



**Mennonite World Conference**  
A Community of Anabaptist related Churches

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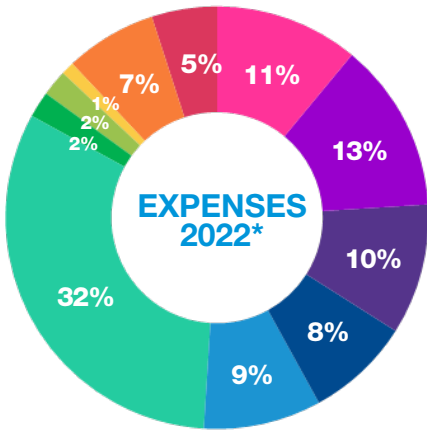
## Annual report: 2022

*The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also. (1 John 4:21)*

### Thank you! ¡Gracias! Merci ! Terima kasih!

With your faithful support, we followed Jesus together as brothers and sisters across barriers of all kinds in 2022. You supported a successful global Assembly in Indonesia in July. And you supported the core work of the worldwide Anabaptist community of faith through MWC's commissions, networks, and young adults.

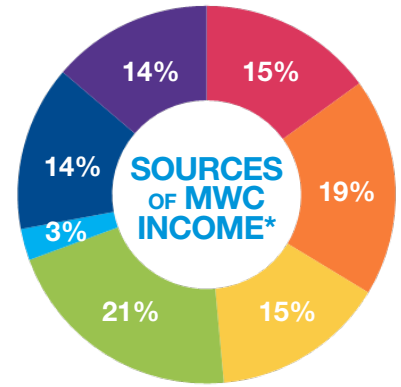
Thank you for nourishing the global Anabaptist family through investing in MWC's mission. Your partnership strengthens MWC as it carries out the mission of God in the world!



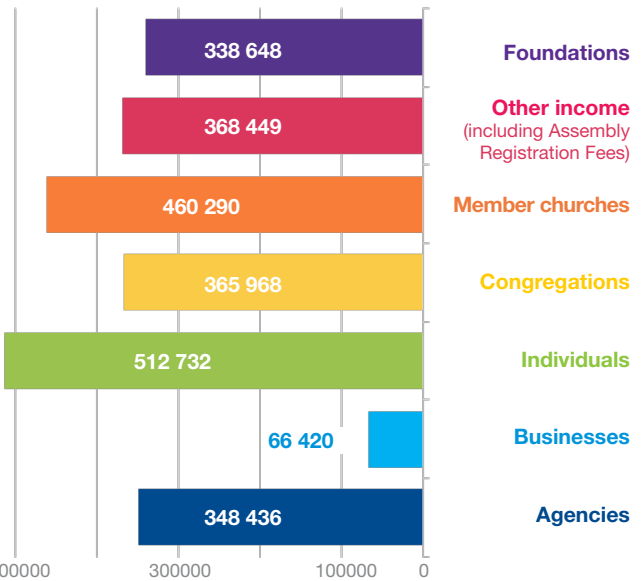
- Commissions
- Development
- Administration & operations
- Communications
- General Secretariat
- General Council & Executive Committee
- MWC Assembly: Indonesia 2022
- Global Networks
- Global Church Sharing Fund
- Interchurch relations
- Regional Representatives

Unrestricted revenue in 2022 was 13% higher than in 2021, but 2% below budget. Revenues and expenses for the 2022 Assembly in Indonesia were essentially break even.

\*All amounts in US\$



TOTAL REVENUES  
**2 460 944**



### We believe prayer can make a difference

Amos Chin, leader of Bible Missionary Church (an MWC member church) in Myanmar, shared about the violence and persecution his churches are facing. Mennonite World Conference exhorted our global church family to pray for the churches in Myanmar. We have shared stories, prayer requests and pastoral letters. Despite a lower profile in national news, MWC has kept this urgent need in the forefront for the Anabaptist communion and has called us to intercede. "Pray for us," Amos urged us, "We believe prayer can make a difference."

MWC Executive Committee members Paul Phinehas (India, 2015-2022) and Amos Chin (Myanmar, 2022-2028) at MWC Assembly Indonesia 2022.



