



Mennonite World Conference

A Community of Anabaptist related Churches

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Annual report: 2023

“But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us.”

Ephesians 2:13-14

Thank you! ¡Gracias! Merci !

In Jesus Christ, we are one family. Thanks be to God! Through your investments in the global church in 2023, we worked together as part of God’s diverse and beloved family.

You enabled MWC to reach out to member churches facing significant challenges. Together we broke down dividing walls.

You participated in our common call to *follow Jesus, live out unity, and build peace* as part of a global Anabaptist family of faith. Your support helped to bring life to our witness. In a divided world, our fellowship together across barriers shows God’s power.

Building bridges in God’s kingdom – Ethiopia to India

“My journey with MWC keeps bringing out the best in me,” says Tigist Tesfaye of Ethiopia. The secretary of the Deacons Commission was invited to India in 2023 to be the featured speaker at the Triennial All India Mennonite Women’s Conference. She brought words of solidarity from Africa to Asia in sharing about her life of committed Christian service.

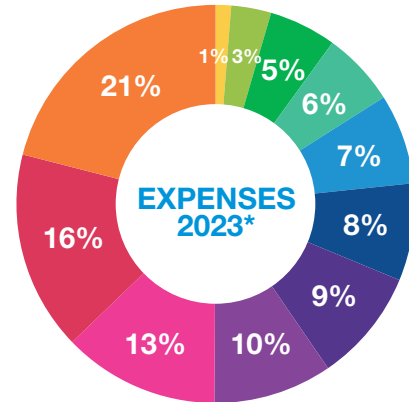
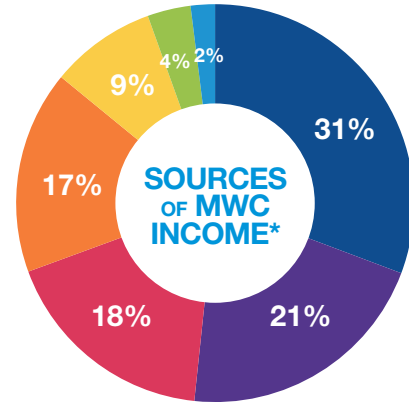
Tigist Tesfaye has been actively participating in MWC’s global ministries for more than 15 years: In MWC, **following Jesus** together (Matthew 4) is at the centre of our call.

Deacons Commission secretary Tigist Tesfaye with Anabaptist-Mennonite church leader Sipra Biswas (General Council delegate for Bharatiya Jukta Christa Prachar Mandalī [India United Missionary Church]) in India. Photo: Cynthia Peacock



- 429 205 Individuals
- 292 480 Agencies
- 247 795 Member churches
- 230 639 Foundations
- 120 023 Congregations
- 49 123 Business
- 27 548 Other

TOTAL REVENUES
1 396 814



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

*All amounts in US\$



Your investment in MWC’s global mission...

- **empowers Anabaptist leaders:** through connecting and training, leaders of all ages deepen their capacities as we follow Jesus together;
- **strengthens Anabaptist congregations:** through resourcing and networking, faith communities thrive in **living out unity**;
- **fosters a vibrant global communion:** through community-building and barrier-crossing, Anabaptists **build peace** within our global family and beyond.

Become **part of God’s bigger picture** 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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Baptized members of Mennonite World Conference member churches

TOTAL MEMBERS: **1 472 488**

Africa 769 670 (53%)

Asia 354 428 (24%)

North America 224 407 (15%)

Latin America 107 197 (7%)

Europe 16 786 (1%)

Following Jesus, living out unity, building peace

Growing in Faithfulness

MWC develops resources to build up the worldwide Anabaptist family of faith.

In 2023, MWC's Faith & Life Commission published a study guide called *"Growing in Faithfulness: Living out our baptism."*

This resource provides a guide to the trilateral dialogue report on baptism, published after several years of collaborative work in the broader Christian community.

MWC leaders involved on this multi-year journey say: "We also sense a deep need among us as Anabaptists to recover why baptism matters and to rekindle its connection to discipleship".

The trilateral dialogue report and MWC study guide highlight convictions, learnings and challenges from this ecumenical dialogue on the meaning of baptism in our faith communities today.

MWC's mission includes relating to other Christian world communions. The baptism report represents diverse perspectives and practice from very different life experiences and church settings both within MWC and beyond.

MWC creates vibrant spaces for worship, dialogue, learning and prayer as together we are **living out unity**.



The courage to love

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Commemorate with us!



The courage to love: Anabaptism@500 – Looking forward to 2025

The courage displayed by our spiritual forebearers is also reflected by our Anabaptist sisters-and-brothers today. Facing severe situations, they encounter those challenges with courageous love. From Myanmar to Malawi and Uruguay to Ukraine, our diverse global faith community is stronger as we stand together in 60 countries.

2025 is a year of milestones for MWC and the global Anabaptist family of faith. Commemorate with us!

Be inspired by acts of courageous love and peace building across centuries.

Celebrate the diverse faces of Anabaptism today.

Pray for the courage to love as we live out God's renewal of the church today and into the future.

Together, in this Anabaptist stream of Christ's church, we are **building peace**.



MWC's Executive Committee at annual meetings:

Curitiba, Brazil, April 2024

Back (l-r): Sindah Ngulube (Africa), Samson Omondi (Africa), Henk Stenvers (president), Wieteke van der Molen (Europe), Doug Klassen (North America), Jürg Bräker (Europe), MZ Ichsanudin (Asia), Francis Perez (Latin America), Sunoko Lin (treasurer)
Front: Lisa Carr-Pries (vice-president), César García (general secretary), Amos Chin (Asia), Carlos García Martínez (Latin America), Linda Dibble (North America)