to intercede collectively as well as increase awareness of global issues. This included prayer for the anniversary of the kidnapping in Israel as well as prayer for Gaza and Syria. Prayer Mobilization is to be further strengthened by the establishment of a new Prayer Network to be led by Brian Alarid the President of World Prays.
- **Board governance training seminars** - At the initiation of the Executive Chair, Board governance training seminars has been carried out in 4 African nations- Zimbabwe, Zambia, Malawi, & Swaziland, while G.I.L has conducted governance training in Latin America and Asia, to further develop national and regional alliances.



The war in Ukraine is in its third year. The frenzied Russian onslaught continues on the frontlines, taking hundreds of Ukrainian lives every month. Constant and indiscriminate bombardment of residential areas and civilian infrastructure by Russian drones, missiles, and bombs devastates families and turns homes into rubble. Ukrainians hold firm, but staying strong for years with no end in sight is exhausting. Like never before, we need your prayers for the Ukrainian people, government, military, and believers and for a just and lasting peace in the entire region.

THE RESPONSE UKRAINE SPECIAL TASKFORCE **WEA TRUST**

Local churches continue to spearhead the Christian response to the devastating war. Following the successful 2023 Pastors Support project, WEA TRUST, in collaboration with the Council of Evangelical Protestant Churches of Ukraine, launched a follow-up Church Support project that took place between April and September of 2024. Ukrainian churches and denominations were given an opportunity to request funding for their most urgent needs. **Of the 12 denominations and networks that participated in the project, 11 identified supporting pastors and chaplains as one of the primary needs.**

The response from the churches has once again highlighted the crucial role of pastors in their communities and ministries, and on the frontlines. Based on this feedback from our partners on the ground, we decided to make pastors the primary focus of this project while also providing funding for other urgent requests, such as spreading the gospel among refugees and others displaced by the war.

Between April and September of 2024:

12

DENOMINATIONS AND CHURCH
NETWORKS SUPPORTED

190

PASTORS RECEIVED FUNDS TO
SUPPORT THEIR FAMILIES, MEDICAL
NEEDS, AND REHABILITATION

65

PASTORS AND THEIR FAMILIES
RECEIVED SUPPORT FOR RECUPERATION
SEVERAL CHAPLAIN TEAMS
RECEIVED DIRECT SUPPORT

2,000

BIBLES WERE DISTRIBUTED
BY CHAPLAINS



RESPONSE TO

HOLY LAND



The outbreak of war between Israel and Hamas has produced horrible levels of human tragedy, with no end in sight. Amidst this unfolding disaster, World Evangelical Alliance has come forward with a balanced, strategic solution that incorporates prayer and action and reflects Christ's love for all people

PROGRAM	DESCRIPTION	IMPACT
Food Assistance	Provided warm meals to individuals and families affected by the conflict.	People fed through regular warm meal distribution.
Employment Support	Supported local Christian communities through job creation and stability by helping recent graduates, unemployed individuals, and workers affected by the war.	Provided livelihood opportunities to Christian population



"Thank you for providing us with warm meals. With the ongoing conflict, we do not have the luxury of having such meals."



Tamer married with a family was forced to leave his work. He was selected for the program started working in an organization for people with special needs. Both Tamer and the director enjoyed working together and his life was completely transformed. We continue to pray for Tamer and his wife and children. The director of the disability organisation is currently considering employing him even after the program ends.

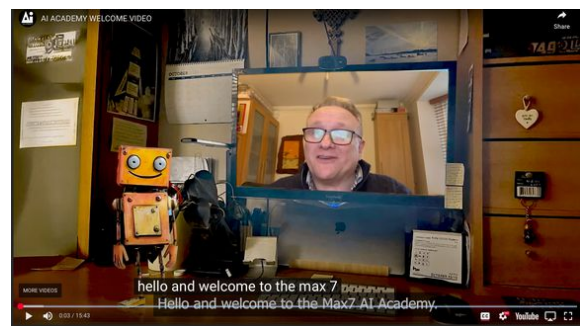


Strategic Priority #2

Fruitful and Broad Collaboration in 2024

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.

