



PRN Peace &
Reconciliation
Network

An initiative of the World Evangelical Alliance (WEA)

Vision & Concept – 2020

Is there hope for holistic conflict resolution in the world?
We believe there is! You are invited to join us:



We see a way to holistic conflict transformation.

We invite you to partner with us in peace-building and reconciliation!

We see a problem:

A world in unrest and people in distress.

The Peace and Reconciliation Network (PRN) of the World Evangelical Alliance is establishing a worldwide structure to enhance peace and reconciliation.

1. The World in Unrest

As conflicts increase in the world, processes of peace and reconciliation are crucial for a better future.

2. Frame of Reference

Evangelical churches, have enormous potential as agents of peace and reconciliation if tapped & unleashed.

3. Our Vision & Mission

Our goal is to strengthen evangelical communities as agents of transformation locally and globally.

4. Our Contribution

We network & empower the global Evangelical Church to employ peace-building at the centre of mission.

5. The WEA forms a Global Peace Movement

The global, regional, national & local levels of Evangelical Alliances provide the structure for the PRN.

6. Our Strategy (**TRAIN**)

Teaching peace and reconciliation theology & practices,

Restoring in communities requiring post-conflict healing,

Assisting by linking resources & personnel,

Initiating peace-building alliances & activities where there is lack,

Networking for knowledge, training & resource sharing.

7. Goals for Development & Greater Effectiveness

The PRN is initiating teams for intervention in all WEA regions with ambitious plans for further development. This includes: 1) employing 31 staff and; 2) raising 14.0 million USD by 2024; 3) establishing financial bases necessary to facilitate growth. A foundation is established to work with global partners.

8. Join the Movement!

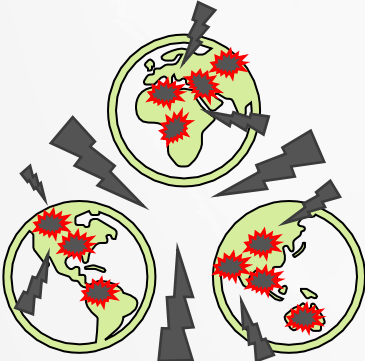

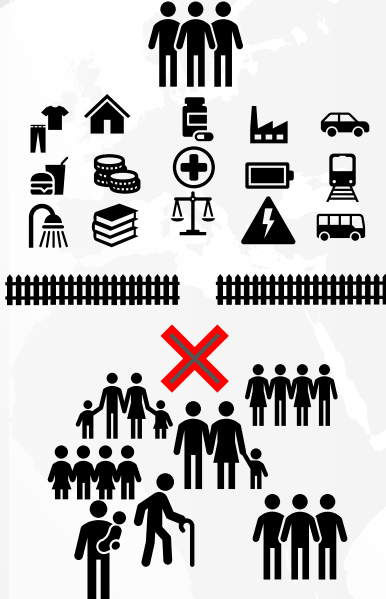


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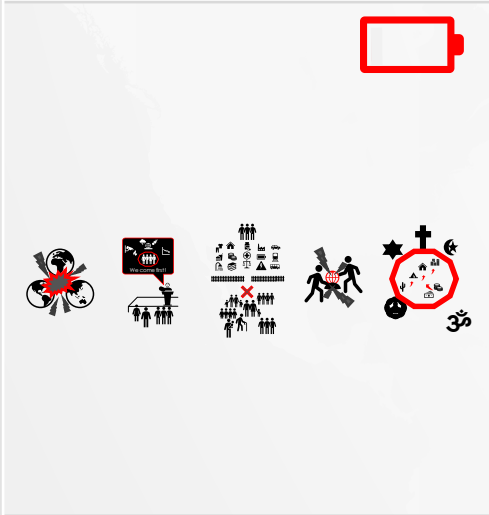
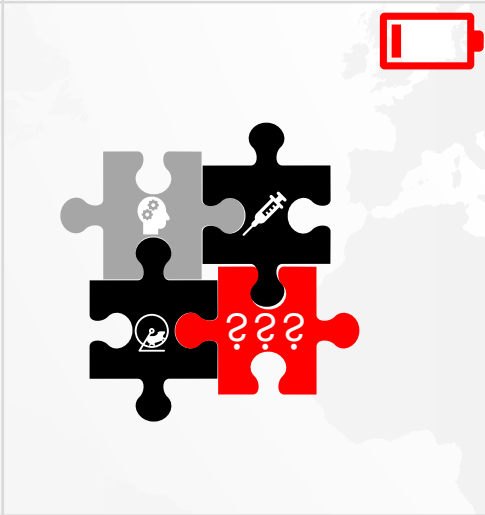

