



Mennonite World Conference

A Community of Anabaptist related Churches

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Annual report: 2025

"Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. ...if we love one another, God abides in us, and his love is perfected in us." — 1 John 4:11, 12b

The Courage to Love

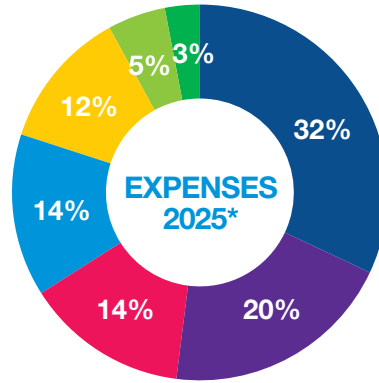
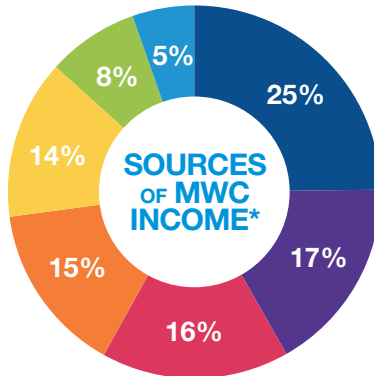
MWC's theme for the 2025 commemorative year was *The Courage to Love*. We love because God loved us first. And, we all know that love is at its best when it is lived out. God calls us to love courageously in a world full of challenges. As we work together in the worldwide Anabaptist family of faith gathered in MWC, we are a blessing for the world.

¡Gracias! Merci ! Thank you! Your courageous love for and Spirit-led engagement with the worldwide Anabaptist family of faith in partnership with MWC is a critical component of a faithful Anabaptist witness to Jesus' call toward abundant life for all of God's children.

Thank you for your investments in God's work in the world across MWC's 110 national member churches in 61 countries. Together, we continue *following Jesus, living out unity, and building peace*. May God continue to grant us wisdom and courage for the living of these days.

TOTAL REVENUES **1 858 531**

- Congregations 5%
- Businesses 8%
- Other 14%
- Agencies 15%
- Member Churches 16%
- Foundations 17%
- Individuals 25%



- 3% Global Church Sharing Fund
- 5% Regional representatives
- 12% General secretariat & Governance
- 14% Commissions & Global Anabaptist Networks
- 14% Administration & Operations
- 20% Communications & Engagement
- 32% Global Gatherings

*All amounts in US\$

Awakening

Rebecca Adongo Osiro was the first woman ordained by Kenya Mennonite Church in 2008. Five years earlier, Pastor Rebecca participated in her first MWC global Assembly in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe. She describes that first Assembly experience in Zimbabwe as an *awakening*.

She quickly found opportunities to serve with MWC. Pastor Rebecca was a member of the drafting team for MWC's Shared Convictions. She participated in the Mennonite delegation of the trilateral dialogues with Lutherans and Catholics. The General Council elected her as vice-president of MWC from 2018-2021.

At the centennial celebration this year, Pastor Rebecca contrasted her experience in MWC with church contexts "where women are not seen". In MWC, Pastor Rebecca's gifts were recognized and she was given opportunities to contribute to faithful Anabaptist witness in many challenging contexts.

Since Pastor Rebecca's awakening at the Bulawayo Assembly in 2003, she has pioneered a path and inspired sisters-and-brothers around the world with her wisdom and courage.

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 mwc-cmm.org/donate, or send your contribution to

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TOTAL MEMBERS:

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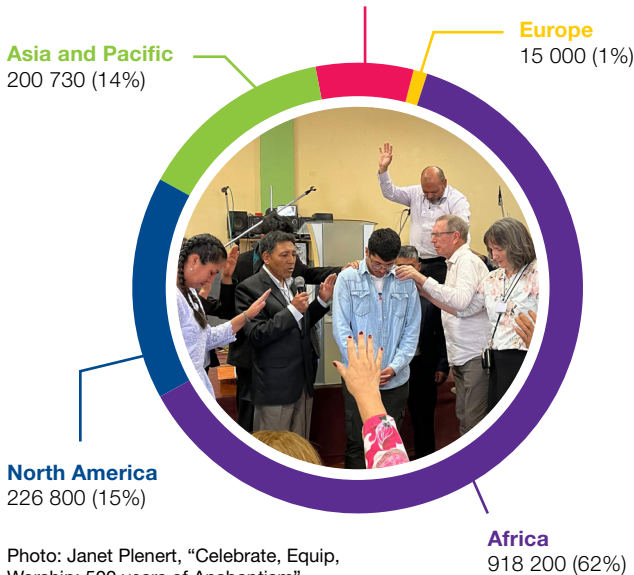


