

30 YEARS FOR HUMAN RIGHTS.

Striving together for Justice, Peace and
the Integrity of Creation.

30 YEARS OF JPIC – KEY EVENTS, DEVELOPMENTS AND EVENTS



At the UEM General Assembly in Botswana, future member churches adopt the statutes (Striving for Justice, Peace and the Integrity of Creation as part of Mission – Statutes Art. 2).

The United in Mission Committee appoints the Executive Secretary for Justice, Peace and the Integrity of Creation and relaunches this programme.



Entry of the UEM into the Human Rights Forum at its foundation following the Vienna World Conference on Human Rights



1st International Consultation on Justice, Peace and Care for Creation in Sri Lanka on the topic of "Blessed are the Peacemakers"



Member of platform Civil conflict transformation



Consultation in Kigali / Rwanda on the role of the churches for Reconciliation and conflict resolution in the context of genocide



International Fact Finding Training – Baguio City / Philippines



2nd International Consultation on Justice, Peace and the Integrity of Creation in Namibia on the topic of Justice and Reconciliation



The General Assembly is advised to in Windhoek / Namibia, the Human Rights Commission on JPIC and Human Rights, which is implemented one year later.

1993

1994

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1999

2000

2001



Start of the split in the Toba-Batak Church (HKBP), resulting in violent clashes from 1992-1998



Escalation of conflicts in West Papua (massacres, murders in West Papua, internationally initiated resource extraction to date)



First Congo War with 200,000 dead and 1.25 million Rwandan refugees in the Kivu province



Second Congo War with an estimated death toll of more than 3 million



Genocide in Rwanda resulting in one million deaths



Handover of Hong Kong to China by Great Britain after 150 years of colonial rule



Development within the UEM with reference to



JPIC Events



Contemporary events



Network foundations



Summer School on Peace and Human Rights



Interfaith conference on peace work





6th Internationale JPIC Conference in Stellenbosch / South Africa on "Promoting Inclusive Communities"



UEM Conference "Mission still possible? Global Perspectives on Mission and Theology" in Dumaguete / Philippines, 20 Years after the first General Assembly of the UEM



Vacancies advertised in Asia and Africa for JPICs with environmental alignment



1st International Summer School for Peace, Conflict Management and Human Rights in Wuppertal / Germany



1st Interreligious Conference "Peace among the People. Interreligious Action for Peace and Inclusive Communities" with Public Action in Wuppertal / Germany



2nd International Summer School for Peace, Conflict Management and Human Rights in Wuppertal / Germany



7th International Conference "Kairos for Creation. Confessing Hope for the Earth" in hybrid form, together with the Ecumenical Council of the Churches and the Evangelical Church in Germany



Solidarity visit together with the World Council of the Churches in Papua (GKI-TP)



2nd Interreligious Conference „Peace among the People. Interreligious Action for Peace and Inclusive Communities" with Public Action in Zanzibar / Tanzania (2019)



8th International conference "Strengthening Christian Perspectives on Human Dignity and Human Rights" in Wuppertal / Germany in in hybrid form, together with the Ecumenical Council of the Churches and the Evangelical Church in Germany



3rd International Summer School for Peace, Conflict Management and Human Rights in Wuppertal / Germany (the 3rd and 4th Summer School took place due to Covid 2021 and 2022 digitally)



3rd interreligious conference "Peace among the People. Interreligious Action for Peace and Inclusive Communities" in Jakarta / Indonesia

2014

2015

2016

2017

2018

2019

2020

2021

2022

2023

2024



Unrest and economic crisis in Sri Lanka



Adoption of legislation in Hong Kong on the National Security



New flare-up of the conflict in the DR Congo among others with M23 rebels

»» For you (God) have been
a refuge to the poor,
a refuge to the needy in their distress,
a shelter from the rainstorm and
a shade from the heat,
when the tyrants rage
like a winter rainstorm. ««

(Isaiah 25:4)

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Dear readers,

30 years of striving for justice, peace and the integrity of creation. In 1993/1996 this promise was embraced and endorsed by the Communion of Churches that make up the United Evangelical Mission. It became a core focus of our mission.

For 30 years, the member churches of the UEM Communion in Africa, Asia and Germany have been supporting each other by standing alongside people who are suffering as a result of poverty, exclusion, violence, oppression and war.

The Covid-19 crisis, Russia's war against Ukraine, the terrorist violence against Israelis as well as the war between Israel and Hamas have explicitly shown us how crises have a worldwide impact and affect each and every one of us.

Some of the crises and violent situations we have been dealing with in the UEM community for the last few decades often receive little or no public attention. As an ecumenical community, we are committed to standing in solidarity alongside people, who are severely affected by human rights violations, injustice, violence and environmental destruction.

This publication takes us through the 30-year history of our joint commitment to strive for justice, peace and the integrity of creation. It highlights the challenges and issues that have touched and motivated us and continue to do so today. It allows us to look at the contributions, positions, statements and human rights concerns of the members of the UEM Communion in Africa, Asia and Europe.

