



Anabaptist World Fellowship Sunday

Worship Resources

Prepared by the MWC Regional Representatives in Latin America for 21 January 2024, or at any time convenient for your congregation.



Theme and texts

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| <p>a. Theme: Mosaic: Becoming a part of God's bigger picture</p> | <p>b. Why this theme was chosen:
Mennonite World Conference has many members, each one different from the others, and yet together the members create a beautiful picture of the body of Christ.</p> | <p>c. Biblical text options:
Old Testament:
Job 42:1-6
Psalm:
Psalm 8
Gospel:
John 10:14-16
New Testament:
Ephesians 4:1-16</p> | <p>d. Relationship between the theme and biblical texts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God's plan (picture) is bigger than our understanding • God's creation (picture) is immense, reflecting God's glory • God's flock of sheep is loved, and bigger than expected • There are different gifts distributed in the church, but one Holy Spirit in one body, all a part of God's bigger picture |
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Prayer requests

Prayer requests from Latin America

- Pray for those who are fleeing violence in their countries, seeking to live in peace. Pray for conversion of the people and structures that perpetuate violence in its various manifestations.
- Pray that with the wisdom of the Spirit: congregations will respond to their missional and pastoral tasks in the context of current realities, including corruption, gang violence, economic inequality and migration.
- Pray that the churches will be passionate about bringing the message of salvation in Christ to those who are hungry to hear about hope in Jesus.

Prayer requests from MWC

- Pray for God's Spirit to be at work throughout MWC and the mosaic of churches throughout the world.
- Pray for God's will to be done on earth as it is in heaven, so that the mosaic described in Revelation 7:9 will come true.
- Pray for the current needs in the MWC family as expressed on the MWC prayers page: mwc-cmm.org/en/prayers



Song suggestions

Songs from MWC 2022 International Songbook

- #12 In Jesus Christ We Are One Family / *Dalam Yesus kita bersaudara*
- #31 *Alabaré*
- #36 True Evangelical Faith / *La fe de Cristo*
- #39 You're not alone / *Tu n'es pas seul*
Somos uno en Jesucristo

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Multimedia resources

See mwc-cmm.org/awfs

- Video greetings from Latin American congregations
- Scripture texts read in MWC's official languages
- Song videos
- Photos
- Celebration map
- Speakers' bureau





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Offering

- MWC invites congregations to take a special offering for our global Anabaptist communion on Anabaptist World Fellowship Sunday. One way to do this is to invite every member to contribute the cost of at least one lunch in their own community to support the core ministries and Commissions of MWC. This is a manageable amount in every MWC member church around the world.
- Go to [page 15](#) for more ideas to celebrate a special offering time for Anabaptist World Fellowship Sunday.



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Additional Resources

In this package (pages 3-16)

- Ideas for gathering and benediction
- Sermon content from biblical texts
- Testimonies from Latin America
- Anabaptist historical context
- Children's activity
- Tithes and offering ideas from Latin America
- Cultural suggestions from Latin America
- Artwork (see [page 16](#))



Iglesia Del Dios Viviente Rama, part of Convención Menonita de Nicaragua, celebrated the 498th anniversary of the Anabaptism movement with the Anabaptist World Fellowship Sunday worship materials.

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The biblical texts, prayers, song suggestions, sermon ideas and other resources in this package have been prepared by members of MWC out of their experience in their local context. The teaching does not necessary represent an official MWC position.

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