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About CWM



Council for World Mission

VISION

Life-flourishing Communities, living out God's promise of a New Heaven and a New Earth.

Our theology statement invites us to explore the meaning and experience of: Life-flourishing communities living the urgency of the Risen Life on the streets, seas, lands and in the territories of Babylon; witnessing to the uprising of the Spirit as she brings into being the New Heaven and New Earth in our midst; and being at one with the God of Life in arising, shining, planting, praying, singing, dancing and embodying alternatives to empire's death and destruction.

This is a clear articulation of CWM's 2020-2029 strategy framework, "Rising to Life: Breaking out of Babylon". The ultimate goal of the strategy is life-flourishing communities, a new way of being and behaving, a pattern of living based on justice and peace, where fullness of life for all creation is our primary calling and commitment. The vision statement captures the essence of subversive imagination of a different world, where the Earth and all that is in it, serve and sustain all of God's creation; and where the people of God envision this new life for now.

MISSION

Called in Christ to radical and prophetic discipleship, working in partnership with churches and the ecumenical community to resist life-denying systems, affirm peace, do justice and enable life-flourishing communities.

In our theology statement, we declare that "We seek, as an organisation and as a partnership of churches, a life rooted in obedience to God's mission focused on:

- Rising with the risen Jesus whose resurrection is insurrection and proclamation that Babylon is as fallen as the tomb is empty; and
- Responding in radical discipleship where we live out the New Heaven and New Earth in the midst of a violent, abused and grieving world as signs of transforming love".

In this mission statement, the emphasis is on naming this "violent, abused and grieving world" that ought to be replaced with life-flourishing communities, based on justice and peace. The means to that end is a clear sense of call to partnership with churches and the ecumenical community in which radical and prophetic discipleship is expressed in transformative and loving action to resist, affirm, support and enable life-flourishing alternatives.

VALUES

- Justice in relationships
- Mutuality, equality and interdependence
- Generosity of spirit
- Unity in diversity



Moderator's Message

The year 2024 was certainly one with grave global challenges—and yet we enjoyed a sense of rejuvenation brought about by the CWM Assembly. The 2024 Annual Report shows how the Assembly united CWM Member Churches, and how they continued to work hard and learn together to address the global crises.

I believe we are all called to be part of a new church with an incredible impact that we can achieve together. In the pages of this Annual Report, I hope you can see some of the unique ways in which we are doing just that. You will get to know the CWM programmes more closely, and also learn how others serve God in their own unique ways.

I remain grateful for all the efforts—both prayerful and practical—from our CWM regions and Member Churches who serve and work for God's mission in ways unique to each context.

The Annual Report contains firsthand stories of how churches have listened to the marginalized; nurtured dialogue and growth; and learned with passionate hearts.

We hope this report also helps you see how CWM walks with those who are silenced and works to bring restoration to the dignity of life.

CWM's many programmes and initiatives show how CWM Member Churches are building deeper partnerships by learning from the past and understanding each other's rationales for the present and the future so that they can continue to collectively improve upon and deepen future collaborative relations.

May we continue to foster of a spirit of unity amongst our various stakeholders. May we fully realise our roles in this global ecumenical family. And may God grant us the strength and courage to build a society that values human dignity.

As we journeyed together as disciples during 2024, we brought all our different cultures, backgrounds, nationalities, and home church traditions together to be a community in fellowship with Jesus. We reached out to each other with friendship, support, and prayers. Together, we will continue to strive to raise up the kingdom of God, and hold onto the faith of God's plan for each of us.



Dr Natalie Lin
CWM Moderator



General Secretary's Message

Warmest Greetings from the Council for World Mission!

It is with deep gratitude to God that I present to you the Council for World Mission's Annual Report - 2024. This report encapsulates the diverse and transformative engagements carried out across the globe by our member churches, partners, and the CWM team. The work of CWM in 2024 serves as testimony to our collective journey in God's mission, as we walk together in prophetic discipleship, seeking to resist systems of oppression and exploitation, and to nurture life-flourishing communities.

A central highlight of the year was the CWM Assembly held in Durban, South Africa, under the theme, Rise to Life: Together in Transformation. This gathering brought together our global CWM family and provided a space of discernment, celebration, and renewal. The Assembly reaffirmed our commitment to rise as a communion of churches in mission united by faith and God's Spirit, ready to embody resurrection hope in the face of empire, injustice, and despair. It was a vibrant and Spirit-led moment of rekindling our vision for just and liberating communities.

Throughout 2024, CWM continued to work alongside member churches and ecumenical partners, faithfully responding to the global challenges through programs that promote justice, peace, and life in fullness. Through these programmes and events, we challenged the empire's grip on creation, resisted dehumanising economic policies, and promoted the voices of the silenced and oppressed. These shared commitments bear witness to our collective yearning for a transformed world, where life in its fullness is manifest in dignity, healing, and hope.

Among the key missional priorities was The Onesimus Project (TOP), through which CWM deepened its prophetic stance against slavery—past and present. Through global consultations, theological reflections, and advocacy, we have aimed to help our member churches and ecumenical partners identify and resist modern forms of slavery, racism, and the enduring legacies of colonialism. We thank God for the courage of communities and churches that continue to proclaim freedom and restorative justice.

In the midst of wars, military occupations, and genocides that devastate lives across regions, CWM stood in solidarity with those who suffer. Whether in Myanmar, Gaza, or other conflict zones, we lifted up cries of lament and constantly appealed to the global community to uphold peace and justice for all. Through Solidarity and Action Grants and prophetic statements, we affirmed our commitment to walk with the marginalised communities and uphold the sanctity of every human life.

Our work on climate justice and economic transformation was advanced through grassroots mobilisations, regional consultations, and theological education. Together with young people and ecumenical partners, we addressed the intersections of ecological crisis, extractive economies, and economic injustice, calling for systems grounded in care for creation and shared abundance.

CWM also intensified efforts in transformative education, empowering young leaders and emerging theologians through various training programmes and scholarships. These initiatives, together with academic consultations like DARE, continued to nurture young prophetic voices rooted in local contexts yet equipped to serve the global church. At the heart of this formation is a commitment to discipleship that is radical and justice-seeking.

As primary agents of carrying out God's Mission, our member churches played a crucial role in living out the mission of God with boldness and compassion in their contexts. I extend my heartfelt appreciation to our Directors, Trustees, committees, and reference groups, as well as my staff colleagues, for their leadership, governance, and collective discernment in our journey as an organisation committed to the flourishing of life for all. As we look ahead, may we remain faithful to God's calling to be communities of life and hope.



Rev. Dr Jooseop Keum
General Secretary



Assembly 2024: “Rise to Life: Together in Transformation”

The CWM Assembly 2024 took place from 12-19 June 2024, in Durban, South Africa, under the theme, “Rise to Life: Together in Transformation.” It marked the first in-person gathering of the communion of churches in mission since the Assembly in Jeju, South Korea, in 2016.

The CWM Assembly 2024 drew 238 individuals, including 124 delegates from the 31 member churches. Unfortunately, the four delegates from the Presbyterian Church of Myanmar (PCM) were unable to attend due to visa challenges.

Alongside the delegates, the assembly included ecumenical guests from various organisations, Observers, outgoing Board members and former General Secretaries. Members of various Assembly committees, including the Assembly Planning Group, Nominations Committee, Local Organising Committee, and Stewards, played a critical role in organising the Assembly successfully. In addition, resource persons, including keynote speakers, sub-theme speakers, and Bible study and workshop facilitators, helped lead the CWM Assembly discernment process.

Members of various working groups, including the Spiritual Life Working Group and Communications Working Group, also played pivotal roles in the Assembly.

The Pre-Assembly Youth and Women events played a significant role in the CWM Assembly by ensuring separate spaces for young people and women to share their experiences, discuss challenges, and develop statements that were discussed in the Assembly.

The Assembly concluded after five days with a reaffirmation of CWM's commitment to Rising to Life and Confessing Witness to Life-Flourishing Communities.

The Assembly emphasised the importance of prophetic spirituality, faith, evangelism, community, and togetherness in promoting life in its fullness. The gathering also highlighted the need to address sociopolitical and environmental emergencies, violence, and suffering, and to engage in practices that reflect resurrection life.

The Assembly called for the building of life-flourishing communities and the embodiment of alternative ways of living and being. The final call was to move with the wind of the Spirit towards the CWM Jubilee in 2027, trusting God to renew the vision and mission.

A Short Walk Through the Assembly

Colourful Opening

Hosted by the United Congregational Church of Southern Africa (UCCSA) and the Uniting Presbyterian Church in Southern Africa (UPCSA), the Assembly opened on 13 June 2024 with a procession of bright colours, camaraderie, colourful flags and a lively band, down the streets of eThekweni, South Africa.

The procession landed participants at Grace Family Church, where they paused on the grounds to bless a special place in the churchyard where a tree would be planted.