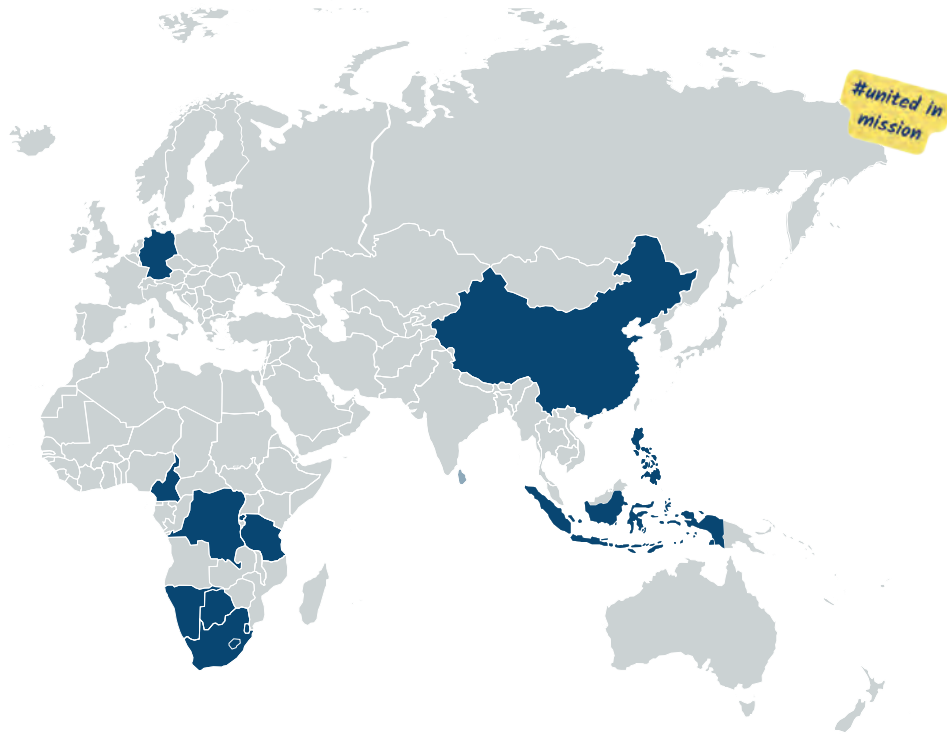
We invite you to join us on our journey in solidarity and share our commitment to support those people, in particular, who are living in conditions of poverty and oppression and who are dependent on our solidarity and support.



Dr Jochen Motte,
Executive Secretary for Justice, Peace and the Integrity of Creation,
Deputy General Secretary of the UEM



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THE UNITED EVANGELICAL MISSION

Many Churches, one Communion

The United Evangelical Mission (UEM) is an international, equitable communion of 39 members, including 38 Protestant churches in Africa, Asia and Germany and the Bodelschwingh Foundation Bethel.



The UEM embodies and pursues a holistic approach to Mission.

OUR JOINT COMMITMENT TO JUSTICE, PEACE AND THE INTEGRITY OF CREATION

As laid out in the Constitution of the UEM

More than 30 years ago, the United Evangelical Mission (UEM) laid out its joint commitment to work for justice, peace and the integrity of creation as one of the central obligations of its joint missionary undertaking in its constitution, to be implemented through its own dedicated programme on 1st December 1993. The goal was – and still is today – to establish a network among UEM member churches and support them in their commitment to create solidarity and act as advocates for all people affected by war, injustice and violence.

CONSTITUTION §2, (2) 1993/1996

§ 2 (2)

- a) The United Evangelical Mission operates within a network of churches in Africa, Asia and Europe and wherever it may be called upon to serve.
- b) Together these churches shall proclaim Jesus Christ as the Lord and Saviour of all people and shall face the challenges of present-day mission.
- c) In a world torn apart, they commit themselves to remain members of the one Body of Christ, and therefore to:
 - grow together into a worshipping, learning and serving community;
 - share gifts, insights and responsibilities;
 - call all people to repentance and new life;
 - bear witness to the Kingdom of God in striving for justice, peace and the integrity of creation.

UEM staff working with the “For Peace, Justice and the Integrity of Creation” programme in all three regional offices of the UEM – Dar es Salaam (Tanzania), Pematangsiantar (Indonesia) and Wuppertal (Germany) – organise local conferences and workshops and network with local and international human rights alliances. And, in close liaison with the UEM regional departments, they advise UEM members on all relevant issues and support projects.

STATEMENT ON CORPORATE IDENTITY 2008

Advocacy

We believe that human beings are created in the image of God and therefore have inalienable dignity and rights.

Therefore

- we promote and defend human rights.
- we support initiatives to solve conflict peacefully.
- we join efforts to achieve just economic conditions and good governance.
- we strive for the protection of the environment.

1. ADVOCACY ON BEHALF OF VICTIMS OF WAR, VIOLENCE AND SERIOUS HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

Churches and people in the three UEM regions were, and are, affected by violence, injustice, war and serious human rights violations. And people are suffering as a result of protracted conflicts, especially in the following countries.

In **Indonesia** in the 1990s, internal conflict within the Batak Christian Protestant Church (HKBP) led to violent clashes. For the past 30 years in **West Papua**, discrimination and serious human rights violations against the Papuan people have been an

ongoing issue facing the UEM member churches. (→ [See West Papua Network](#))

In 1994, the genocide in **Rwanda** resulted in up to one million deaths. The ensuing refugee crisis in the **Democratic Republic of Congo** led to violent conflicts in the east of the country, which are still continuing today. The UEM member churches in both countries are, therefore, facing major challenges. (→ [See Ecumenical Network Central Africa](#))

In the "Badilika" theatre group, young people from Goma (DRC) and Gisenyi (Rwanda) explore the causes and impacts of the conflicts. >



In the **Philippines**, the number of attacks on people, who are active in church and civil society, has been growing since 2001. Many pastors in the United Church of Christ in the Philippines (UCCP) have been murdered or criminalised, including Pastor Edison Lapuz (murdered in 2005), Berlin Guerrero (arrested in 2007) and Pastor Nathaniel Vallente (arrested in 2021). (→ See the German Action Network Human Rights Philippines)

In **Sri Lanka**, the war between Tamil separatists and the Sinhalese government, which ended in 2009, had an extreme impact on the Methodist member church of the UEM. Conflicts over equal rights for all ethnic groups and religious communities are still continuing today. (→ See Sri Lanka Advocacy)

Together with its member churches, the UEM is striving for human rights and, through targeted advocacy and support, is acting in solidarity with the victims.