- Women from 9 different regions met to discuss their strategy for the next 5 years with respect to equipping, engaging, and developing women around the globe.
- The Youth Commission was rebuilt to include all the different regions. The youth facilitator also networked with key youth ministries, including GLS, Next Move, Arise Asia, and One Hope.
- The Global Children's Forum, a key collaborating organization in the space of children and family, ran an online AI Academy from mid-October to mid-November and saw multiple global movements and networks come together to equip more than 1200 children, youth, and family ministry leaders from over 120 countries. The aim, to harness AI for culturally relevant, biblically faithful innovation to serve in their local ministries.
- **Lausanne 4** - Seoul, South Korea, many alliance leaders were actively serving at Lausanne in Lausanne 4 in different capacities. The engagement of these leaders was made clear during a dinner hosted by Lausanne.



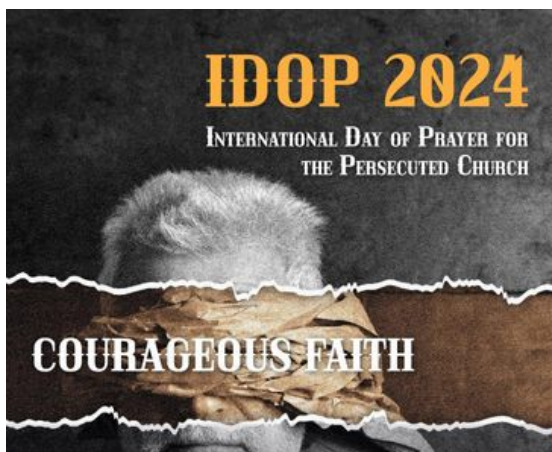
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Influential Voice of Advocacy 2024

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.



- WEA's key strategy to being a global voice of advocacy is through advocating at the United Nations (UN). The WEA Geneva office serves as a liaison for WEA's constituency – its Regional and national alliances. The WEA has permanent representatives in both New York and Geneva, these representatives focus on dialogue-oriented diplomacy (soft diplomacy) and relationship building with ambassadors, heads of state, ministers, and other high-ranking political representatives.



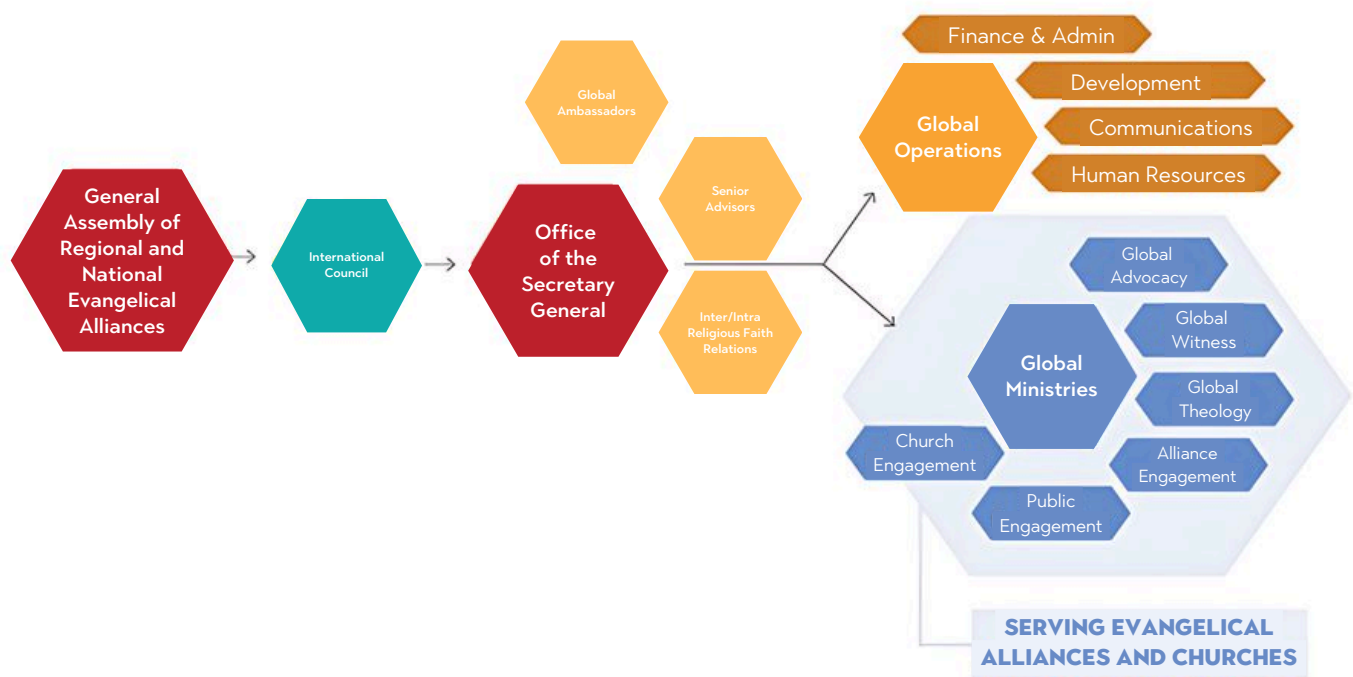
- The WEA actively advocates for evangelical issues such as Creation Care and Religious persecution and Freedom of Religious Belief.
- In 2024, the UN Geneva office engaged with at least 27 national alliances, 6 regional alliances, and three countries without an official alliance.
- Other events of advocacy that WEA organised and participated in included the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church, being part of networks and relevant events such as the Global Creation Care Forum (GCCF).