During an Opening Worship, CWM General Secretary, Rev. Dr Jooseop Keum, greeted the CWM delegates and guests. "We bring with us our hopes, dreams, and prayers of our communities," he said.

Rev. Dr Lungile Mpetsheni, General Secretary of the UPCSA, took to the pulpit to welcome the participants





to Africa. “I am welcoming you to the land of the brave people, to the land of the warriors who fought over the years against all forms of colonialism,” he said.

Cllr Nompumelelo Ignatia Sithole, PR Councillor for Ethekewini Municipality, shared a message on behalf of the Office of the Mayor. “We are grateful to the organisers for choosing our city as a venue of choice for this beautiful event,” she said.

Outgoing CWM Moderator Rt Rev. Lydia Neshangwe delivered a sermon on how the Holy Spirit is poured out on everyone—children, old people, men, women, and even those who seem unworthy to society.

On 14 June 2024, after CWM delegates and visitors were formally welcomed to the Assembly, they heard from keynote speaker Prof. Puleng Lenka-Bula. Of Lesotho and South African descent, she is a trained feminist ethicist with a Ph.D. in Social Ethics. “Hope is based on the promise of God to all humanity,” she said.

Keum then offered a summary of key achievements and journeys that CWM had taken in the past four years. “Mission has an important role in reclaiming human faith,” he said.

Exploring Sub-themes

On each Assembly day that explored a sub-theme, Bible studies and workshops were offered, allowing participants to explore on many levels how the sub-themes resonated with their lives and contexts.

On 15 June 2024, participants explored the sub-theme “Transforming Power.”



Prof. Verene Shepherd, Professor Emerita of History and Gender Studies at The University of the West Indies, Jamaica, said that “Transforming Power” is vital to pursuing equality “because unfortunately Babylon does not want peace or justice.”

On 17 June 2024, participants explored the sub-theme “Revisioning Mission.”

As Rev. Dr Luma Upolu Vaai, Principal and Professor of Theology and Ethics at the Pacific Theological College in Suva, Fiji Islands, served as the sub-theme speaker, he reflected on seeing “dirt communities” as critical spaces for revisioning mission—because dirt theology is grounded in the life of the Trinity.



On 18 June 2024, participants explored the sub-theme “Building Life-Flourishing Communities.” Three young women—from Nigeria, Palestine, and India—put a human face on what “Building Life-Flourishing Communities” really means.

A Sunday to Remember

On 16 June 2024, a public worship at the Olive Convention Centre in Durban, South Africa, brought ringing music, remembrance, and renewal to several hundreds of people who gathered alongside CWM Assembly participants.

The congregation—comprising CWM delegates, commemorated the Day of the African Child, or Youth Day, in South Africa.

On 16 June 1976, South Africa’s black youth challenged the white apartheid government. The events, during which at least 200 schoolchildren died after thousands were ambushed by the police, marked a turning point in South Africa’s political history.

Rev. Dr Tessa Henry Robinson, Moderator of the United Reformed Church, delivered a sermon that focused on celebration in the awe of God’s children.

“If heaven belongs to the children, our faith not only asks us but demands us to create space for children where they don’t just survive but thrive,” she said.

CWM Assembly participants then visited six sites that showcased notable educational, outreach, and support projects and entities that have worked tirelessly and unceasingly for vulnerable people in South Africa.



CWM Archives

Another Assembly highlight was its engagement with the CWM Archives, which for the first time was able to provide an onsite platform to raise awareness of the content and value of the historical collections with member churches and other attendees. A CWM Archives booth was designed in collaboration with the Communications team, a new information leaflet was prepared and a rolling digital display of images from the collections was on show for participants for the duration of the Assembly.

The Archivist also delivered an Assembly workshop, “Discovering the Historical Collections of the Council for World Mission.”





Election of Leaders

CWM elected Dr Lin Ming-Chu Natalie, from the Presbyterian Church in Taiwan, as the incoming moderator. Dr Natalie Lin is serving a four-year term that ends in 2028.

The CWM Assembly elected a new Treasurer; a slate of Directors for the Council for World Mission Ltd.; Trustees of the Council for World Mission (UK); and a slate of Directors for the Council for World Mission Africa NPC.

Closing Service

A closing service full of music and a dramatic rendition of Romans 12:1-21, allowed CWM delegates and friends to close their gathering in a spirit of prayer.



Statements from the Assembly

There were four statements adopted or received during the CWM Assembly 2024, including an Assembly Statement, Statement on Myanmar, Women's Statement, and Youth Statement.

Assembly Statement

"We are transformed as we travel the journey of faith; and as we are drawn into the mission of God we become agents of transformation in our world," the statement reads. "The Assembly nurtured prophetic spirituality to enable us to fulfil our missional calling in today's world."

Statement on Myanmar

The Assembly joined in prayer on the situation in Myanmar, expressing great sadness at the absence of the Presbyterian Church of Myanmar.

Women's Statement

"We affirm the contribution of all God's people in church and community," reads the statement. "We advocate for the equitable participation of women in leadership in relation to God and one another."

Youth Statement

"Through this statement we have come to let our voice as young people be heard, and to proclaim what it means to rise to life," the statement reads. "Ours is a voice of faith that bears witness to God's Spirit who is already at work in our contexts."



Mission Programme and Partnership

Throughout 2024, CWM created alliances and engaged churches and peoples' movements to rediscover human identity in the image of God. Through sharing human resources, thinking, and actions, CWM helped churches and communities embrace spiritualities, reshape economies, restore ecology, and renew global space.

Partners in Mission

CWM facilitates the sharing of people as a means of deepening support for member churches and partner organisations as they carry out God's mission.

Internship Programme

CWM Internship is a creative, hands-on, innovative opportunity for 21-30 year-olds to spend 6-12 months exploring faith alongside work in an international mission organization.

Mission Support Programme

A flagship programme of CWM, the Mission Support Programme empowers member churches to develop missional congregations and engage meaningfully in God's mission. Over a span of 27 years (1997-2024), the programme supported implementation of 114 mission programmes across six regions. These mission programmes addressed a wide array of mission, socioeconomic, and ecological challenges within the unique contexts of CWM's 32 member churches.

CWM Partners in Mission 2024



Rev. Patrick Banda



Rev. Chen Yu Fen



Rev. Robert Gama



Prof. Disraeli Hutton



Mr Innocent Kangwa



Rev. Dr Jane Kaluba



Rev. Nigel Lindsay



Mr Bornface Mafwela



Rev. Wezi Manda



Rev. Dr Oh Minwoo



Rev. Dr Lungile Mpetsheni



Ps. Cynthia Mwita



Rev. Thomas Phiri



Dr Joan Reid



Rev. Dr Dennis Sikazwe



Rev. Lembe Sivile



Mr Aldon Smith



Ms. Jung So Young



Mr Jacob Zikuli



Prof. Disraeli
Hutton



Mr Jacob Zikuli



Mr Bornface
Mafwela



Rev. Dr Lungile
Mpetsheni

Four New PIM Partners

In 2024, CWM welcomed four new mission partners joining the Partners in Mission (PIM) programme. Joining in January was Prof. Disraeli Hutton, who is serving at the International University of the Caribbean as dean for Graduate Studies, Research, and Consultancy. Commencing his service in April was Jacob Zikuli who joined The Tangintebu Theological College in the capacity of Project and Policy Manager. In September, Rev. Dr Lungile Mpetsheni assumed the role of PIM in September, serving as a Lecturer in Theology at the Zomba Theological University. Bornface Mafwela joined the PIM team in November, and now serves as Project Manager with the Churches of Christ in Malawi.



Two New Interns, One New Consultant

In 2024, CWM welcomed two interns and a consultant, who were deployed in the London, South Africa, and Singapore offices respectively. The two interns were Adam Pailing, a member of the London Road Congregational Church, UK and Lethabo Renee Moloko, from the Uniting Presbyterian Church in Southern Africa.

Coming onboard as a CWM Consultant was Tahima Christophe, a member of Etaretia Porotetani Maohi.



Words from the Field

“Each day feels fulfilling as I not only learn about the challenges faced by various countries, but also gain a deeper understanding of diverse cultures. The process of interacting and learning from people from different nations has helped me grow significantly.”

That’s how a youth participant described the 2024 East Asia Youth Programme on Peace Building and Conflict Transformation, organised by CWM East Asia Region and the National Council of Churches in the Philippines.

The programme was an offshoot from the Peace Building and Community Development Programme that aimed to translate CWM’s mission into practical, theologically rooted, and action-oriented initiatives that address global and local peacebuilding within the context of living under Empire. In a world that is constantly rocked by conflicts, it was imperative that the youths be equipped to be the harbingers of peace and bold speakers of truth to the powers bent of unravelling peace and harmony.



