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Dear Readers,

a world in motion promises to remain exciting. We, who think and act globally, are constantly challenged to keep up or even better, if possible, to be literally one step ahead. After all, we prefer acting and organizing to reacting and administrating.

How can this work out if our workload has a tendency to increase and not to decrease? How do we succeed in not getting lost in details? – For us, it is essential to be firm in our belief. For us, this is the basis to account for the principles of our work. What do partnership, development and mission stand for nowadays and what do we stand for together with our world-wide partners?

The three-year-campaign we have launched on the occasion of the annu-

al reception in 2018 at Regensburg has exactly aimed at this issue: We intend to reflect on the red threads and lines of our work in local and global terms. "The Human Being – Not for Sale", "Creation – Not for Sale" and "Salvation – Not for Sale". Together with our partner churches and together with the Evangelical-Lutheran Church in Bavaria, we pursue the impetus of the Lutheran World Federation on the Reformation Remembrance. It's about the core topics of our work, nothing more and nothing less.

In the dialogue with our partner churches, one of our core tasks has always been and still is to explore those topics over and over again in order to develop and implement together local and global action strategies. In doing so, the people and their corresponding local

situation are our priority. We have to do them justice in terms of ecological responsibility and sustainability.

We thank you very much for your accompanying us on this way with your compassion and commitment. This is of utmost importance to us.

With all our best wishes and blessings,
sincerely yours,



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sincerely yours,



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OneWorld is Not for Sale

About never-ending topics, campaigns and actions

There are topics that are interwoven with our work like a red thread. Actually, "topic" is the wrong term. We are talking about what essentially moves us. And this is exactly what we have made into a three-year-campaign, well remembering the three subtopics of the Lutheran World Federation's General Assembly in Namibia in 2018: The Human Being – Not for Sale, Creation – Not for Sale and Salvation – Not for Sale. It's about red threads, a well-defined point of view and, above all, about taking a stand against the many things that happen in this world which are incompatible with the Gospel from our point of view. Finally, it's about the relieving acts of God for us human beings that, in turn, enable us to act in this world. As Christians, we are responsible in this and for this world and we must ask ourselves: How do we intend to shape the world he has entrusted to us?

As the question already indicates, the method is no "Talk and Chalk" teaching. It's about the fact that as many people as possible everywhere all over the world are looking for common answers and for strategies to put into practice what they have found. The fields of action that keep us busy have been the lived world-wide partnerships, development and mission. This has been and still is our mandate on behalf of and together with the Evangelical-Lutheran Church in Bavaria (ELKB) – also in 2018.

in Europe have become more plural due to immigration and migration in terms of nations and religions; challenges such as the climate change or the observing of the human rights can only be resolved globally. All those changes have required a revision of the ELKB's conceptual framework for the external relations. It was developed in cooperation with the competent department for "Ecumenical and Church Life" of the Bavarian Lutheran Church Office and submitted to and ratified by the executi-

ve church boards in spring 2019. The conceptual framework has defined the outlines for the years to come. Apart from the 20 partner churches and further partnership cooperations, the ecumenical relations are described and defined. Moreover, based on the mandates of the department for "Ecumenical and Church Life" – Mission/Development/Partnership/Ecumenical Life – a description how to put this paper in its world-wide relations into practice is provided.

Conceptual Framework

The diverse work of Mission EineWelt has been a component of the overall external relationships of the Evangelical-Lutheran Church in Bavaria. In 2007, a conceptual framework was defined to contribute to the world-wide "Communio" and ratified by the executive church boards. Since then, various parameters have changed: Mission EineWelt, an association of the most different kinds of German church institutions, has existed for 10 years now; the globalization has influenced the global relations and connections in a positive and in a negative way; the major part of global Christianity is meanwhile located on the southern hemisphere; there have been new discriminations due to radicalization and nationalization; the societies

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All in all, this paper is an important contribution to the process initiated by the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Bavaria Bavarian Church "Profile and Concentration" in order to focus work in terms of contents and direction.