Demonstration on the island of Leyte / Philippines following the assassination of church superintendent, Edison Lapuz in 2005 (UCCP). >





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FOR ALL
THE
VICTIMS
OF
STATE
TERRORISM!**



JUSTICE
...UZ

**FOR
MALINAO
VICTIMS OF
REPRESSION
-KMP-**



Rev. E
JUS
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Rev. Edi

TO ALL VICTIMS

**JUSTICE
REV. EDISON
JUSTICE FOR ALL VIC
STATE REPRESSION**

**ENEMY
OF THE
PEOPLE**



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Unsafe working conditions jeopardise the health and lives of many textile workers. ^



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Fair working conditions in clothing production were the focus of the UEM Human Rights Campaign in 2019. ^

2. REINFORCING ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL RIGHTS

People in UEM member churches are often confronted with injustice that is structurally anchored. Namibia, for example, has one of the worst rates of income distribution inequality of any country in the world. In West Papua, Indonesia, land grabbing is a real threat to entire population groups. Here, the churches are reliant on mutual support.

Since 1998, the UEM has been actively involved in the Clean Clothes Campaign, which seeks to raise awareness of the dark underbelly of the fashion industry and campaigns for improvements in production conditions. This issue was the focus of the UEM Human Rights Campaign in 2019.



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People are affected in so many different ways by exclusion. The UEM has taken up the challenge to raise awareness of the issue. ▲

3. WORKING TOGETHER TO COMBAT DISCRIMINATION, RACISM AND RESTRICTIONS ON RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

For many people in the UEM regions, discrimination and exclusion are a harsh everyday reality. The rights of ethnic and religious minorities are being questioned just as much as those of women and children. In North Sumatra, Christian minorities are subjected to hostile aggression. In

response to an international competition in 2022, young people submitted essays highlighting various ongoing emergencies, also within their churches. In Germany, the UEM has, therefore, been working intensively to address the issue of racism in churches.



The impacts of climate change have long been evident in the Global South, e.g. here in the Philippines in 2009. ^



Young people planting trees in the grounds of UEM churches. ^

4. CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENTAL DESTRUCTION AS A CHALLENGE

The UEM supports people in Asia, Africa and Germany, whose lives and livelihoods are threatened by the impacts of climate change, e.g. in Ahrtal, Germany, in 2021. In recent years, drought and floods have become a growing problem. When the Climate Alliance was founded in 2007, the UEM was a founding member. In 2008, the UEM then organised a climate exhibi-

tion in their German member churches highlighting the impacts of high CO₂ emissions on the Global South and subsequently appointed two climate advocacy officers for Africa and Asia. A wide range of environmental projects are supported each year, e.g. providing energy-efficient stoves in Rwanda.

5. STRIVING FOR JUSTICE, PEACE AND THE INTEGRITY OF CREATION

What can we do, in concrete terms, as a communion of churches? This is the challenge that the United Evangelical Mission has been seeking to tackle since the programme for Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation was initiated 30 years ago.

The key points of our long-standing commitment are:

- › to enable intensive exchange of experiences on human rights work
- › to promote joint intercultural learning as part of peace work
- › to create global networks
- › to engage in political advocacy work
- › to enhance the biblical-theological perspective on human rights
- › to support and mentor the projects of UEM members
- › to raise public awareness through educational work

»» Our goal is to bring about a world that is fairer, equitable and inclusive. ««



Irma Simanjuntak,
Advisory Advocacy Officer for the UEM Asia Region. ^



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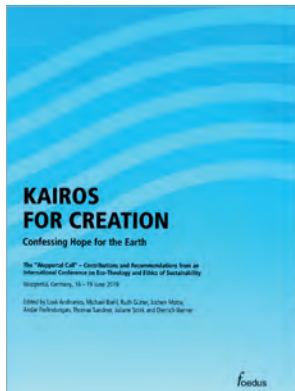
Discussion at the 2023 Summer School in Hofgeismar, Germany. ↗

5.1 THE UEM SUMMER SCHOOL – WORKING TOGETHER FOR PEACE AND HUMAN RIGHTS

At the invitation of the UEM, people – mainly young people – from UEM member churches come together to learn about and discuss such issues as peace, conflict resolution and human rights work. They share experiences from their home countries and network with each other. The aim is to fortify participants' commitment to human rights and develop potential avenues to achieve peaceful solutions to violent conflict in the specific country context.

The UEM has been running this 2-week seminar since 2017. The training courses are also attended by participants from the World Council of Churches, the World Communion of Reformed Churches, Misereor and Bread for the World as well as the Association of Protestant Churches and Missions in Germany (EMW).