2024 in Brief

Visiting Church of Zambia

The CWM Mission Support Programme (MSP) unit visited the United Church of Zambia (UCZ) in August 2024. In an opening message to UCZ, Rev. Julie Sim, Mission Secretary for Mission Programme and Partnership, identified UCZ as being one of the biggest missionary-sending partners within the CWM family of member churches, adding that UCZ missionaries also make up the majority of CWM's 19-strong Partners-in-Mission team.



Gender and Militarisation Conference

Taking a stand against the evils of militarisation and the life-denying ways of militarism, women from different conflict zones in the world gathered in Juba, South Sudan as part of the Gender and Militarisation Conference organised by CWM, in partnership with the World Communion of Reformed Churches.

The gathering, which took place in September 2024 with eight panel sessions, served as a platform for the gathering of minds and voices of female survivors who spoke out against Empire, domination and subjugation related to warfare, and the weaponisation of sexuality.



CWM Missionaries, Past and Present

The London office of the CWM hosted 26 participants for the CWM Annual Missionary Gathering in August 2024. Participants included former missionaries, church leaders, and representatives from the CWM Europe region, former and current PIMs, and CWM staff members. The gathering provided a rich opportunity to remember and commemorate former missionaries and partners and the work they have done. Missionaries, past and present, enjoyed moments of sharing and fellowship.



Deepening Collaboration With European Churches

The CWM Mission Support Programme unit embarked on a visit in September 2024 to the five member churches located in the Europe region. The churches visited were the Congregational Federation, Presbyterian Church of Wales, Protestant Church in the Netherlands, Union of Welsh Independents, and United Reformed Church. Located in Nottingham, Cardiff, Utrecht, Swansea, and London respectively, the churches form a valuable link and serve as contact points for CWM's missional programmes in the region.



MSP Mission Consultation in Madagascar

Twenty-five people from the Church of Jesus Christ in Madagascar (FJKM) gathered for a consultation in November 2024 in Antananarivo facilitated by the CWM MSP team. The MSP team provided participants with essential project planning guidelines to strengthen and shape their proposals.



Discipleship, Spiritualities, and Dialogue

Through Discipleship, Spiritualities, and Dialogue, CWM works with member churches, ecumenical partners, government, and civil society to offer intentional ways to affirm the agency of those who are marginalised, to participate in their struggles and share their hopes; and to explore together ways to resist forces of marginalisation and exclusion.

Words from the Field

“As Palestinians—and for over 76 years—we have witnessed and we are still witnessing our hope murdered. Palestinians have also seen their Bibles taken away—and used as weapons. Our Bible continues to be used to justify unjust political agendas. I will say, since I’ve been part of CWM initiatives in the past three years, I’ve felt more seen and heard as a Palestinian Christian.”

These are the words of Yasmine Rishmawi, a young Palestinian theologian during a CWM Discernment and Radical Engagement (DARE) webinar that explored a faith-based response to the political, economic, and social forces impacting Palestine and its people.





2024 in Brief

Christian Response to Spirituality, Politics, and Polity

In partnership with The Institute for the Study of Culture and Christianity (Belgrade, Serbia), CWM organised a symposium, entitled “Spirituality, Politics, and Politics,” for theologians, political scientists, scholars, and activists in March 2024.

President of The Institute for the Study of Culture and Christianity, Prof. Davor Džalto remarked, “It was a pleasure, and an intellectually very rewarding experience, to participate in the organization of the symposium as well as in actual workshops. Looking back at the discussions we had, walks, lunches, and evening talk, I have an impression that something incredibly important for the Christian world has happened!”





Theology After Gaza

In response to the ongoing Israel-Palestine conflict, CWM, in partnership with Dar al-Kalima University, organised its first DARE Regional Forum in the Middle East region in Istanbul, Turkey in May 2024. Rev. Dr Mitri Raheb, Founder and President of Dar al-Kalima University, and a guest at the forum, said: "...the more biblical an organisation is anywhere in the world, the more Zionist it seems to be."

Christian Witness In Pluralistic Contexts

Thirty-one participants attended an Interfaith and Spiritualities workshop in October 2024 in CWM London office. "Mission and dialogue are often presented as opposites, but they are not. In dialogue, we witness to our faith in Jesus," described Rev. Dr Peter Colwell, Deputy General Secretary of Churches Together in Britain and Ireland, who saw the programme as a milestone towards deepening and strengthening essential interfaith conversations.



Education, Formation, and Empowerment

Through its Education, Formation, and Empowerment work, CWM is opening paths for people of all ages and stages of their spiritual, theological, and missional lives.

The **Academic Accompaniment Programme (AAP)** and the **Special Academic Accompaniment Programme (SAAP)** programmes are vital expressions of CWM's commitment to supporting member churches in building capacity for mission.

As of December 2024, CWM was supporting 109 scholars through its AAP and SAAP initiatives. Many have successfully completed their academic journeys, including:

Knowledge Zinduru	Banshanbor Nongrang	Chandra Sekhar
Jathanna Ebnezar	Blessing Snaitang	Lalhriatpuia
Eight Early Shabong	Van Biak Muan	Peter Hansum
Alois Mleya Magigwana	Lalsiamkima	Helder Carlos
Carlene Maginette Walford	Samuel Hall	Diana Paulding

Words from the Scholars

“As a PhD student, I attended the Society of Biblical Literature (SBL) international meeting in Pretoria, South Africa (3–7 July 2023). I presented two papers—one co-authored with Prof. Gerald West and Rev. Sthembiso Zwane titled *Contending for Invented Space in African Context and Biblical Text: Intersecting Gender, Sexuality, Ethnicity, and Economics*, and another solo paper titled *The Economic Survival of Ruth as an Affirming Economic Ethics for Queer Bodies in a Hostile Context*. This was a truly inspiring milestone in my academic journey.”

- Rev. Helder Luis Carlos (SAAP Scholar)

“I’m thrilled to share that I’ve successfully completed my master’s studies! This journey has been both challenging and rewarding. I’m especially grateful for CWM’s generous sponsorship, which allowed me to focus fully on my research. Studying at the Henry Martyn Institute has transformed my academic experience and deepened my understanding. I’ve attached my thesis and hope it will serve future ministry efforts. I’m also open to participating in seminars or presenting papers. Thank you for your unwavering support!”

- Lalhriatpuia (AAP Scholar, PCI, Henry Martyn Institute)

Member Church Initiatives

This programme facilitates capacity development of the member churches by offering opportunities for people engaged in mission to undertake short-term, skills-oriented training, or learning from experiences.



Training In Mission

Training In Mission (TIM) is open to young adults with Christian maturity and a sense of adventure and discovery. TIMs are emerging leaders, recognised by their denominational churches, or by our ecumenical partners as having particular potential for serving in mission settings in or on behalf of their home church or in the area of global ecumenism.



Words from the Field

“My participation in the TIM program has granted me invaluable insights into mission work in the Philippines and Jamaica, inspiring fresh perspectives on how we can expand and improve our efforts.”
— Rebecca Wrights, a participant representing the Guyana Congregational Union.

Wright was among graduates of the TIM programme who completed their course in November 2024, receiving not only a Diploma in Mission Studies but also certificates in Peer Mediation, Peace, Wellness, and Resilience in Children.

TIM Participants



LALRAMDINTHARA
Presbyterian Church in Myanmar (PCM)



Harley Jack Stapleton Brister
Congregational Federation (CF)



Luisa Albina Kappes
ECU - United Evangelical Mission (UEM)



Sheree Neechelle O'Connor
United Church in Jamaica and Cayman Islands (UCJCI)



Rebecca Adella Wrights
Guyana Congregational Union (GCU)



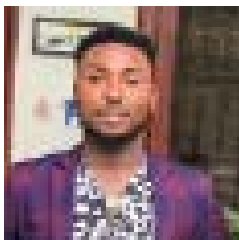
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Ekalesia Kelisiano Tuvalu (EKT)



Taobe Roboam
Kiribati Uniting Church (KUC)



Vanchhuangpuii
Presbyterian Church in India (PCI)



Hastings Wesford Kayenda
Churches of Christ in Malawi (CCM)



Face2Face

Face2Face aims to facilitate immersion, Bible studies, and seminars for participants to reflect on mission in a post-colonial context, and engage in a global dialogue on theology, spirituality and mission.



A New Face

A New Face is a continuing education Faith and Culture Engagement Programme. The programme varies from year to year to address particular emerging missional needs. It is designed for ordained ministers with both theological credentials and practical experience to deepen their engagement in a core missional area.

2024 in Brief

Women as spiritual catalysts

A New Face embarked on its second programmatic phase in September-October, 2024 this time primarily in Wales in the United Kingdom (UK) where the event was hosted by four CWM member churches—United Reformed Church, Congregational Federation, Union of Welsh Independents, and Presbyterian Church in Wales.