Photo: Janet Plenert, "Celebrate, Equip, Worship: 500 years of Anabaptism"

Living Stones

Around the world in 2025, members of the worldwide Anabaptist family gathered to commemorate how God has built us into a spiritual house over five centuries.

One of the first of those gatherings to reflect on these Anabaptist living stones took place in Cuzco, Peru in January. This gathering of Anabaptists from across Latin America was hosted by MWC member church Iglesia Evangelica Menonita del Peru under the theme "Celebrate, Equip, Worship: 500 years of Anabaptism."

The commemorative encounter gathered together participants from 16 countries across the Americas. They gained a deeper understanding of Anabaptism and also a perspective on its diversity even within one region with largely the same language.

"Who do you say that I am?" Featured speaker Alix Lozano, from Colombia and a founder of the Movement of Anabaptist Women doing Theology from Latin America (MTAL), spoke on Jesus' question for his disciples. This invites every community to understand Jesus in light of their own experiences and contexts.

The Jubilee Account of MWC's Global Church Sharing Fund provided financial support for this important space of encounter and learning.



MWC representatives at the 500th anniversary event in Peru (l-r): Francis Pérez de León (Executive Committee), Juliana Morillo (Creation Care Working Group), César García (general secretary), Sandra Báez (executive assistant), Cynthia Dück (former regional representative, Latin America – Southern Cone), Andrew Suderman (Peace Commission secretary), Janet Plenert (director of communion building), Freddy Barrón (regional representative, Latin America – Southern Cone), Pablo Stucky (regional representative, Latin America – Andean Region).



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2025–2028 members of the YABs Committee: (back, l-r) Isaac Nii Torgbor Gborborte (Ghana, YABs coordinator), Raphaël Burkhalter (Switzerland), Ebenezer Monde (Philippines, manager of YABs); (front) Blessing Joy Turqueza (Philippines), Liam Kachkar (Canada), Valentina Kunze (Uruguay, chair).

Empowered by Love

MWC's fifth Global Youth Summit (GYS) took place in Germany from 30 May–01 June 2025. Under the theme *Empowered by Love*, 195 Anabaptist young adults from around the world participated in worship, discussion groups and workshops in different languages. Since the first GYS in 2003, these dynamic gatherings for youths aged 18+ create spaces for young adults from around the world to share experiences.

"The highlight of GYS was digging deeper into God's love with the global family," said Sunil Kadmaset, a GYS participant from the Brethren in Christ Church in Odisha, India.

Young adult leaders from among GYS participants are identified to form a Young Anabaptists (YABs) Committee. This leadership group is made up of representatives from MWC's five continental regions.

A new YABs Committee has come together since the 2025 GYS and includes three new members from Asia (Philippines), Europe (Switzerland), and North America (Canada). They join continuing members from Latin America (Uruguay) and Africa (Ghana). The YABs Committee represents Anabaptist young adults to MWC's governance through the Executive Committee and General Council.



César García, general secretary of MWC washes the feet of Rev. Dr. Setri Nyomi, interim general secretary of World Communion of Reformed Churches.

Dale Gehman

Remembering and Renewal

2025 was a year of remembering. We celebrated MWC's centennial in Germany. We commemorated the 500th anniversary of the birth of Anabaptism in Switzerland.

We are inspired by the faithful witness of our Anabaptist forebears across history.

Likewise, we are inspired by the faithful witness of our Anabaptist sisters and brothers across the globe today. God's love guides us and directs our ways across time and space.

In God's constant renewing of the church, we are called to love courageously and serve a hurting world. We seek God's guidance for our faithful witness now and for generations to come.

May God make it so!

César García