5.2 REINFORCING OUR CHRISTIAN COMMITMENT TO HELP VICTIMS OF CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENTAL DESTRUCTION



Theological perspectives of participants from throughout the world attending a conference on climate change and environmental destruction in 2019. ^



You can download the brochure here: v



Together with the World Council of Churches (WCC) and other church partners, the UEM initiated international ecumenical exchange to reinforce their shared commitment to combat climate change and environmental destruction. The UEM was a founding member of the Climate Alliance Germany in 2007.

Since 2011, the UEM has been a member of the WCC Working Group on Climate Change. In 2019, a joint declaration (Kairos for Creation) called on churches to reorient their priorities to make climate and environmental protection a key commitment to safeguard the integrity of creation. Prayers, liturgical texts and Biblical reflections from Asia, Africa and Germany were published in our “Climate Spirituality” brochure.



Presentation of the book, “Strengthening Christian Perspectives on Human Dignity and Human Rights”, at the General Assembly of the WCC in Karlsruhe, Germany, in 2022. ^

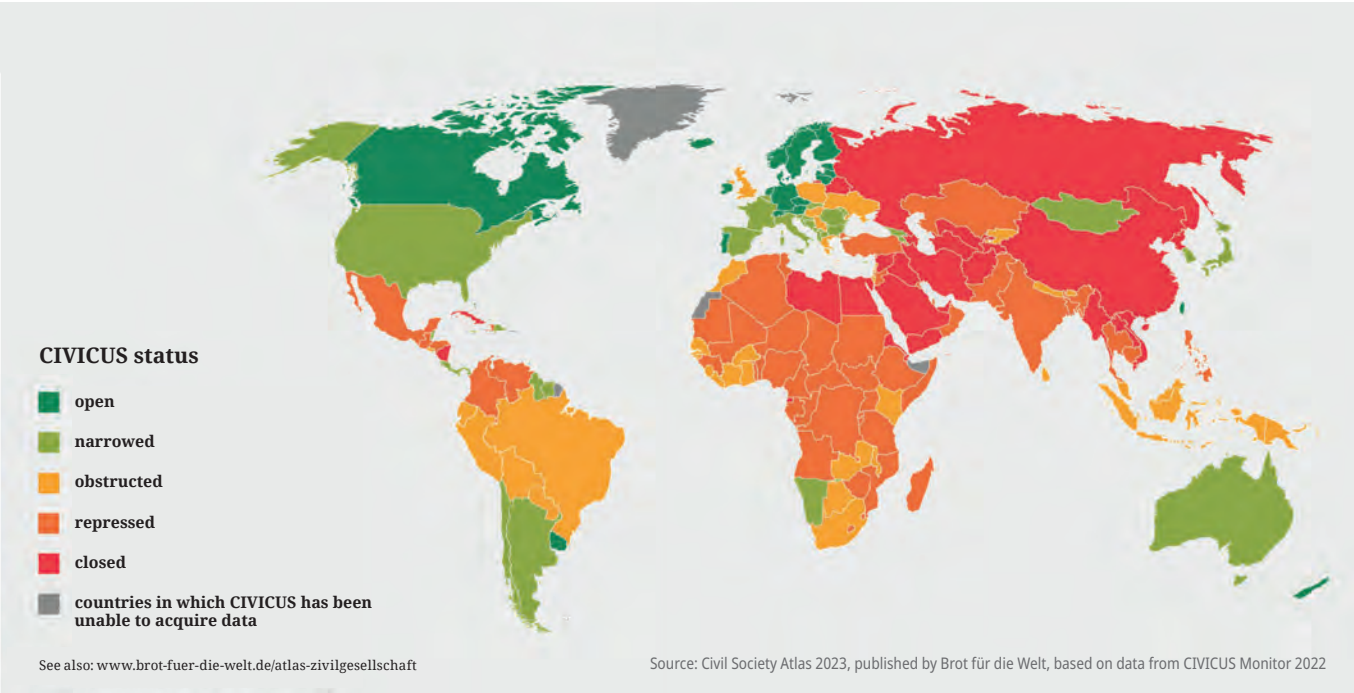
5.3 CHRISTIAN WITNESS AND ACTION – FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

In the lead up to the General Assembly of the World Council of Churches (WCC) in Karlsruhe, Germany in 2022, the United Evangelical Mission, together with the

WCC and the Protestant Church in Germany (EKIR) held an ecumenical conference attended by participants from all continents and Christian denominations.

In the addresses and joint declaration, participants called on the churches to act as Christians to stand up for human dignity and universal human rights. In view of the growing challenges to, and violations of human rights throughout the world this has become a matter of great urgency.

Civil society under threat. ▾



5.4 FACILITATING INTERRELIGIOUS DIALOGUE – FOR INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES

The United Evangelical Mission promotes the development of interreligious networks and groups that take a stand against radicalism, extremism, violence and exclusion and work together to create a peaceful and just community at local and international level, and to share their experiences with one another. Through public campaigns, they call for interfaith engagement for peace, social justice and the integrity of creation, against the background of the mounting threats posed by climate change and environmental destruction.

Together with Protestant and Catholic Churches as well as representatives from Islam, Judaism, Buddhism and other religions in Asia, Africa, Europe and America, the UEM, in recent years, has held three international conferences: in 2017 in Wuppertal (Germany), in 2019 in Zanzibar (Tanzania) and in 2023 in Jakarta (Indonesia).