#### YOUR CONTRIBUTION

- resources Anabaptist leaders around the world
- encourages Anabaptist congregations and their witness worldwide
- nurtures a thriving global communion through MWC's commissions, networks and gatherings

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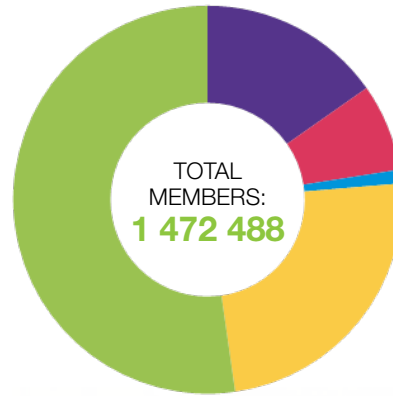
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Barbara Nkala and Arli Klassen. Arli Klassen is the coordinator for 13 MWC regional representatives, part-time volunteers who strengthen relationships with MWC member churches and other partners.



**Baptized members of Mennonite World Conference member churches**

- **Africa**  
769 670 (53%)
- **Asia**  
354 428 (24%)
- **Europe**  
16 786 (1%)
- **Latin America**  
107 197 (7%)
- **North America**  
224 407 (15%)

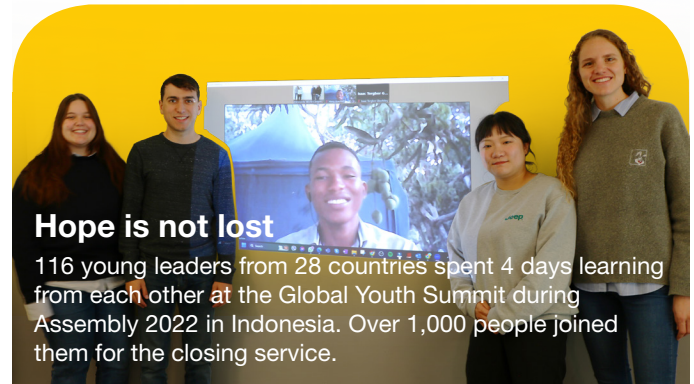
**The Jesus Way**

Barbara Nkala (Zimbabwe) is the outgoing Mennonite World Conference regional representative for Southern Africa. Through encounters with MWC leaders, Barbara’s perspective broadened and expanded.

“[MWC’s] efforts to bridge the global church differences have touched me greatly,” Barbara says. “Indeed, unity in diversity is possible if we all try.”

Working for consensus respects others’ perspectives and is evidence of love in action, Barbara adds. “It is the Jesus way.”

Strong, growing churches need effective leaders who mentor and learn from each other. As a worldwide community of faith and life, we transcend boundaries of nationality, race, class, gender and language. We believe that churches from the Global North and the Global South have much to learn from each other.



**Hope is not lost**

116 young leaders from 28 countries spent 4 days learning from each other at the Global Youth Summit during Assembly 2022 in Indonesia. Over 1,000 people joined them for the closing service.

Just months after that, Renewal 2023 celebration took place at South Abbotsford (MB) Church, where José Arrais, MB church leader from Portugal and MWC regional representative from Europe spoke of how the European churches came together to aid the church in Ukraine impacted by war. “Hope was never lost,” he said. Kkot-ip Bae, young leader from South Korea and YABs representative for Asia, shared how the local church and the global family kept her hope up in the context of mandatory military service in her country. “MWC is walking with us as disciples of Jesus,” she said.

**Stronger together**

Together, amid our diversity, we are united as the body of Christ. With your support, Mennonite World Conference connects your congregation and denomination to local and national churches around the world: a global expression of witness to Christ.

**Vision**

MWC is called to be a communion (Koinonia) of Anabaptist-related churches linked to one another in a worldwide community of faith for fellowship, worship, service, & witness.

**Mission**

MWC exists to

- be a global community of faith in the Anabaptist tradition,
- facilitate relationships between Anabaptist-related churches worldwide, and
- relate to other Christian world communions and organizations.



The Executive Committee includes president Henk Stenvers (Netherlands), Vice-President Lisa Carr-Pries (Canada), Treasurer Sunoko Lin (Indonesia and USA) and General Secretary César García (Colombia and Canada). “Now at the end of this great gathering,” said Henk Stenvers during Assembly Indonesia 2022, “We look ahead with energy and hope. We all will work hard to make Mennonite World Conference an even stronger communion of faithful followers of Christ.”

**Financial snapshot for Indonesia 2022\***

Thank you for supporting the global church as together we follow Jesus across barriers.