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.



Transitional Management Mechanism

- With the departure of Dr. Thomas Schirrmacher at the end of March 2024, the chair of the international council, Dr. Goodwill Shana, stepped into the role of executive chair. This provided much-needed stability to the overall organization.

M.A.R -Mapping Assessing & Re-Assignment Project

- We embarked on the Mapping, Aligning, and Recommending process to evaluate existing WEA entities, providing recommendations, including a new framework for departments and ministries.

Concentric Circles of Conversations

- The WEA began the process of Concentric Circles of Conversations. This process aimed to begin a series of consultations with key stakeholders to review, re-imagine, and reconfigure the WEA.

Financial Update

REVENUE 2024

Global Office Revenue	\$2,018,441
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EXPENSES

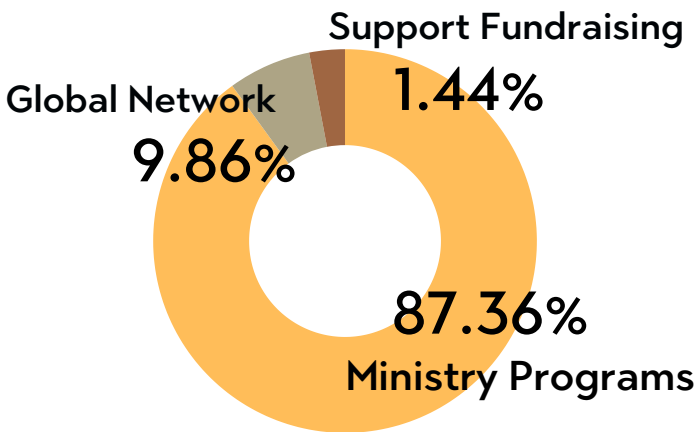
Ministry Programs	\$2,122,581
Global Network	\$239,726
Support Fundraising	\$35,000
TOTAL	\$2,397,307

Change in Net Assets	(378,866)
Net Assets Beginning of Year	\$756,791
Net Assets End of Year	\$377,925

- 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.



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The financial year 2024 was characterized by austerity and prudence. The organization maintained essential operations and key programmatic functions despite constrained resources. While unrestricted income showed a decline compared to the previous year, targeted grants and designated contributions enabled the continuation of projects. The International Council closely monitored expenditures, ensuring that costs were aligned with strategic priorities. External auditing processes continued in place to uphold accountability and transparency, and corrective measures were introduced to address identified inefficiencies. Financial Audited Statements gave the WEA a clean bill of health. The year closed with a balanced operational position, sustained by the collective commitment of partners and supporters who continued to believe in the mission 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.

Amidst different internal and external challenges, the WEA continued to fulfil its mission with notable perseverance. The global offices and networks sustained programs in global engagements, advocacy, and national and regional engagement. Regional alliances were supported through leadership development, policy engagement, and partnership coordination. The WEA's long-term vision—of Evangelicals united for gospel transformation remained a guiding beacon.

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.