Summing up the ANF experience in the UK, one participant said, “Women need each other. We need allies, for we are often isolated. The church needs women leaders, who are intentional about speaking out. The most effective expressions of the Mission of God are often led by women. Churches that seek to be missional should invest in making the most of female wisdom and empowering women leaders.”

Life-flourishing Creation and Economy



CWM's work in creation and economy puts people and planet at the centre and ushers in an alternative economy.

Creation

"Rising to life and breaking out from Babylon" means becoming disciples who dismantle the empires of death and destruction. The distress of God's creation is the consequence of systems, ideologies, legacies, and practices that put profit over people and the planet.

Life-flourishing Economy

Rising to life defies market forces which commodify life. Such forces are unleashed by transnational corporations through the colonization of land, water, forest, and atmosphere. Breaking out from Babylon in such a market-driven world requires the audacity to engage in insurrectionist witness to heal the world with an alternative economy of life.



School of Intersection Ecotheology and Ecojustice Witness (SIEEW)

Conducted in Johannesburg, South Africa, the SIEEW programme concluded in November with 20 graduates from four of CWM's six regions - Africa, Europe, South Asia and the Pacific.

The programme that engages participants in theological reflections on ecojustice and the role that faith communities play in advocating for ecological restoration.

Collective reflections were applied during a series of workshops designed to equip the participants with practical tools for ecojustice advocacy, including policy engagement, grassroots mobilization, and sustainable community practices.



Words from the Field

Age of Cryptocurrency

“In our world of multiple crises and deepening inequality, it is now more important than ever for people of faith to come together to consider how we respond theologically and practically. This consultation has enabled deep learning and reflection from diverse perspectives on the impact of money on people and the planet, including new forms of money such as cryptocurrency,” emphasised Edwards. “This is just the start of a conversation we intend to take to our churches, to bring a prophetic critique and a vision of hope to the profound challenges we face.”

Sarah Edwards, Executive Director of Just Money (UK), contributed these thoughts during a “Consultation on the Theology of Money in the Age of Cryptocurrency” jointly organised by CWM and the World Communion of Reformed Churches in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia in October 2024.

2024 in Brief

Youth Consultation on Ecology and Economy

CWM organized a five-day Youth Consultation on Ecology and Economy in August 2024. Taking place in Antananarivo, Madagascar, the event brought together 23 participants from churches including Churches of Christ in Malawi (CCM), Church of Jesus Christ in Madagascar (FJKM), United Church of Zambia (UCZ), United Congregational Church of Southern Africa (UCCSA), and Uniting Presbyterian Church in Southern Africa (UPCSA).



Partnership with Malawi's Zomba Theological University

In October 2024, CWM announced its partnership with Malawi's Zomba Theological University in the launch of the Master of Theology in Contextual Theology (Faith and Political Renewal) programme.

The collaboration marks a significant milestone in CWM's ongoing "Theology of Life" initiative where the pressing concerns about the exploitative nature of current economic systems are addressed while fostering a faith-inspired renewal of political life across various levels.



GEM School

The 2024 edition of the Ecumenical School on Governance, Economics, and Management (GEM School) officially opened in St Paul's University, Limuru, Kenya in August 2024.

The 11-day programme aimed to train church leaders and young persons on global economics and economic governance that is biblical and ecologically just. A key thrust of the lessons seeks to equip participants with tools to enable them to engage in advocacy for transformations in the global and local financial and economic architecture.

Mission from the Margins

CWM seeks to propose alternative theologies rooted in local communities—in the margins. And the margins have voices. The Mission from the Margins programme radically engages communities within their context as they recover their voices stolen and suppressed by Babylon.

Through establishing networks, strengthening capacities, and creating alliances of the afflicted, this programme area not only serves to dismantle the mission model bequeathed to the contemporary church, but also works intentionally towards founding alternative communities that bear witness to justice-centered value systems, people-inspired political directions, and generosity of spirit in relationships.

Creating life-flourishing societies requires the commitment to denounce all systems and practices that stigmatise, criminalise, exclude, and dehumanise people because of their ethnicity, race, caste, gender, sexual orientation, health, and class.

Words from the Field

Even though no words were uttered throughout a performance at a South Asia youth workshop entitled “Peace and Development: An Agenda for Democracy and Justice,” a theatrical mime performance by Susanto Das communicated a deep meaning.

The performance, titled “Tale of a Fish – An Anti-Nuclear Mime Act,” offered a dramatic re-enactment of the construction of the Koodankulam Nuclear Power Plant in Tamil Nadu.



Das' act was a showcase of resistance to the nuclear plant's destructive effects on both the ecosystem and local communities.

Following the act, participants shared their own experiences about harmful impacts that development projects have had in their own communities, discussing how such projects, often justified in the name of progress, harm both the environment and the health of local populations.

The workshop took place in Kolkata, India, in October 2024, attended by 24 youth participants from across India and Bangladesh.





The Onesimus Project

The story of Onesimus offers us a Biblical story to open up issues of enslavement, release, confession, and discipleship framed around the trans-Atlantic slave trade as well as the many complex forms of enslavement in other contexts and times, including the present. It helps us face the nature of our own fellowship, which includes both the sinner (Philemon) and the sinned-against (Onesimus), as well as identifies the compromised, complacent religious power (Paul).

Key areas

Legacies of Slavery: Act of apology and repentance, reparation of victims, research, and publication

Modern day slavery: Identify modern forms of slavery, racial justice, initiated by member churches and regions

Education for liberation: Advocacy and movement, training and community development, alternative theological education

Transformative ecumenism: Re-imagination of ecumenism, solidarity for liberating the

ecumenical movement

Words from the Field

Emphasising CWM's commitment to transformative ecumenism, CWM General Secretary Rev. Dr Jooseop Keum affirmed, "Decolonising mission and ecumenism is one of CWM's primary focus areas in doing mission."

In July 2024, the Transformative Ecumenism Steering Group, established to promote the Transformative Ecumenism Movement worldwide, gathered in Bangkok to discuss strategies and plans for expanding the movement into a broader global context.

The transformative ecumenism movement works alongside The Onesimus Project as it seeks to address the roots of racialised inequalities and injustices within the CWM family of church and the wider world.





2024 in Brief

Book Explores Empire, Mission, White Privilege

The CWM London office hosted, in July 2024, 20 representatives from the member churches in the Europe region as well as ecumenical partners in a launch of a book born of the work from the Legacies of Slavery project (now The Onesimus Project) entitled, “Deconstructing Whiteness, Empire and Mission.”

The book, wholly funded by CWM, was coedited by Prof. Anthony Reddie from the University of Oxford, and Dr Carol Troupe of the Queen’s Foundation. Both were lead researchers on the CWM Legacies of Slavery project.

Standing Against Genocide

A Global Consultation on Empire and Genocide was held in August 2024, bringing together over 50 participants—activists, church leaders, and academics from diverse global contexts—to engage in critical conversations on justice and recovery in the face of genocide. Jointly organized by the All Africa Conference of Churches, CWM, and the World Communion of Reformed Churches, and locally hosted by the Council of Churches in Namibia in Windhoek, the consultation provided a platform for solidarity and dialogue, particularly among communities affected by or currently experiencing genocide.

Notably, the consultation released a powerful statement that called upon faith-based institutions to examine their histories and complicity in the perpetuation of genocides, and to critically reflect on the role that the Church, ecumenical bodies, and other religious communities have played—and can continue to play—in the pursuit of justice for crucified and marginalized peoples. This is a significant step toward genuine transformation and justice in addressing both ongoing and historical atrocities, offering hope to those awaiting justice.



Deconstructing Effects of Slavery

CWM organised a Theology of Reparations Consultation under The Onesimus Project in Harare, Zimbabwe in July 2024. Hosted by the United Theological College, the event brought together over 20 academics, theologians, and ecumenical partners who investigated, debated, and presented on the theological ripples of reparations, restitution, and justice associated with slavery.

In November 2024, CWM held a Global Consultation on Modern-Day Slavery in Bangkok, Thailand. The consultation brought together international participants, including activists, academics, and member church representatives, offering a platform to explore and expose how systemic structures such as economic disparities, social and cultural practices, and political factors, contribute to the perpetuation of modern-day slavery.

Ultimately, the consultation's goal was to empower and equip member churches to act as agents of transformative change by addressing both the immediate effects and the deeper structural causes of modern-day slavery. The consultation concluded with a statement calling upon churches, individuals, missional, and social organizations to amplify survivors' voices, raise MDS awareness, support victims, build partnerships, and work towards the liberation of the enslaved and marginalised.



Office of General Secretary

In September 2024, the CWM Board appointed subcommittees, and re-elected its Singapore-based Director.

The Board appointed new members for various CWM subcommittees: Staffing Committee, Programme Reference Group, Onesimus Project Core Group, Finance Committee, Audit Committee, Investment Committee.