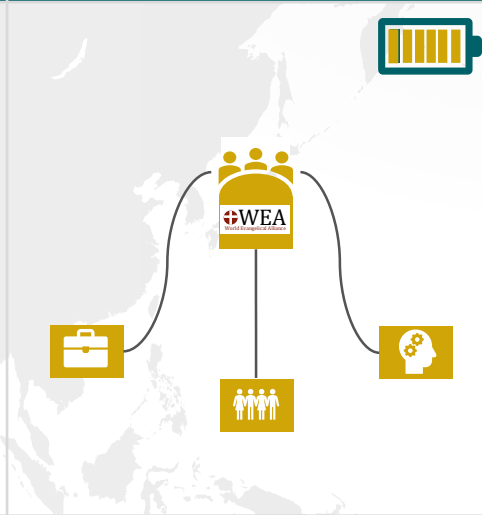
Invest financially.

We see 5 sources of conflict: Inner-/intercultural and religious tensions, excluding politics, injustice, misuse of power and worldviews.

Cultural & Religious Tensions	Excluding Politics	Access to resources	Power Struggles	Competing Worldviews
				
<p>Due to globalisation cultures mingle creating areas of tension within cultures & between cultures.</p>	<p>Societies are distancing themselves from others and are turning back to nationalism and protectionist politics.</p>	<p>The access to existential life resources is unjustly distributed. The "haves" & "have-nots" are in conflict.</p>	<p>Conflicting parties often use proxy wars to protect their economic and political interests.</p>	<p>Those seeking global solutions often see faith as a source of conflict and exclude it; faith communities even exclude themselves.</p>

Source: www.warsintheworld.com; Heidelberger Institut für Internationale Konfliktforschung (HIK)

Our proposal is to acknowledge the potential of faith communities and motivate them towards peace building.

Our world in unrest	Need for better solutions	Untapped potential of faith communities	Underutilised potential of the global Evangelical movement
			
<p>The rise of local, national and international conflict zones is unprecedented.</p>	<p>We perceive a growing uncertainty among those seeking a solution about how to build peace & reconciliation where there is unrest.</p>	<p>There is enormous potential for peace-building and conflict resolution in faith communities around the world.</p>	<p>The potential for peace building of millions of Evangelicals has yet to be fully unleashed, however many live surrounded by conflict and/or work there successfully.</p>

We see peacemakers working globally united towards conflict transformation, bringing restoration, justice and peace into local communities.

Vision

We envision
a world living in peace,
reconciled in Jesus Christ.

Mission

We inspire and equip
the church and people of peace
to enable communities
to live life in all its fullness.

We believe the global Evangelical movement has the capacity to bring peace & reconciliation to places which have been in unrest for too long. United by our faith we share values needed for reconciliation and forgiveness – both fundamental conditions for true peace.

Source: worlddea.org

The global Evangelical movement has the potential to contribute to conflict resolution in the world when empowered and united.

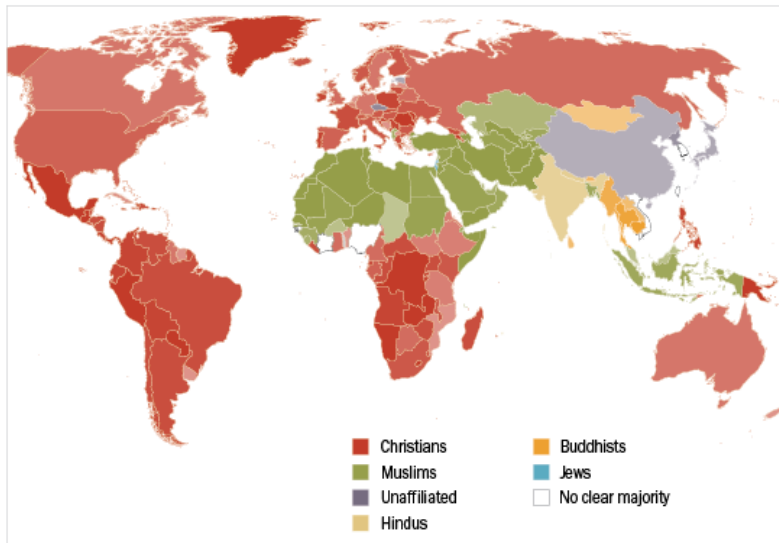
The **Christian community** is the largest & most influential faith community and stewards enormous resources.