UEM international interreligious Peace Conference in Zanzibar in 2019. ▼





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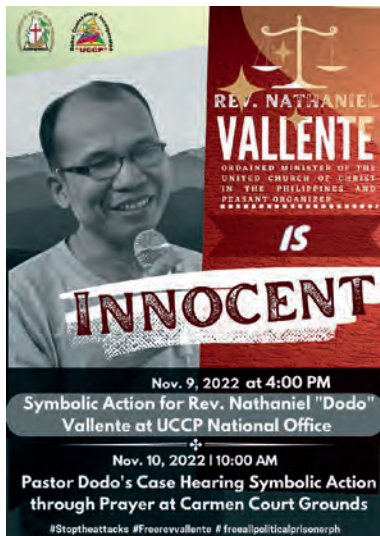
»» *We, as Christians, together with our churches, must ensure that we follow Jesus.*

He stands alongside those, whose rights are violated and whose lives are threatened by injustice, poverty and environmental destruction. ««

5.5 PROJECTS AND CAMPAIGNS FOR JUSTICE, PEACE AND THE INTEGRITY OF CREATION

Striving for justice, peace and the integrity of creation also entails unbureaucratic, swift support for pastors and church members, who, as a consequence of their active commitment to human rights at local community level have been, and/or will be, victims of state violence or criminalisation.

One example of this is the case of Pastor Nathaniel Vallente from the United Church of Christ in the Philippines (UCCP), who was charged with the illegal possession of weapons and is now in prison awaiting trial and fighting for his release.



The UEM Communion of Churches is supporting his legal defence in court and raising public awareness of this violation of human rights. (Further information is available in the material accompanying the UEM Human Rights Campaign 2024.)

www.vemission.org/human-rights2024

Since 1993, the JPIC department of the UEM has been supporting its members' projects and programmes that focus, for example, on environmental and climate protection, human rights, civil crisis prevention and the resolution of violent conflicts. Churches in crisis regions are acknowledged to be key institutions with a vital role to play because, in areas of political tension, they can take advantage of their ability to protect people experiencing injustice or threatened or affected by land grabbing, environmental destruction, displacement and extreme poverty. In the last five years, the UEM spent an average of 120,000 euros on projects.

More information about the annual UEM Human Rights Campaigns as well as other UEM projects and programmes is available at

www.vemission.org.

The UEM funds projects distributing energy-efficient stoves that use less wood and produce very little smoke. >





Discussions between a UEM delegation and church representatives from the GKI-TP in Papua in 2019. Those present included Dr Abednego Keshomshahara (Moderator of the UEM and Bishop of the ELCT/NWD, Tanzania), Andrikus Mofu (Moderator of the GKI-TP, West Papua) and Fransina Yoteni (UEM Council member from the GKI-TP, West Papua). ▲

5.6 SOLIDARITY VISITS

People in societies and communities threatened by violence, oppression and human rights violations are hungry for justice. Something that the UEM Communion is committed to achieving. People and churches, which have been affected, feel especially valued when sisters and brothers from far afield visit them to find out and experience how they live, and work with them to present joint public demands to governments and the United Nations.

A communion of Christians wants and needs to be experienced and practised! Ecumenical visits to members in distress are a core component of standing up for justice, peace and the integrity of creation. In 1999 and 2019, for example, this was done jointly through international delega-

tions to West Papua / Indonesia with the World Council of Churches. And similarly in 2005 and 2019 to the Philippines.

In 2023, UEM churches from Africa visited members threatened with war and violence in Eastern Congo. In 2021 and again in 2022, churches from the Asia Region showed their solidarity by jointly visiting their sisters and brothers in Papua and Mentawai in Indonesia, who are threatened by oppression and exclusion.

Within 30 years, the UEM has developed into a vibrant community that supports those who are particularly affected by violence and injustice.



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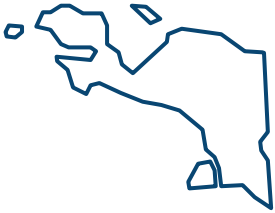
Discussions between the Human Rights Forum and the German Foreign Minister, Annalena Baerbock, in the Foreign Office in 2022. ▲

5.7 BUILDING NETWORKS – FOR THE PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS

Membership of ecumenical and political networks, such as the Human Rights Forum (Forum Menschenrechte) in Germany and, internationally, of the World Council of Churches, enables UEM member churches in Africa and Asia to present their concerns to the United Nations, the European Union, the German Federal Government and members of the German Parliament.

This primarily concerns politically effective measures to protect human rights defenders in the UEM member churches and their countries.

Against the background of human rights crises and violent conflicts, networks with other church and secular non-governmental organisations make it possible for the voices of victims of injustice and violence to be heard at international level. Reports from local member churches and partnership organisations, which provide facts and background information on human rights violations, are an important source of information for national government agencies and international institutions such as the United Nations.



Sri Lanka Advocacy

WEST PAPUA NETWORK

Since the 1990s, the West Papua Network has been working to raise civil society and political awareness in Germany for West Papuan issues. The West Papua Network has 17 member organisations (as of July 2023) that deal with political, social, ecological and cultural issues in West Papua and, through education, public relations and advocacy, give a voice to the Papuan people in Germany. The WPN co-ordination office is based in UEM mission house in Wuppertal.

