



**GATHERED
TOGETHER**

**UNITED IN
PURPOSE**

**SERVING
THE
CHURCH**

**SHARING
THE GOSPEL**

**SPEAKING
AS ONE**

The Evangelical family is both very dispersed and diverse. Yet we share this in common: **a personal relationship with our Heavenly Father** through the sacrifice of His Son Jesus Christ; a redemptive spiritual experience; a belief in the triune God as revealed in the trustworthy Holy Scriptures; and a desire to love God, one another, and our neighbors. For us, “Evangelicals” are all members of churches of our member National Evangelical Alliances, from 16th century Lutherans and Anabaptists to 20th century Pentecostals and 21st century Independents.

The World Evangelical Alliance helps answer God’s call that His church be ONE.

WEA is the primary global network uniting and strengthening evangelical churches for effective Gospel witness, influential voice, clear identity, sound theology and transformative social action.

Our roots go back to 1846 in England when churches became increasingly disturbed about the disunity of Christianity that was hindering the spread of the Gospel worldwide. Religious freedom was seen as the backbone of evangelism with the state keeping out of mission.

Growing out of the successful fight against slavery, WEA took on other growing social injustices. National “evangelical alliances” comprised of denominations, organizations and individuals were established on several continents in the 19th century. Success in global mission followed. Alliances now exist in 143 countries with more to come and comprise a diverse list of denominations including Lutheran, Baptist, Pentecostal, Independent and others.

WEA impacts God’s Kingdom through a vast, global network.

600+
million
evangelicals*

Tens
of thousands of churches
& organizations

143+
National
Evangelical
Alliances

9
regional
alliances

* Members of churches in our National Evangelical Alliances

THE WEA IS...

- > **A MEGAPHONE** speaking to the powerful on behalf of the powerless and persecuted, advocating for justice before governments, world leaders and the media.
- > **A TABLE** bringing together cutting-edge leaders, task forces and commissions to address key issues facing the church and the world.
- > **A RESOURCE CENTER** for our departments, commissions, and regional and national alliances, providing training and tools, facilitating connection and collaboration, and inspiring them to reach their goals with greater impact and accountability.
- > **A GATHERING PLACE** for leaders and pastors of the global evangelical church to plan, support and collaborate with one another.

THE WEA NETWORK





SNAPSHOTS OF *Impact*

A Megaphone

THE WEA OPERATES RELIGIOUS FREEDOM AND SOCIAL JUSTICE research and advocacy offices in United Nations (U.N.) centers in Geneva, New York, and Bonn. Our respected team leverages special U.N. consultative status for change-making public and behind-the-scenes interactions with top world leaders, ambassadors, and influential sympathetic coalitions.

We advocate on a global level for human trafficking victims, refugees, migrants, and diasporas who increasingly need specialized help.

WEA advocates for the freedom of religion or worldviews for all humans.

THE RESULT? Shuttered churches are re-opened. Imprisoned pastors are released. Discriminatory policies are dropped. Freedom of religious practice is returned. Basic human rights are restored.

A Table

WEA HAS ASSEMBLED AND CONNECTED WORLD SUBJECT MATTER SPECIALISTS

to plan and lead strategic global church initiatives organized around six key areas, each designed to accelerate the health and growth of the church around the world:

Global Advocacy. Global Witness. Global Theology. Alliance Engagement. Church Engagement. Public Engagement.

These departments are led by a diverse, international team of capable leaders who work with team members to drive global outcomes on important issues such as: evangelism, theology, youth, women in leadership, creation care, church growth, peace and reconciliation, relief & development, religious liberty and more.

THE RESULT? Complex problems facing the global church are solved. Gospel outreach is expanded and more effective. Local churches grow in their ability to serve their communities.

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A Resource Center

THE ENORMOUS GROWTH OF EVANGELICALS has resulted in a similar rise in the number of men and women emerging to lead and teach. But many are untrained and under-equipped to serve their community. Our Alliance and Church Engagement departments together with WEA's Global Institute of Leadership, our resource and training app, Theological Commission and a broad network of other resources equip church leaders and pastors on all levels of education to effectively communicate the Word of God from our distinctly Evangelical position. When confusion or disagreement emerges, The WEA steps in to provide sound doctrinal guidance and resolve issues.

Training on discipleship and a spectrum of leadership skills helps advance church ministry effectiveness. Our Development Department trains and assists global church leaders in generating both personal and organizational financial support for their local ministries.

The WEA Global Advocacy Team trains and assists national alliance leaders to effectively engage with their own government and authorities on issues of religious freedoms.

Our Communications & Media Relations Center raises global awareness of critical issues and ensures public understanding of evangelical beliefs and positions while helping to inform and grow the connected global evangelical family.

THE RESULT? More effective Gospel outreach. A stronger, more resilient church and church leadership. A better understanding of evangelical beliefs, perspectives and what God is doing. Increased interest in Evangelical Christianity. A more informed, inspired and praying church.

A Gathering Place

WE LIVE AND SERVE MOST IN GOD'S IMAGE WHEN WE ARE TOGETHER. Ecclesiastes says, "Three strands of a cord are not easily broken."

So, WEA serves the Church by bringing us all together. This gives us a common identity within our unique cultures. It facilitates collaboration, understanding, shared experiences, partnership in prayer and encouragement and exchange of ideas and solutions.

WEA's Peace and Reconciliation Network brings people together to teach and assist them to resolve differences. We facilitate community projects that bring past enemies to work peacefully side by side for their common good.

Our WEA General Assembly is a global event attended by more than 800 evangelical leaders from 92 countries. We meet for fellowship, encouragement, and learning about a wide range of topics such as intergenerational leadership, disciple-making, interfaith conversations, reconciliation and more.

Through the year church leaders from around the globe meet regularly to work on WEA Task Forces and Commissions that address issues of strategic importance to the global Evangelical church.

THE RESULT? Stronger relationships. Unity in purpose. Refreshed leaders. Grassroots driven strategies. Advancement of mission.

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You Can Serve His Church On a Global Scale

The days in which we live and the issues facing the world and us as a family of Evangelicals demand we rapidly build the WEA Network's capacity, expertise, and reach to increase our influence and impact.

MAY WE HAVE A CONVERSATION WITH YOU ON THE AREA(S) OF YOUR GREATEST MISSIONAL AND PHILANTHROPIC INTEREST and share the funding investment that is currently required to make a global impact on people who need to experience the freedom, hope, healing, and love that comes from God?

- > Expanding the Global Voice of Evangelicals
- > Advocating for Religious Freedom & Basic Human Rights
- > Strengthening Church Leadership
- > Advancing Peace & Reconciliation
- > Supporting Women and Youth in Leadership
- > Protecting God's Creation
- > Emergency Care for Suffering Pastors & Churches

“That together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.” —ROMANS 15:6