Our approach:

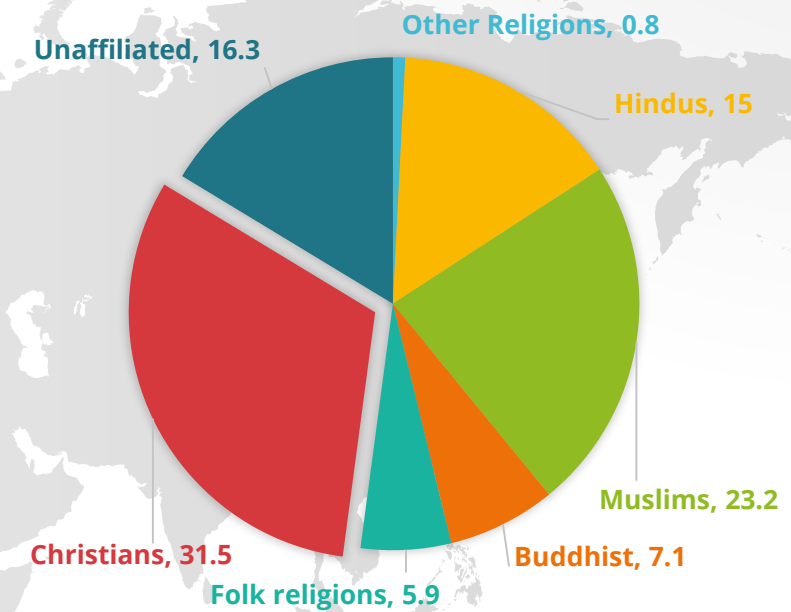
- 1) Building and strengthening evangelical alliances
- 2) networking and implementing the **"TRAIN"** strategy.

Majority Religion, by Country

Countries are colored according to the majority religion. Darker shading represents a greater prevalence of the majority religion.