The Board also unanimously affirmed the appointment of Mrs Sarah Phua Yiran as the 13th Director. She will continue serving on the Board for a second term.

The CWM Board then convened in Singapore in November 2024 for its first in-person meeting.

The Board approved a Solidarity and Action Grant to provide humanitarian aid to war victims in Gaza. The Board also approved the release of three separate funds as part of The Onesimus Project (TOP): the Reparatory Justice Fund, Modern Day Slavery Fund, and Healing of Memories Fund.

The Board received and affirmed the 2024 Assembly Report, the Programme Reference Group Report, the 2025 Programme Plan, and the 2025 Communication Plan. The Board also approved the 2025 budget.



Words from the Field

Welcoming participants at an international conference on Black Theology of Liberation and Minjung Theology, CWM General Secretary Rev. Dr Jooseop Keum said, “The conference invites us to reflect, challenge, and renew our collective commitment to justice and liberation by re-envisioning the Black Theology of Liberation and Minjung Theology.”

The conference was organized by CWM in partnership with University of South Africa and Yonsei University Institute of African Studies.



2024 in Brief

New South Africa CMW Office

The CWM opened its new office in Johannesburg, South Africa in May 2024. The new space will allow more emphasis on cultivating deeper community engagement and driving impactful programs across the

region while bolstering CWM's presence and operational capacity in Africa. The opening marked a pivotal moment in the organisation's history. The new office will play a significant role in CWM's strategic expansion into the Africa region, extending its missiological work to positively impact the continent and establish life-flourishing communities.



Celebrating 47 Years

CWM celebrated 47 years since its inauguration as a mission organisation. To commemorate the special day, staff members of the Singapore office made a special visit to the Singapore Life Church, where they spent time with 40 senior citizens in activities including exercises, a short quiz, and a singalong session where all belted out classic Christian hymns in praise of God.



UCJCI Convocation

The United Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands (UCJCI) celebrated its 2024 Convocation in May 2024 in the Montego Bay Convention Centre. The event, themed “Rooted, Resilient: Re-ignited by the Spirit,” was marked by a large turnout of 8,000 people, most of whom were adorned in varying shades of red. The Convocation was an especially significant event for the church as it marked the first time in six years that it was able to host large gatherings.



Standing with Myanmar

A CWM delegation led by the General Secretary, Rev. Dr Jooseop Keum, visited the Presbyterian Church of Myanmar (PCM) in Yangon from 30-31 July to develop concrete strategies for the Agape Hospital Project. They also made a solidarity visit to the Myanmar Council of Churches (MCC).



Pacific Visit

Vanuatu

Keum made a landmark visit to the Presbyterian Church in Vanuatu (PCV) in October 2024 – the first stop of a two-week Pacific visit that also saw him paying a call to Etaretia Porotetani Maohi (EPM) and

the Cook Islands Christian Church (CICC). Accompanied by Rev. Philip King, the Global Mission Director of the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand (PCANZ) and a former member of the CWM Board, Keum also met with the President of the Republic of Vanuatu, His Excellency, Mr Nikenike Vurobaravu to discuss the issue of independence for French territories in the Pacific and the role of mission.



Tahiti

Keum further engaged with the communities and leadership of the Etaretia Porotetani Maohi (EPM) and forged new bridges of partnership and strengthen bonds of collaboration.

Warmly received by EPM President Rev. François Pihaatae, General Secretary Rev. Hinatea Marotau, and the Executive Committee, EPM was Keum's second stop of three destinations planned for the Pacific circuit, the third being the Cook Islands Christian Church (CICC).



Cook Islands

The Cook Islands hosted the last leg of Keum's visit, and he received a warm welcome by General Secretary of the Cook Islands Christian Church (CICC), Kenneth Ben.

Throughout the four-day visit, Keum also visited the graves of

the missionary martyrs who have brought the lifesaving Gospel to the Cook Islands in spite of the mortal dangers associated with the task.



Visiting Honiara Circuit in Solomon Islands

In conjunction with a CWM Board of Directors meeting, a CWM delegation visited four local churches that are part of the Honiara Circuit in the Solomon Islands—Kukum United Church, Naha United Church, Lugavatu United Church, and Wesley

United Church—in February 2024. There, they joined in worship services with the local congregations, forging new friendships and renewing existing ties.



CWM Celebrates Church of Bangladesh's Jubilee Year, Bicentenary of St Thomas' Cathedral

March 2024 was a significant month for the Church of Bangladesh as it celebrated its 50th anniversary. The Church of Bangladesh is a united Protestant church comprising mainly the Anglican and Presbyterian denominations. As part of the festivities, St Thomas' Cathedral—a cornerstone of faith and history in the heart of Dhaka, and a central landmark in Bangladesh's Christian landscape—also commemorated its bicentenary since its inauguration on 10 July 1824.



100th anniversary of National Council of Churches in Korea

A CWM delegation visited Seoul to extend greetings and congratulations on the 100th anniversary of the National Council of Churches in Korea (NCCCK). Founded in 1924, the NCCCK is Korea's first national Christian council. CWM Moderator Dr Natalie Lin prayed for a community of equality and hospitality. "We believe that God loves those who work hard with the bodies You have given them. Please grant us the strength and courage to build a society that values workers. May the world become one where labour is respected," she prayed.





Statements

CWM released **three** statements during 2024, all addressing serious world issues.

Global Prayer for Victims of Papua New Guinea Landslide

The statement extended prayers for six villages in the Maip Multaka area located in the Enga Province of Papua New Guinea that were hit by a landslide in May 2024, resulting in the destruction of dozens of homes and trapping more than 2,000 villagers under earth and rubble.

“Our hearts go out to the families and peoples affected by the catastrophe, and we pray for God’s swift intervention to bring comfort, safety, and healing amidst the devastation,” reads the statement.

Statement on the Humanitarian Crisis in the Middle East.



Humanitarian Crisis in the Middle East

In conjunction with a statement in November 2024 on the humanitarian crisis in the Middle East, CWM announced a Solidarity and Action Grant to provide humanitarian aid for war victims in Gaza. “The devastation

to lives, homes, and essential infrastructure deeply saddens us and calls for immediate action rooted in compassion, justice, and humanitarian principles,” reads the statement.

CWM Statement on South Korea’s Declaration of Martial Law



South Korea’s Declaration of Martial Law

In December 2024, CWM expressed its deepest concern and condemnation of the South Korean government’s declaration of martial law. “This action, ironically presented as a measure to protect constitutional democratic order, is a severe violation of the constitutional rights of the South Korean people and threatens the foundations of democracy achieved by people’s blood and sweat,” reads the statement.



Communications

Communications Workshop

The Council for World Mission (CWM) held a Communications Workshop in Kuala Lumpur in January 2024, gathering more than 30 delegates from CWM member churches around the world.

Elder Lim Kar Hor, general secretary of Gereja Presbyterian Malaysia (GPM), the local cohost of the workshop, greeted the participants. “Welcome to this beautiful country, ‘Salam Sejahtera’ (a warm welcome in Bahasa Malaysia),” said Elder Lim as he conveyed his heartfelt appreciation to the delegates for their presence.

Thirty communicators from CWM member churches in Africa, East Asia, Europe, the Pacific, and South Asia released a statement “Together in Life-flourishing Communication,” after completing the workshop.

The statement summarizes the current communications context as it relates to the assembly theme, offers an overview of the theological foundation of communications, acknowledges some concerns and challenges, and concludes with a call to action.

