

## Indonesia 2022

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bersama-sama mengikuti Yesus melintas batas sesarengan ngetut wuri Gusti Yesus nratas wewates following Jesus together across barriers seguir a Jesús juntos, superando las barreras suivre Jésus ensemble à travers les frontières

## Carried by the love of God

"I invite all people to think about the love that Jesus shared and how we can share that same love in our communities," says pastor Yeanny Moestikasari Soeryo, director of *Balai Karya Berkat*, a rehabilitation center for people with special needs in Semarang, Indonesia. By reflecting on this question, the simple yet compelling shalom vision of Luke 7:22 has led Pastor Yeanny to a life of ministry, both in and out of the church.

After nearly 30 years as a pastor, Pastor Yeanny, who entered ministry at 24, began to hear a call from Scripture. As she read about the banquet table in Luke 7:22 and the instructions to walk as Jesus walked in 1 John 2:6, she noticed people with special needs were underrepresented in her church.

Around 2012, the dream to provide vocational training according to the specific needs of the participants was presented to Pastor Yeanny's church. Members of GKMI Semarang church began to donate – not only money, but also land.

In 2013, after working with community members, word of mouth began to spread, gathering a participant base. Pastor Yeanny created a permanent location for workshops for the members of Balai Karya Berkat to take courses in batik, sewing, massage, motorcycle repair, flower arrangement, hairdressing, make-up, woodworking and online business.

Since its establishment, more than 100 people have been trained through *Balai Karya*  Berkat. They gain professional skills that make an economically sustainable life possible.

While visiting Indonesia in 2017, Liesa Unger, MWC chief international events officer, met Pastor Yeanny and the two began to develop a product *Balai Karya Berkat* could create for Assembly participants: handmade tote bags in a batik style.

In 2019, Pastor Yeanny presented the first prototype. Assembly staff ordered 10 000 bags. Since then, the participants have been working diligently to finish one of the largest orders in their history, having already finished more than 7 000 bags and hoping to be able to finish the last part of the order by the time Assembly begins in July.

"When Jesus came to the world he loved everyone. We are all created in one image, so we need to treat everyone as children of God," says Pastor Yeanny. "When people take their MWC bags with them, they will be able to remember who the people were that made the bags, and that they are beloved by God."

Each on-site Assembly participant will receive a bag. Information is forthcoming on how to order a souvenir bag.

Pastor Yeanny shows the bags from Balai Karya Berkat workers to Assembly staff. Photo: Balai Karya Berkat



# HUB INTERACTIVE CHATS/WALK THROUGH THE WEBSITE

This year, when you register for online Assembly, you will get an all-access pass to the Assembly Hub.

The Hub is a virtual platform where people can participate in different spaces that enrich the virtual experience.

#### Registrants will be able to

- Participate in workshops and discussions with people from Anabaptist-Mennonite communities from around the world.
- Enter small group chat rooms to encounter new and old friends from around the world.
- Sing along to old favourites with the international ensemble and learn new hits
- Pray with brothers and sisters amid their challenges, suffering and joy.

As an Assembly registrant, you can download all videos to facilitate playback qualities during watch parties. You retain access to all videos and articles until 30 September.



Many service opportunities Photo: Balai Karya Berkat

# Join the MWC Assembly Online!

Host a "watch party" with your congregation, family or friends. Register to enter Assembly Hub:

- access live streams of the daily plenaries sessions,
- participate in hybrid and online workshops and discussions,
- follow Assembly on-site through vlogs,
- participate in mixed online and on-site small groups.

Recorded sessions will stay in the Assembly Hub until 30 September, so you can re-visit the sessions at another time.

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Attend a different workshop every day. Photo: MWC

#### Workshops

At this year's Assembly, your registration not only gives you an all-access pass to the plenary speakers beamed to you from 5 different sites in Indonesia, the international choir singing old favourites and new hits, workshops with scholars and practitioners in the Anabaptist-Mennonite family but also video activities from the teen/youth program, a small group chat room to encounter new and old friends from around the world. Register now at the Assembly registration site for your all-access pass.



Many service opportunities. Photo: Balai Karya Berkat

One of the biggest advantages of signing up for Assembly online is flexibility. Participants can use the workshops as a space for personal growth and learning and can also use the over 50 recorded workshops to facilitate:

- Devotionals
- · Sunday school classes
- · small groups
- youth group meetings and other events.



Host a "watch party" with your congregation, family or friends. Photo: courtesy JKI Injil Kerajaan

Following the main theme of Assembly, following Jesus together across barriers, each day focuses on a different facet of following Jesus.

#### July Daily Themes

- 05 Tuesday (opening): following Jesus together across barriers
- 06 Wednesday: following Jesus, learning together
- 07 Thursday: following Jesus, living together
- 08 Friday: following Jesus, caring together
- O9 Saturday: following Jesus, celebrating together
- 10 Sunday (closing): following Jesus together (Renewal 2028)



Learn about MWC's work. Photo: MWC photo

To facilitate participation throughout the world, online workshops take place from 06:00-07:30 and 00:00-1:30 Semarang time. For help converting Indonesian time to your time zone, please search Semarang time in Google to find out the exact time in Semarang.



Many service opportunities. Photo: Ebenzer Mondez