Religious affiliation in percent



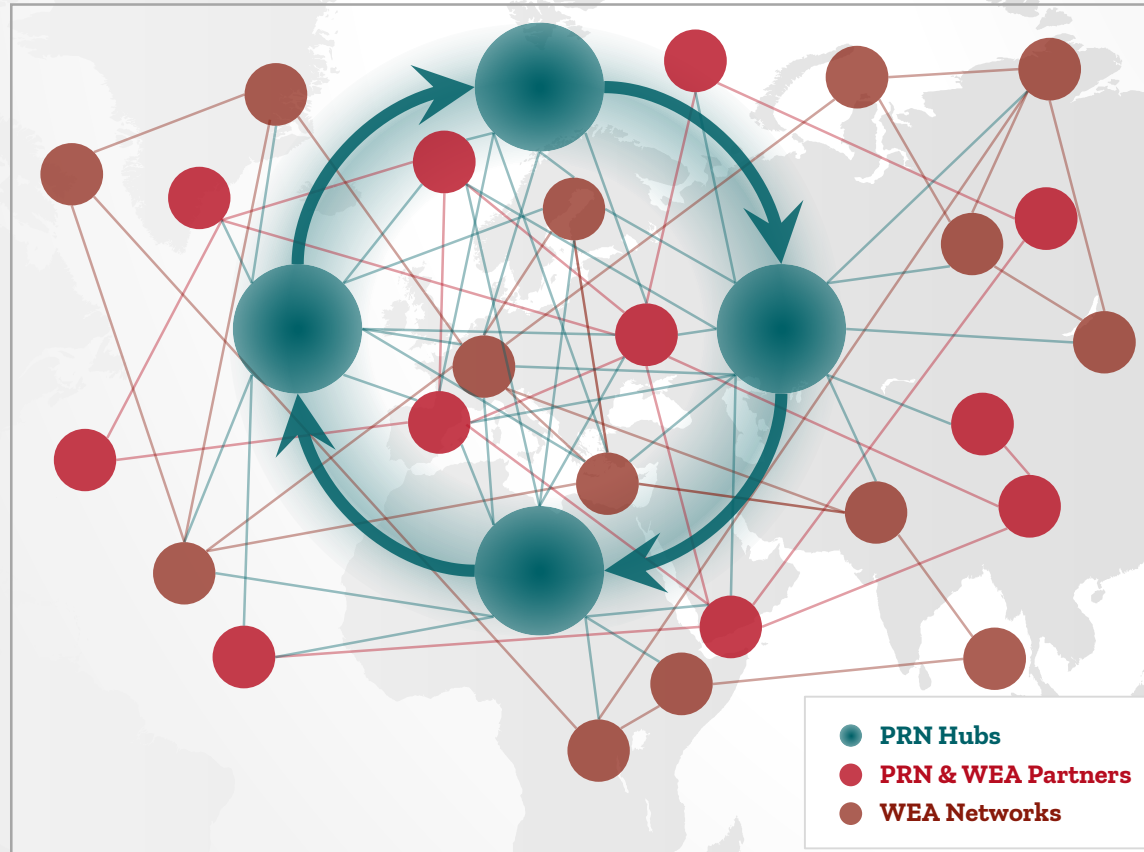
- We empower the global Evangelical Church to engage in mission and conflict transformation as agents for peace in their communities and beyond.
- In order to meet the pressing challenge of global unrest we establish a network of all peace-seeking people on earth regardless of their ethnic, social, economic or religious status for the development of an inclusive peace movement in the way of Jesus.

Source: Graphics and numbers for diagram from <http://www.pewforum.org/2012/12/18/global-religious-landscape-exec/> 17.02.2107; atlasofglobalchristianity.org; World Christian Encyclopedia - A Comparative Survey of Churches and Religions in The Modern World; commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/Category:Christian_distribution_maps_of_the_world; <https://www.lausanne.org/lgc-transfer/number-of-evangelicals-worldwide>

The global network of reconciled and united people has the capacity to work for peace in local communities in the world.

The PRN enables:

- **Global** capacity building and developing strategic models for integral and transformative community development
- **Regional** sharing of support and experience, facilitating national programmes and advocating for **national partners**
- Implementing **national** programmes and providing resources for other national contexts to learn from and adapting them as needed
- **Local** transformation towards a peaceful community through the outworking of programmes and network capacity



The WEA offers:

- **1** global network
- **9** regions:
 - Africa
 - Asia
 - Caribbean
 - Central Asia
 - Europe
 - Latin-America
 - North America
 - North Africa & Middle East
 - South Pacific
- **131** Nations
- **600** Million evangelical Christians

Communities suffering under circumstances of cultural & religious tensions, unjustly distributed resources, politically aggressive mind-sets or from the lack of power & opportunity need people of peace-building and hope:

- People who are at peace and who are reconciled with their own story as well as with other people.
- Such people have the abilities and resources to be agents of change for peace and reconciliation.

Source: worldea.org – or for more information please flip to page 15

Our strategy (**TRAIN**) includes five key tools to unlock the potential of those agents involved in peace-building & conflict transformation.

Teaching

Shaping a vision & developing teaching programmes & tools for Peace & Reconciliation in Evangelical training centres & churches worldwide together with partners of the WEA.



Networking

with all respected Christian, Evangelical & secular initiatives on Peace & Reconciliation who seek a better world.

Restoring

Facilitating restorative Peace & Reconciliation activities in areas of unrest in cooperation with global, national & local partners of the WEA.

Assisting

agents involved in Peace & Reconciliation by linking & providing resources and personnel as available.

Initiating

local, national & international Peace & Reconciliation work where needed within the framework & partnerships of national and regional Evangelical Alliances.