Contact:
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SRI LANKA ADVOCACY

The Sri Lanka Advocacy (SLA) is a network of German support organisations working on the human rights situation and the rule of law in Sri Lanka. Since its foundation in 2010, shortly after the end of the civil war in the country, the work of the network has focused on promoting peace, reconciliation and the processes of democratisation in Sri Lanka through advocacy, networking and public relations. The work of the network is co-ordinated by Franziska Koch in the Wuppertal Office.

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GERMAN ACTION NETWORK HUMAN RIGHTS - PHILIPPINES (AMP)

Since its foundation in August 2007, the German Action Network Human Rights – Philippines / Aktionsbündnis Menschenrechte – Philippinen (AMP) has been publishing material and co-ordinating campaigns, political debates and international events. Its working priorities are the large number of politically motivated murders, the practice of forced disappearances and the fabricated charges filed against human rights defenders in the Philippines.

The aim is to solicit the support of decision-makers and people in positions of influence in Germany, and also at EU and UN levels, in the attempt to reinforce civil society's freedom of expression and action and, thereby, help improve the human rights situation in the Philippines.

Alongside the UEM, the alliance receives support from organisations including Amnesty International, Brot für die Welt, International Peace Observers Network, Misereor, Missio-Munich and the Philippines Office e. V. in Asia House.

Contact:

<https://amp.ngo/>

ECUMENICAL NETWORK FOR CENTRAL AFRICA (ÖNZ)

The Ecumenical Network for Central Africa / Ökumenisches Netz Zentralafrika (ÖNZ), founded in 2002, has close ties with churches and civil society organisations in the Great Lakes region (DR Congo, Rwanda, Burundi) and works with them for peace, human rights and a fair policy on raw materials. Alongside the UEM, its members include AGIAMONDO, Brot für die Welt, EIRENE, Misereor and pax christi.

With the goal of achieving peace and justice in the region, the ÖNZ informs and raises the awareness of the public, commissions and publishes studies and analyses, organises events and seeks dialogue with political decision-makers.

Contact:

<https://oenz.de/>

»» Working together for justice, peace and the integrity of creation in a world torn apart. That has been the core mission and commitment of the UEM for the last 30 years. ««



Dr Jochen Motte,
Executive Secretary for Justice, Peace and the
Integrity of Creation, Deputy General Secretary of the
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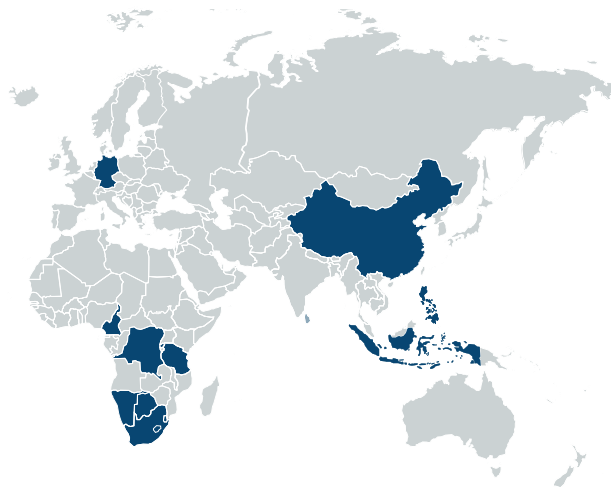
6. OUTLOOK

The joint mission for justice, peace and the integrity of creation is as dynamic now as it was at the start of our journey. In the course of the last 30 years, and through the internationalisation process, the UEM has gradually developed into a communion of solidarity that is simultaneously global and regional and in which Christians stand up for one another, stand alongside those particularly affected by injustice and violence and actively commit themselves to working for human rights and the peaceful resolution of violent conflicts.

What was originally restricted to North-South relationships, now also includes South-South, South-North and North-South relationships; relationships, in which churches are equally and actively involved. This development has also taken place at regional levels in Asia and Africa.

In the member churches, collections, intercessions and ecumenical visits demonstrate solidarity with those in the UEM community, who are victims of, or are threatened by, injustice and violence.

Accordingly, the UEM members want to stand alongside those without protection on the margins of society; those, who are subjected to injustice and exclusion and whose lives are in danger. The basis for this is the action of God, as described in the book of the Prophet Isaiah: »For you (God) have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat, when the tyrants rage like a winter rainstorm.« (Isaiah 25:4)





7. THE UEM HUMAN RIGHTS CAMPAIGN

In Paris, on 10th December 1948, the General Assembly of the United Nations proclaimed the Universal Declaration of Human rights. To mark the annual “Human Rights Day”, the United Evangelical Mission highlights human rights violations in all three regions of its member churches.

Each year, posters, postcards, brochures or worship material focusing on a specific theme are distributed throughout all regions in different languages. This, thereby,

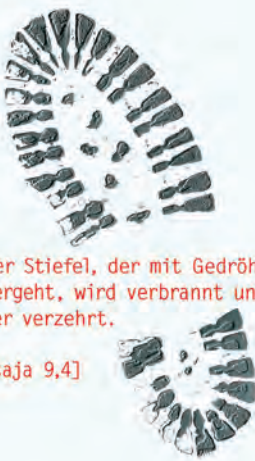
reflects the broad spectrum of the solidarity demonstrated by the UEM Communion of Churches in their commitment to protect human rights.

Together they call on us to stand alongside victims of human rights violations, find out about human rights, work for their implementation and make donations to projects and programmes that support the commitment of local member churches.

"For all the boots of the tramping warriors ... shall be burned as fuel for the fire."