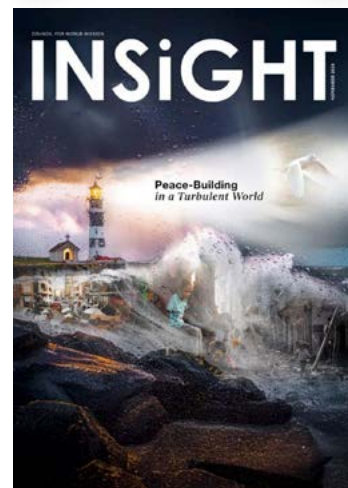
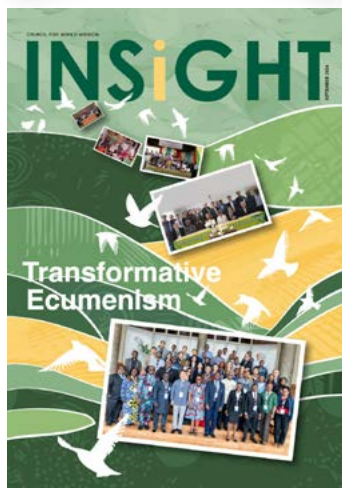
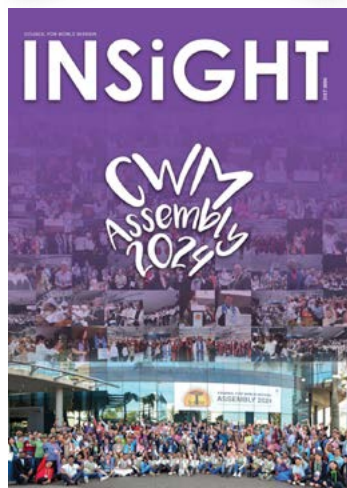
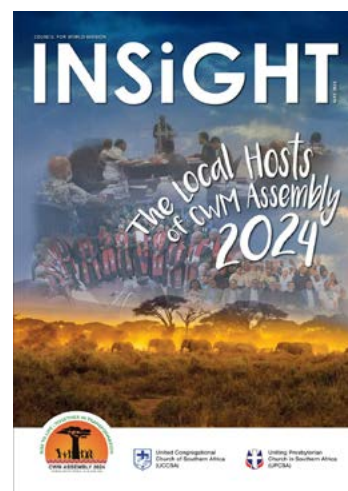
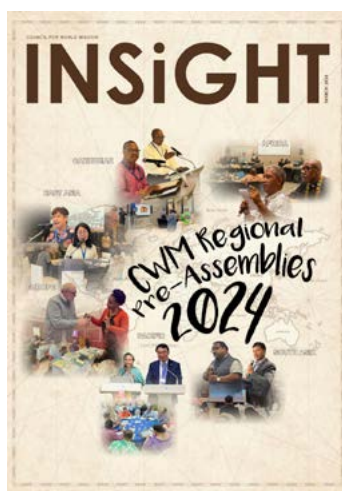
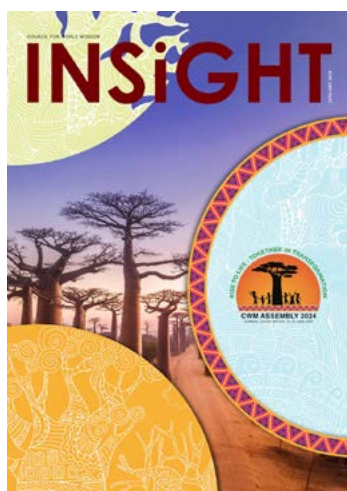
“A world facing conflict, climate change, and increasing social and economic inequalities, as well as uneven access to digital technologies, calls us to rise together to foster communication that is both life-affirming and transformative,” the statement reads.

“Implementing new and traditional communication, CWM communicators are honing their messages and telling the stories that illustrate the assembly theme in everyday life amid the many spaces in which we live and move.”

INSiGHT

Regular publications included six issues of INSiGHT with the following themes:

- January: Towards Assembly 2024
- March: CWM Regional Pre-Assemblies 2024
- May: The Local Hosts of CWM Assembly 2024
- July: CWM Assembly 2024 Statements
- September: Transformative Ecumenism
- November: Peace-Building in a Turbulent World



Sundays with CWM 2024

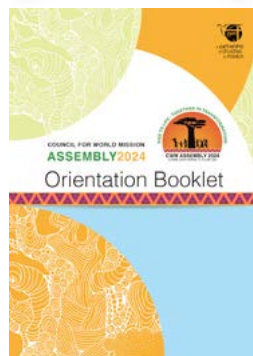
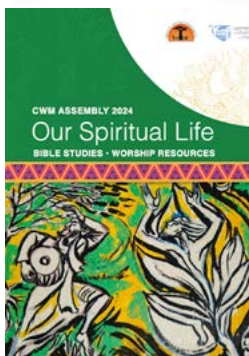
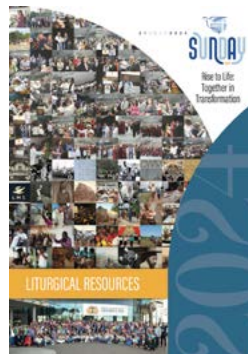
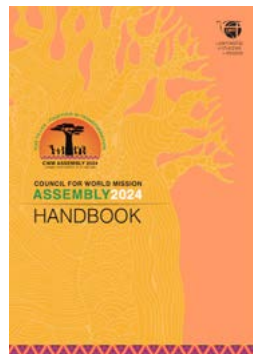
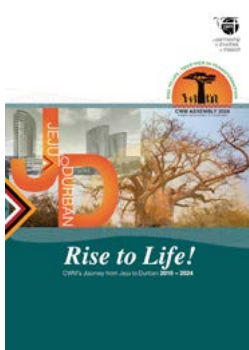


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CWM Assembly 2024 Publications

- CWM's Journey from Jeju to Durban 2016-2024
- Assembly 2024 Handbook
- Sunday Service: 16 June Youth Day South Africa
- Our Spiritual Life: Bible Studies - Worship Resources
- Assembly 2024 Orientation Booklet
- CWM Assembly 2024 Report Book



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Total views: 147,400

Youtube

- CWM produced 39 new video titles in 2024
- Total views: 14,800 (97% more than 2023)
- Watch time: 767.9 hours (221% more than 2023)

Weekly E-newsletter

Subscribers: 1,523 (15.5% more than 2023)



CWM Archives

CWM Archives Seminar Series

Building on the successful 2023 seminar series, Decolonising Mission Studies, which was held in-person with the archives at SOAS Library, a second series of seminars was offered online in 2024 to enable wider engagement. “Exploring the CWM Archives” aimed to introduce the archives on a regional basis, with three sessions offered to allow for different time zones.

Registered attendees, including church general secretaries, academics and students, were as follows:

Africa, Caribbean and Europe (September 2024) - 40

East and South Asia (October 2024) - 33

Pacific (November 2024) - 38



Visits to SOAS Library

There were a number of visits to the archives at SOAS Library through 2024, including CWM executive staff, and groups including the UK Congregational Federation, organised by their General Secretary, Yvonne Campbell, and ordained women participating in the CWM programme, A New Face (ANF). The women came from Kiribati, New Zealand, Madagascar, Zambia/Zimbabwe, Singapore, Jamaica, Trinidad and Tobago, and the Archivist prepared a display of material from the collections relating to women leaders and missionaries. Visits provide a unique opportunity to engage with historical materials in-person and can be a focal point for discussion.

Digitisation

Following on from the successful digitisation of early LMS materials from the archive in 2021 (Phase 1), a second digitisation project, also funded by a generous donation from CWM, was agreed in April and completed in October 2024.

The impact of this digitisation work is to open access to this important collection to a wider range of international researchers, including academics but also member churches, communities and individuals whose own histories are closely connected to the history of the CWM and its predecessor, the London Missionary Society.



Ecumenical Engagement and Partnership

The year 2024 was one in which CWM strengthened collaboration, deepened commitment, and affirmed its ecumenical partners.

CWM, WCRC strengthen collaboration

In February 2024, CWM hosted a delegation from the World Communion of Reformed Churches (WCRC) in Singapore to discuss common strategic visions and a deeper partnership.

The WCRC delegation—led by its General Secretary, Rev. Dr Setri Nyomi, and Rev. Philip Vinod Peacock, WCRC Executive Secretary for Justice and Witness—was received warmly by Rev. Dr Jooseop Keum, CWM General Secretary, and Dr Sudipta Singh, CWM Deputy Secretary-Programmes.

CWM also acknowledged its deepening missiological partnership with the WCRC at a roundtable that also celebrated 150 years of the WCRC's history. The roundtable, held in Hannover, Germany in December 2024, drew global ecumenical organizations to reflect on a shared path forward toward justice, unity, and transformative action.

Themed “The WCRC Today: 150 Years and Counting,” the roundtable was not only a commemoration but also a strategic moment of collaboration and renewal that WCRC President Najla Kassab described as a “new time of envisioning together.”

Two decades of Accra Confession

CWM joined an historical global gathering in December 2024 in Hannover, Germany commemorating two decades of the Accra Confession, which is widely regarded as a gift from the Reformed communion to the larger ecumenical community.

The Accra Confession, particularly with its focus on economic equality and combatting oppression, has played a global role in uniting faith communities for justice.

Rev. Dr Setri Nyomi, WCRC General Secretary, in his welcome address, highlighted the purpose of the consultation: “This consultation celebrates the Accra Confession while addressing its gaps and challenges. The Accra Confession remains a vital part of the ecumenical journey, with the WCRC walking alongside partners like the Council for World Mission and the World Council of Churches.”



CWM affirms CEVAA's vision

CEVAA member churches in the southern Africa and Indian Ocean regions co-organised a seminar entitled “Inhabit Creation Differently” in September 2024 in Madagascar. The seminar equipped CEVAA member churches with integral skills and abilities to respond to pressing issues concerning climate care and justice within their own contexts.

CEVAA is a community of Protestant churches in mission, created in 1971 in Paris. Currently, the organisation is a partnership of 35 member churches spread across 24 countries in Africa, Latin America, Europe, the Indian Ocean, and the Pacific.