In these challenging times local and national agents of peace-building need to be equipped with new missional capacities to engage their community in unrest. **TRAIN** means to assist in the work of peace & restoration; to establish centres to train holistic peace-building, to initiate alliances where there is no existing peace initiatives, and to utilise resources from the global network to equip these agents.

Join the movement and form with us a worldwide network for wholistic Peace and Reconciliation!

Pray intentionally



Share your insight & expertise



Connect your church & potential partners



Invest financially



Visit www.worldea.org/prn for more information on how to get involved.

The World Evangelical Alliance is a prayer movement!
Your prayer is a fundamental service to the body of Christ and the mission of God.

Your wisdom & knowledge support us in making the right decisions & solving problems encountered in our contexts.

Engaging your church & the connections you have enables us to reach more places where Peace & Reconciliation have not yet been integrated and realised.

Your financial & material investment and partnership will help us to carry out the work together.

Without you the solution for the problems our world is facing today will remain untapped.

Your partnership and stewardship of resources (economic, social, intellectual and spiritual) are desperately needed!

Source: Wilson, Miles 2006: Funding the family business; 1 Cor. 12:12-31; Rom. 12:4-8; 2 Cor. 9:6-10

Thank you for your interest! Please feel free to contact us if you would like to get involved or if you have further questions.



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How would you like to commit to PRN?



Pray

- Subscribe to our newsletter

• Connect with

- you personally
- your partners

Share your insight

Your areas of expertise; in what capacity would you like to be involved? (e.g. Conference speaker, consultant, advisor)

Give:

- Resources:

E.g. Training tools, access to facilities, other material resources

- Donation _____ one time/ monthly/ annually
Amount and currency



Scan, fill out online, and put down your e-mail address:

Name: _____

Street address, city, ZIP/postal code, country: _____
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Names of partners: _____

YOUR COMMITMENT

Have you caught the vision?
Do you have any interest in more background information?

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Further questions or interests



[YOUR QUESTIONS](#)

A ministry with local churches united in living and proclaiming the Good News of Jesus in their communities.

Who We are

600 million
Evangelicals

15 WEA Networks

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ASSOCIATE ORGANISATIONS, CHURCH NETWORKS & DENOMINATIONS

15 GLOBAL PARTNERS
WITH A NETWORK OF HUNDRED ORGANISATIONS

9 Regions:
Africa, Asia, Caribbean, Central Asia, Europe, Latin America, North Africa & Middle East, North America, South Pacific

SPECIAL CONSULTATIVE STATUS WITH UNITED NATIONS ECOSOC SINCE 1992

The WEA is a global association of national & regional Evangelical Alliances, global networks, partners and associated ministries. These partners work together to strengthen the evangelical Church around the world to advance the Good News of Jesus Christ & to seek holiness, justice & renewal at every level of society to the glory of God as the nations of the earth are transformed.

- **Over 2 billion global Christians today are represented by 3 world church bodies. The WEA is one of those, serving & representing more than 600 million evangelicals.**
- **The WEA was launched in London in 1846 to unite evangelicals worldwide & continues to be a dynamic movement with 9 regional and 131 national Evangelical Alliances, and over 150 member organisations.**
- **WEA’s mission is to unite & strengthen local churches by connecting its members & others for common action, speaking as a global voice, & equipping members and leaders in the furtherance of the Gospel.**

What We Do

131 Nations

MORE THAN 165 YEARS OF HISTORY. FOUNDED IN 1846

- **Represent with a Global VOICE**
The WEA is uniquely positioned as a representative voice; advancing evangelical values, addressing concerns and advocating for the marginalized. WEA’s voice includes its engagement at the United Nations & diplomacy with governments & engagement with the media on global issues.
- **EQUIP for Global Impact**
Through its commissions & initiatives, the WEA equips its members with publications, research, leadership training & resources of theology, missiology, social justice and more. Many of these resources are available for free at www.worldevangelicals.org/resources.
- **CONNECT for Common Action**
In accordance with Jesus’ prayer in John 17, unity among Christians & evangelism go hand in hand. As the world’s largest evangelical association, the WEA connects many church networks, ministries & organisations for greater strategic impact.
WEA’s projects foster unity, synergy & collaboration between its members and many others on topics of common concern. Since 1846 the WEA has stressed the importance of united prayer.

Source: worlddea.org