1996/97
For civil and political rights

Jesaja 9:4 >




Jeder Stiefel, der mit Gedröhn dahergeht, wird verbrannt und vom Feuer verzehrt.

[Jesaja 9,4]

Für Menschenrechte

Verste Evangelische Mission
United Evangelical Mission
VEM-Programme für Gerechtigkeit, Frieden und Bewahrung der Schöpfung, Ruitelförde 117, 42885 Wuppertal



Schaffet Recht und Gerechtigkeit und bedrängt nicht die Fremdlinge, Waisen und Witwen

[Jeremia 22,3]

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"You cannot serve God and mammon!"

1997/98
For the human rights of threatened and endangered people

< Jeremiah 22:3

"Act with justice and righteousness ... and do no wrong or violence to the alien, the orphan, and the widow."

1998/99
For economic and social human rights

Matthew 6:24 >



Ihr könnt nicht Gott dienen und dem Mammon

[Matthäus 6,24]



Ich will Frieden geben in eurem Land, daß ihr schlafe und euch niemand aufschrecke

[1. Buch Mose 26,6]

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"I will grant peace in the land, and you shall lie down, and no one shall make you afraid."

1999/00
For peace and the protection of threatened and displaced people

< Leviticus 26:6

*"Seek the peace of
the city."*

2000/01
**Overcome
violence – for the
human rights of
all people**

Jeremiah 29:7 >



*"Seek the peace
of the city."*

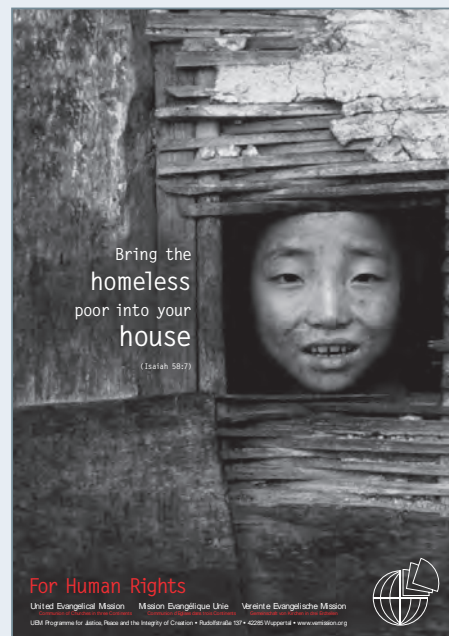
2001/02
**Overcome
violence – for the
human rights of
all people**

< *Jeremiah 29:7*



2002/03
**For the right to
food**

Isaiah 58:7 >



2003/04
**For the right to
adequate housing**

< *Isaiah 58:7*

2004/05
For the right to health

Luke 10:34 >

...and bound up his wounds, brought him to an inn, and took care of him
 (Luke 10:34)

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He took up the case of the poor
 (Jeremiah 22:16)

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2005/06
For social human rights – against poverty

< Jeremiah 22:16

"But let justice roll down like waters"

2006/07
For economic and social human rights

Amos 5:24 >

Es ströme aber das Recht wie Wasser
 Amos 5:24

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I was a stranger and you welcomed me
 Matthew 25:35

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2007/08
For the protection and asylum rights of refugees

< Matthew 25:35

2008/09
**For the protection
of the climate and
environment**

Genesis 8:22 >

As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease. - Genesis 8:22

CLIMATE OF JUSTICE
An exhibition of the
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2010/11
**For religious
freedom**

Romans 12:18 >

**Live at peace
with everyone.**
Romans 12:18

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**JUDGEMENT
WILL AGAIN BE FOUNDED
ON JUSTICE.**
Psalm 94:15

Against Impunity.
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2009/10
**Against
impunity - for the
implementation of
human rights**

< Psalm 94:15

The land will give its fruit,
and you will have all you want
to eat and will live in safety
Leviticus 25:19

Against land grabs. For human rights

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2011/12
**For the land rights
of indigenous
peoples**

< Leviticus 25:19

When God created man, he made him in the likeness of God
Genesis 5:1

Against exclusion.
For the human rights of persons with disabilities

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Genesis 5:1 >

How much better to get wisdom than gold!
Proverbs 16:16

Equal opportunities for everyone.
Education is a human right.

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2013/14
For the human right to education

< Proverbs 16:16

Als aber die Kaufleute vorbeikamen, verkauften sie ihn für 20 Silberstücke. (Matth. 26:15)

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**Gegen Menschenhandel.
Für Menschenrechte.**

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"And when some traders passed by ... they sold him for twenty pieces of silver."

2014/15
Against human trafficking.
For human rights

Genesis 37:28 >

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Du sollst den Fremden lieben wie dich selbst. 3. Mose 19, 33f
Zuflucht ist ein Menschenrecht

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"Seeking asylum and refuge is a human right"

2015/16
You shall love the stranger as yourself

< Leviticus 19:33f

"For human rights that are effective"

2016/17
Give justice to the afflicted and needy.

Psalm 82:3 >



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"What shall we wear?"