CWM Mission Secretary for Ecology and Economy and the Africa Region, Rev. Daimon Mkandawire, was a speaker at the seminar.

In his presentation, “Moving Towards an Africa eco-theology,” Mkandawire reminded the 24 CEVAA member church representatives of the ingrained African Indigenous psyche that viewed the land as sacred, and its desecration was understood as a disruption of the cosmic order.



Commemorating Global Christian Forum's 25th Anniversary

CWM joined with joy the Global Christian Forum's Fourth Global Gathering in Accra Ridge Church, Ghana, Africa in April 2024.

The Global Christian Forum, which marked its 25th anniversary in 2024, is an ecumenical platform where members of different churches and inter-church organisations across denominational, regional, national, ethnic, and cultural boundaries come together in dialogue over shared concerns, such as social and ethical questions, secularisation, or the challenges of minority status or persecution.

Two hundred forty participants from 60 countries gathered for the colourful and vibrant worship service, representing the sheer depth and diversity present in the global Christian community.

In Memoriam

CWM extends ongoing condolences to families, churches, and loved ones who suffered losses during 2024.

Rev. Dr Enos Das Pradhan

CWM was saddened to hear of the passing of Rev. Dr Enos Das Pradhan, on the night of 13 September 2024. Rev. Dr Pradhan served the CWM faithfully as a Deputy Moderator from 2009, as well as contributing to the organisation as a Trustee. These were in addition to his various leadership and ministerial positions within the Church of North India (CNI), Communion of Churches in India (CCI), and Bharatiya Gorkha Parisangh.



Gustavo Gutierrez

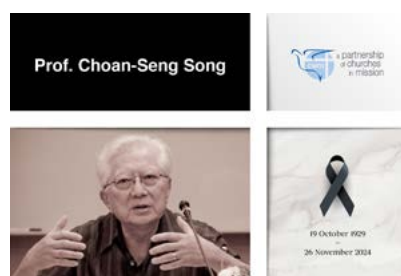
CWM extended its heartfelt condolences to the Church and liberation movements worldwide on the passing of the esteemed liberation theologian Gustavo Gutierrez at the age of 96.

"To place oneself in the perspective of the Kingdom means to participate in the struggle for the liberation of those oppressed by others. This is what many Christians who have committed themselves to the Latin American revolutionary process have begun to experience". (Gustavo Gutierrez, A Theology of Liberation, p. 192).



C.S. Song

CWM mourned the passing of Prof. Choan-Seng Song (C.S. Song), a prominent Asian Christian theologian whose contributions have profoundly shaped global theological discourse. Prof. Song, Professor Emeritus of Theology and Asian Cultures at the Pacific School of Religion, dedicated his life to articulating a theology rooted in the cultural, social, and historical contexts of Asia. He served as principal of the Tainan Theological College from 1965 to 1970 and, later, as president of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches from 1997 to 2004. He also served as Director of Study for the WARC and Associate Director of the WCC Faith and Order Commission. His groundbreaking works, such as Third-Eye Theology and Theology from the Womb of Asia, have challenged Western-centric theological frameworks, offering an inclusive vision that resonates deeply with Asian Christian communities and beyond.





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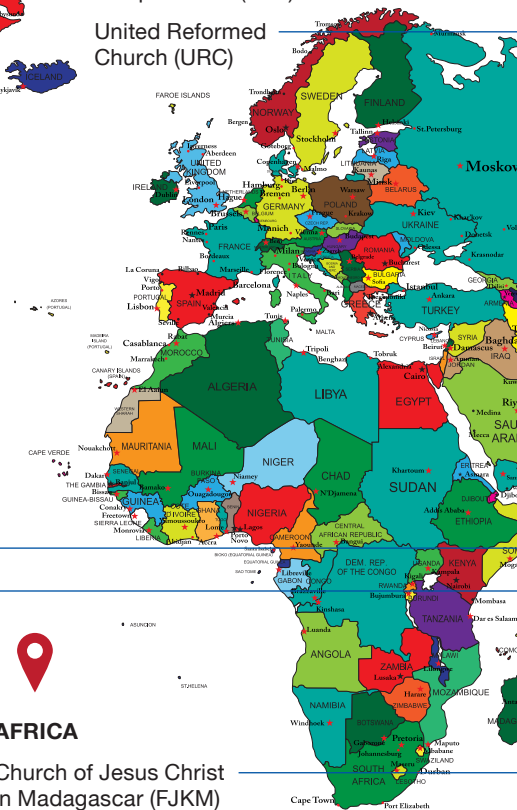
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Reflecting on 2024

Navigating Growth in a Volatile Year

In 2024, the US election dominated headlines throughout the second half of the year due to uncertainties surrounding trade policies, especially in the last quarter with the new US administration. Major stock markets performed strongly, driven by initial expectations of pro-business policies, easing inflation (though still slightly above central bank targets), and a continued boom in AI-driven technology. Despite geopolitical uncertainties and periods of volatility (further discussed in the Outlook section), equity markets generally outperformed bonds and commodities, resulting in favorable investment performance for our portfolio.

We are grateful that, in terms of financial performance, CWM recorded positive income and a net surplus for the year.

Financial Performance Highlights

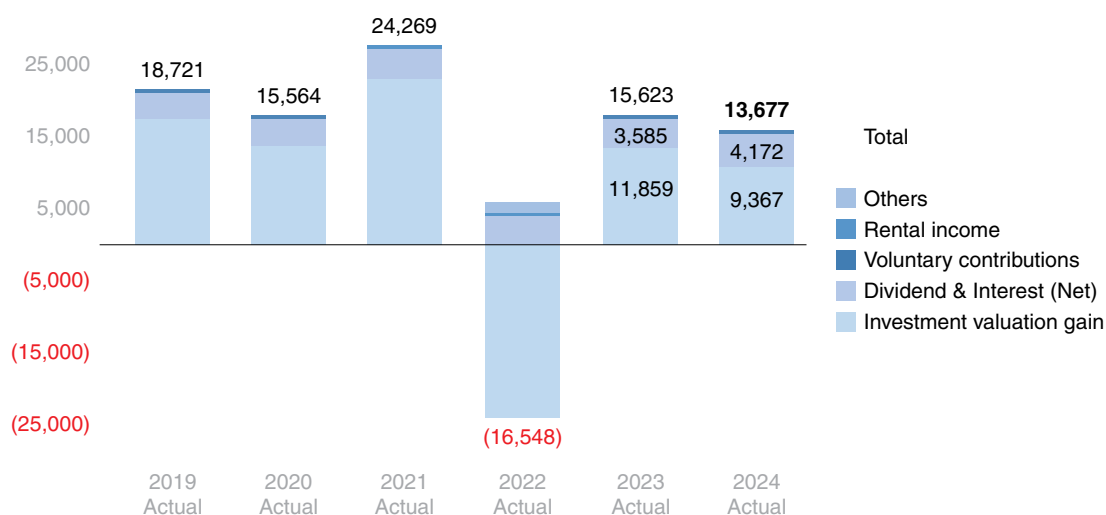
Income	Net surplus
GBP 13.7 m	GBP 4.7 m
Expenses	Fund balance
GBP 9.0 m	GBP 190.7 m

Income Overview

The charity generated a total income of GBP 13.7 million, primarily due to investment valuation gains amounting to GBP 9.4 million. This was further supported by GBP 4.2 million in dividend income, GBP 0.1 million from voluntary donations, property rental income, and other sources.

GBP 13.7 m Income	GBP 9.4 m Investment gain
	GBP 4.2 m Dividend income
	GBP 0.1 m Voluntary & other income

Income (GBP'000)



Investment Performance

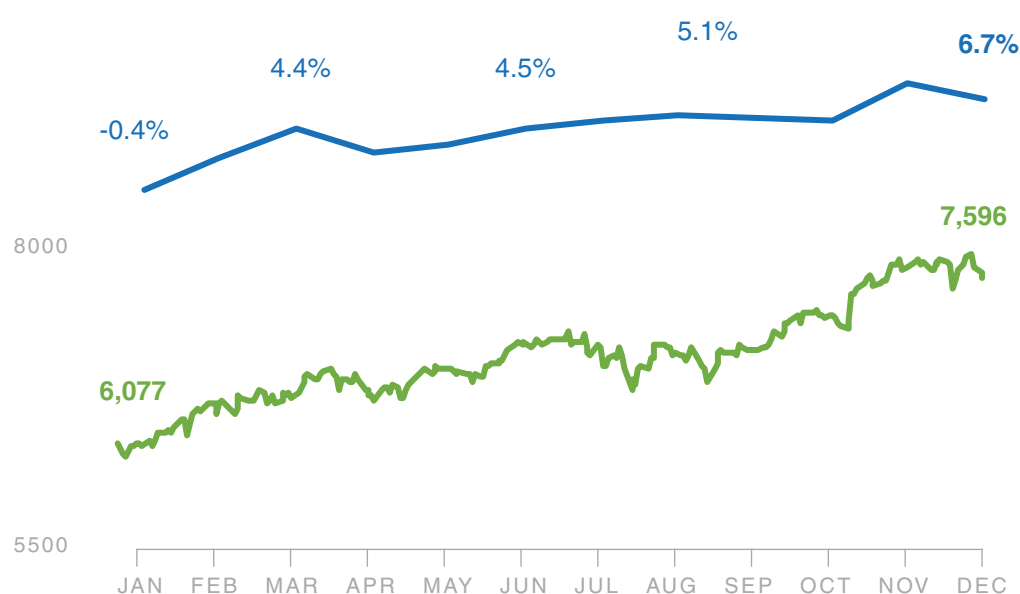
The investment landscape was volatile for much of the year, with growth moderating compared to 2023. After two years of robust market growth and a gradual easing of inflation, concerns grew about a potential market correction, especially given evolving geopolitical and trade tensions from the new US administration.

