

# Mennonite World Conference

Annual report: 2024

Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit, and there are varieties of services but the same Lord, and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone.

1 Corinthians 12:4-6

# Thank you! ¡Gracias! Merci!

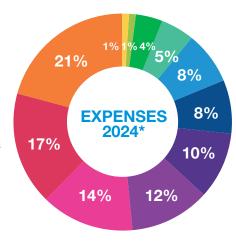
Your involvement with MWC fuels the 500-year commemoration of the Anabaptist movement – a legacy of radical faith, unwavering peace and unstoppable unity. As a global family, we are each a piece of the same mosaic, reflecting the beauty of God's design.

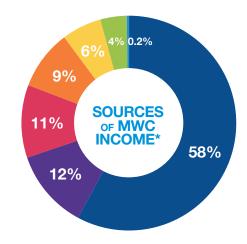
Through your generosity, brothers and sisters worldwide are following Jesus, living his call to unity and building peace in a fractured world. God's Spirit is working through each of us to tear down barriers, ignite hope and embody justice and reconciliation.

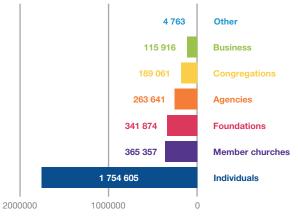
Your partnership with MWC sparks a transformative movement that continues to change lives and empower future generations to share Christ's message of peace, love and unity worldwide.



- Global Anabaptist networks
- Commissions
- Governance
- Global gatherings
- Global Church Sharing Fund (GCSF)
- Regional representatives
- General secretariat
- Communications
- Development
- Administration & operations







TOTAL REVENUES 3 035 217

\*All amounts in US\$

### **Transformation**

Valentina Kunze from Uruguay says one word comes to mind regarding her experience with MWC: transformation.

"Being part of this global community has broadened my perspective," she says. "It's a privilege to connect with something bigger than myself: bigger than my home, church or country."

This experience deepened her faith, introducing her to believers worldwide who worship the same God in diverse ways. "I've met people with completely different lives, yet we believe in the same God. That's powerful."

Valentina now sees the church as a global body. She is passionate about helping others experience a broader, hope-filled view of following Jesus.

#### Join us

Your gift can transform lives. Make an impact today! In a divided world, your support helps build a global church rooted in God's peace and reconciliation.

#### **Invest in MWC's mission:**

- Empower leaders to grow and serve like Jesus.
- Strengthen congregations to live out unity.
- Foster global communion that builds peace across cultures.

Help lay the foundation for a future filled with love, unity and hope.

**Give - Serve - Walk Together Always.** 

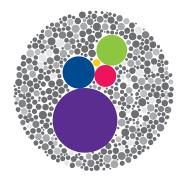
Help the worldwide Anabaptist family thrive by making a gift to MWC today!

Scan the QR code, donate now at <a href="mwc-cmm.org/donate">mwc-cmm.org/donate</a>, or send your contribution to

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Valentina Kunze, chair of the Young AnaBaptists (YABs) Committee. Photo: Preshit Rao





**Africa** 918 262 (62%)

**North America** 226 775 (16%)

**Asia and Pacific** 207 366 (14%)

Latin America and the Caribbean 105 375 (7%)

Europe

15 165 (1%)

**Baptized members of Mennonite World Conference** member churches

TOTAL MEMBERS: 1 472 943



# Reaching beyond themselves

The Democratic Republic of Congo is home to nearly 200 000 Anabaptists who find their homes in four MWC national member churches.

In 2024, the Mennonite Brethren church (Communauté des Églises des Freres Mennonites au Congo) celebrated their centennial. Henk Stenvers (president) and Siaka Traoré (regional representative for Central/West Africa) represented MWC at the week-long festivities in August.

Reaching out beyond themselves, these brothers and sisters bless those who have been impacted by violence. For years, Congolese MBs have been hosting internally displaced people from conflicts in the Kasai region. Late in 2024, active fighting erupted again in eastern DRC where the CEFMC has congregations.

MWC supports CEFMC through calling the global family to prayer. As Anabaptist member churches and related agencies each respond according to their capacities and constituencies, MWC makes an impact by convening and coordinating the work to prevent duplication or omission.



## The Courage to Love in a world on fire

We commemorate 500 years of Anabaptism in 2025 with a special event 29 May in Zurich. We pray that the boldness of our spiritual ancestors may inspire the courage we need to live as Jesus followers today.



Rev. Siaka Traoré, (MWC regional representative Central West Africa); Rev George Kaputu Nzila, CEFMC; Rev. Jean Felix Cimbalanga, CEM (Communauté Evangelique Mennonite); Robert Irundu Mutundu, CMCo (Communauté Mennonite au Congo); Henk Stenvers, MWC president; Rev. Daniel Nelson Canganguela, IAIMA (Mennonite Brethren in Angola); Shadreck Kwendanyama, Mennonite Brethren church in Malawi.

# Sharing each other's burdens and joys

"Their commitment to passing down the message of peace and gospel inspires me to live a sacrificial life for peace."

This was the reflection of a pastor from MWC member church Bible Missionary Church, Mennonite, from Myanmar at the end of an MWC solidarity visit. Nearly 20 leaders convened in neighbouring Thailand. The pastor was reflecting on learning sessions on the Anabaptist movement and what it means to be a church dedicated to the ways of Jesus Christ's peace.

MWC's outreach in word and deed across the worldwide Anabaptist family of faith is a crucial way for all of God's children to share each other's burdens and joys.



Andrew Suderman (Peace Commission), Andres Pacheco Lozano (Peace Commission), Agus Mayanto (regional representative), César García (general secretary), Tigist Tesfaye (Deacons Commission)





# Renewal 2024

"Transformation in the Bible is always communal, not individual," said César García at Renewal 2024\* in Curitiba, Brazil. "It requires dialogue in the community, where diversity of position enables us to correct mistakes of the past to deepen our relationship with God in the years to come."

Our global mosaic was on full display as the Executive Committee met with local Anabaptists from three MWC member churches in Curitiba, Brazil, 6 April 2024.

"The Renewal 2024 evening showed us different realities of being followers of Jesus: the suffering, the joy, the growth and opened our eyes that God's work knows no barriers. We are God's work in progress," said Paul Dück, representative of MWC member church COBIM (Convenção Brasileira das Igrejas Evangélicas Irmãos Menonitas).