2018/19
For Menschenrechte in der Textilindustrie

Matthew 6:31 >



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Womit werden wir uns kleiden? Matthäus 6,31
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2 Samuel 13:12

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Enforcing Women's Rights

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They shall cut down her forest,
though it is impenetrable.
Jeremia 46:23

Without roots, we die.
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For the human rights of indigenous peoples

< Jeremiah 46:23

2020/21
Against
discrimination
and exclusion

James 4:12 >

But who are you to judge your neighbour? James 4:12

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too green
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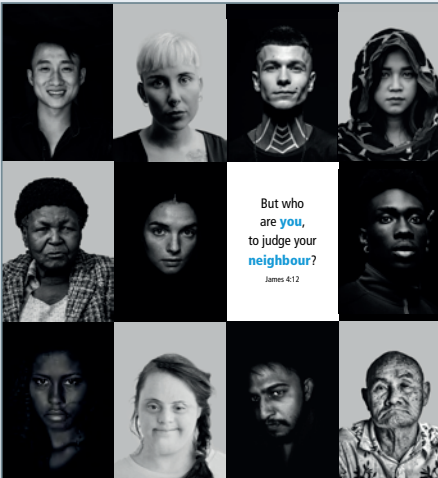
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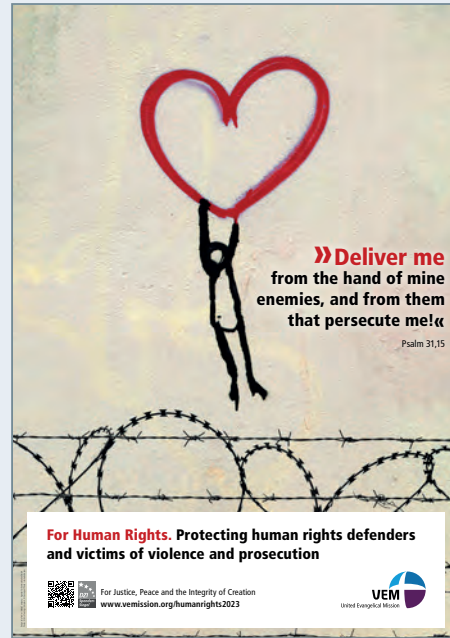
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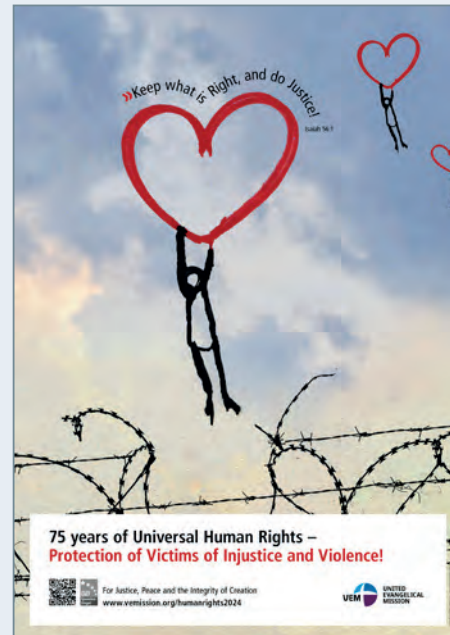
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2024
75 years of
Universal Human
Rights –
Protection of
Victims of
Injustice and
Violence

< Isaiah 56:1



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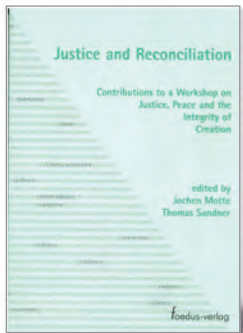


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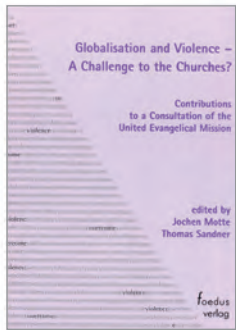


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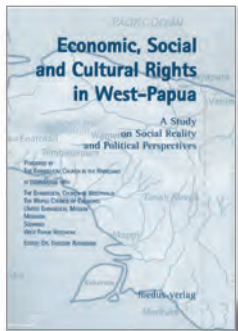


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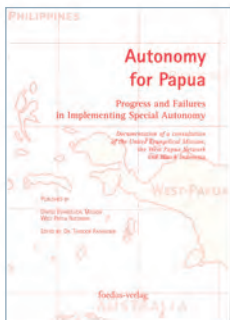


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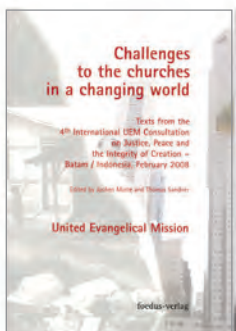


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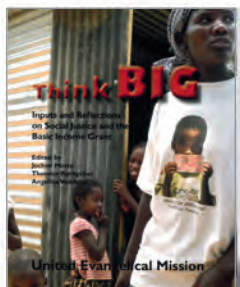


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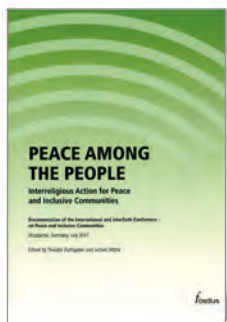
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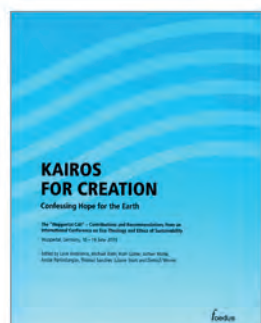


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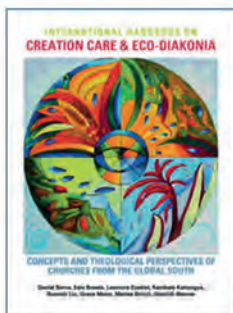


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