The accompanying chart illustrates the performance of the S&P 500—a key global stock index—throughout 2024. This index exhibited significant volatility throughout the year. In the second half of 2024, a surge in artificial intelligence (AI) boom and a strong US economy propelled the investment market upward. Consequently, our investment portfolio grew in line with market growth, achieving a nominal return of 6.7%.

CWM Investment Return

S&P 500 (GBP)

January-December 2024

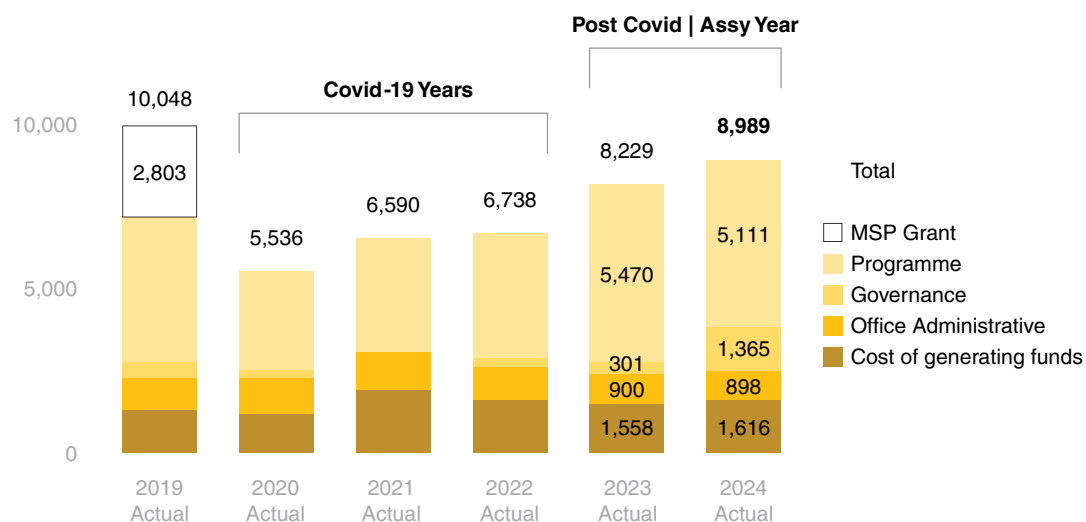


As CWM is largely self-funded, investment income is vital for advancing our vision and mission. Over the past two years since the pandemic, the investment landscape has proven increasingly volatile and challenging, as evident from the high market fluctuations, and most recently in March–April 2025.

Expense Overview

Total expenses, including investment management fees, increased by 9.2% to GBP 9.0 million. This rise primarily reflects higher governance costs of GBP 1.4 million (up from GBP 0.3 million in 2023), largely due to the major assembly event in Durban, South Africa. Consequently, programme and support costs experienced a slight reduction to GBP 5.1 million (2023: GBP 5.5 million).

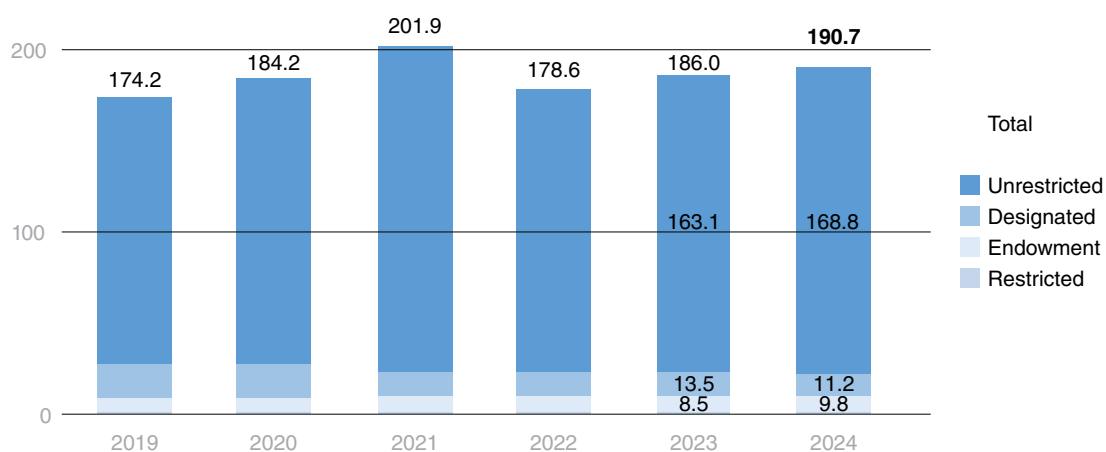
Expenses (GBP'000)



Fund Balance Growth

As of December 31, 2024, our fund balance increased to GBP 190.7 million, reflecting a 2.5% increase (compared to GBP 186 million in 2023).

Funds (GBP'M)



2025 Outlook

Navigating Uncertainty

Global risks that have been hindering recovery since 2023 have not diminished. At the time of writing, military conflict continues in Europe and the Middle East, while geopolitical tensions and inflation remain high. The biggest volatility came in the form of US trade policies. The recent tariff war announced by the new US administration in March-April 2025 caused significant market upheavals.

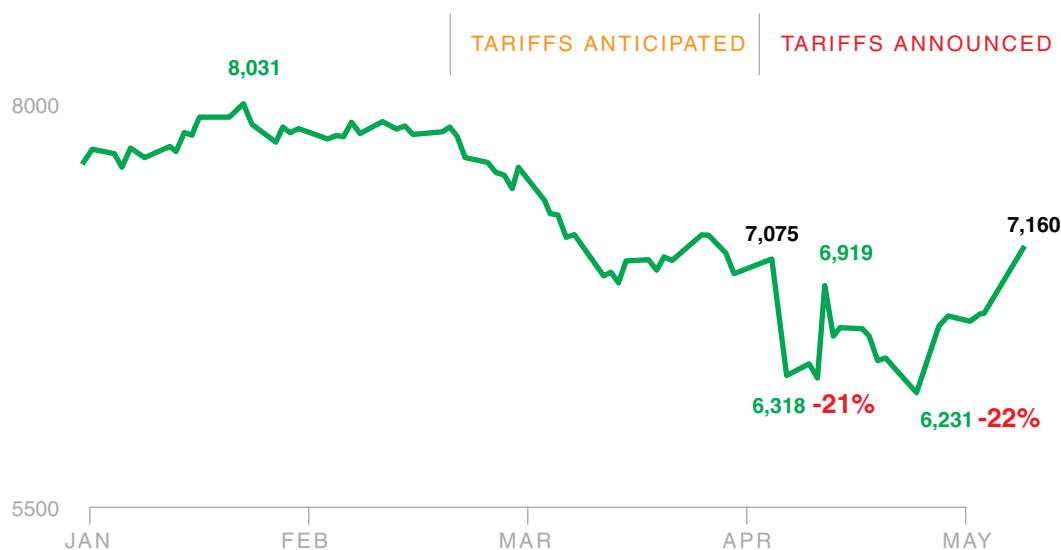
The following chart illustrates the extreme volatility of the S&P 500 in response to these tariff announcements. On April 2, 2025, the US President announced sweeping new tariffs targeting nearly all US trading partners. The stock index plummeted by 21% from its January peak, recovered by 10% the next day, then dropped a staggering 22%. As of 12 May, 2025, the investment market has recovered to a level just before the 2 April, 2025 tariffs announcement, although this is still a decline of 6% from the end of 2024. Therefore, high volatility is anticipated in the near term.

Given the uncertainty surrounding prevailing macro risks, we should prepare for a bumpy performance in our investment portfolio. The investment committee and management have taken proactive measures to mitigate these risks. The enclosed investment committee report provides more detailed information on our investment performance and the actions taken to limit the impact of market volatility.

S&P 500 (GBP)

Extreme Market Volatility

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