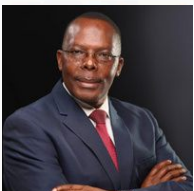
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 Evangelical Association of the Caribbean
 Central Asia Evangelical Alliance
 European Evangelical Alliance
 North American Evangelical Alliance
 Alianza Evangélica Latina
 Middle East Evangelical Alliance
 South Pacific Evangelical Alliance



Advocates International	International Needs Network
AM International	Jews for Jesus
Asia Theological Association	Jubilee World
Asian Access	Luis Palau Association
Barnabas Aid	Micah Global
Bakke Graduate University	Middle East Concern
Barnabas Relief Fund	The Navigators
Bible Discovery	No More Violence International
Bible League of Canada, the	NORMISJON
Biblica	One Challenge International
Calling Ministry	One Collective
Campus Missions International	OneHope
CBMC International	Open Doors International
CEDAR Fund	Operation Mobilisation
Center for Mission Mobilization	The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada
ChinaSource	Pioneers International
Christian Endeavor World Union	Power to Change
Christopher Sun Evangelistic Association	Refugee Highway Partnership
COMIBAM - Cooperation of Mission from Latin America	Reliant Mission
Continuing Evangelical Episcopal Communion (CEEC)	RREACH
Creatio International	Saint Luke Society
Crossroads Christian Communications Inc.	The Salvation Army
Cru	Scripture Union International Council
David Chung Ministries International	SEE Global
Diakonos International	SIL International
EFCA Reach Global	SIM International
Elim Center International	Sojourners
EnArche Institute	Take Heart
Engine Ministries International	TEAM - The Evangelical Alliance Mission
Evangelical Presbyterian Church	Tearfund UK
Every Home for Christ International	Teleo University
Every Nation Churches & Ministries	Timothy Two Project International
Faith & Family Foundation	Trainers of Pastors International Coalition
Finnish Lutheran Overseas Mission	Tying Vines
Food for the Poor	United World Mission
Frontier Ventures	Veritas College International
Frontiers USA	Veritas Legal Society
Gather25	Voice of the Martyrs Canada, the
Global Outreach Day	Water is Basic
Global Scholars	The World Reformed Fellowship
Gospel & Information Technology	World Team
Healthcare Christian Fellowship International	World Thrust International
Holy Bible Society	World Vision International
Integral Alliance	World Without Orphans
International Association for Refugees	WorldVenture
International Association of Evangelical Chaplains	Wycliffe Associates
International Christian Medical and Dental Association (ICMDA)	Wycliffe Global Alliance
International Council for Evangelical Theological Education - ICETE	Young Disciples of Jesus
International Evangelism Association	Youth Evangelical Fellowship
International Justice Mission	Youth for Christ International

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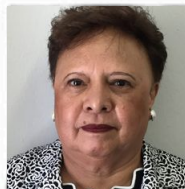


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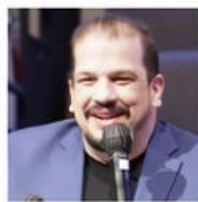
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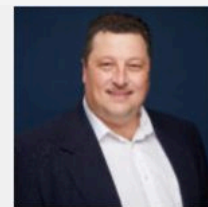
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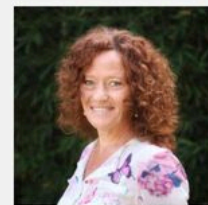
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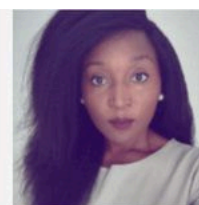
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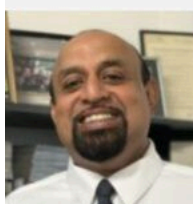
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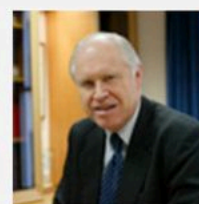
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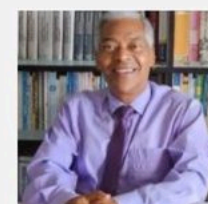
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The WEA offers global-minded Kingdom investors a unique opportunity to multiply the impact of the Church around the world in its calling to share the Gospel, make disciples and demonstrate God's love in word and deed.