For each Other

On the occasion of the 31st Synod of the Evangelical-Lutheran Church of Papua-New Guinea (ELC-PNG) that took place halfway through January 2018 in the Sine-Sine district of the East Chimbu church district in the highlands of Papua New Guinea, the partnership agreement of the ELC-PNG and ELKB was signed by the Secretary General of ELC-PNG Bernard Kaisom. Prior to this, the agreement had already been signed by the bishops Jack Urame and Heinrich Bedford-Strohm and the President of the Synod Annkathrin Preidel during the Autumn Synod of the ELKB at Amberg in 2017.

Against Walls

"Please keep the escape routes free. Reasons for escape cannot be counteracted by walls"

From the middle of January until the middle of March, our posters with this slogan were advertised in Augsburg, Bayreuth, Ingolstadt, Munich, in the greater area of Nuremberg/Fürth/Erlangen/Schwabach, in Regensburg and Würzburg. Under the impression that intolerance, refusal, hatred and violence against people with a migration background become socially acceptable again, we have turned against the EU's isolationist policy by means of this poster campaign and a related Email campaign. Instead, we have been promoting a policy that is orientated at the human rights and that really helps to remedy reasons for escape and focus on five crucial demands: humane work, no arms exports to crisis regions, global freedom of religion, comply with climate targets and fair world trade.

Thinking One Step Ahead

Faced with hunger, dictatorship, civil war or persecution, many people in Africa don't see any other possibility than to escape. If they make it to Europe, they are faced with prejudices and refusal, sometimes even with violence. In between, the European policy's focus concentrates on isolation on

the one hand; on the other hand it abets the continuing economic exploitation of African countries.

Those who think of Europe and Africa in the form of a positive cooperation are faced with lots of things to be accomplished on the way to get there. Perspectives how a coexistence of both continents with equal rights could be developed were discussed on the occasion of the study day "Africa and Europe – think together one step ahead into the future. Jeanne Werner-Dietrich, a pedagogue in the family training program "PAT – learn together with parents" of AWO (name of a German national workers' welfare organization) Nuremberg, who was born in Congo, the Ethiopian-German corporate consultant and politics analyst Prince Asfa-Wossen Asserate, Reinhard Hansen, Department head for Africa with Mission EineWelt, Reinhard Palm, department head for Africa with "Brot für die Welt" and Fidon Mwombeki, who still was the head of the department for mission and development with the Lutheran World Federation at that time and who today is Secretary General of the All Africa Conference of Churches – AACC participated in this study day.

Solemnly started

On the occasion of the annual reception on April 26, 2018 at Regensburg, we have introduced our new annual campaign: "The Human Being – Not for Sale". In the sense of the commandment with reference to charity, Mission EineWelt decidedly turns against all those mechanisms that prevent all human beings from leading a self-determined, satisfying life. To name but a few examples: human trafficking, modern slavery and inhuman and wrongful structures in general that reduce people to become sheer merchandise ready for relocation. It is not about pointing a finger at others but about having a look at our own, wrongful domestic structures together with our partners in a common discourse. We are not only profiteers but protagonists in the global economic contexts. On the website of our campaign www.keine-ware.de, details are provided on the campaign as well as options for commitment. Above all, we wish to give you the opportunity to make up your own minds. On the occasion of the annual reception, we have also officially

launched the international song contest on this topic, run by Mission EineWelt together with the association for Christian popular music in Bavaria. In October, we also participated with our campaign in a huge-scale poster campaign on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the Street of Human Rights in Nuremberg.

Celebrating together

More than 500 people of different origin celebrated a festival of diversity and international togetherness on the occasion of the Purple Night on July 14 in the atrium of Mission EineWelt that was festively decorated for the occasion. The music was played by "Siyou & Friends". The festival of the world-wide church on the next day took place fully in line with the campaign's topic "The Human Being – Not for Sale". "The festival of the world-wide church is a festival of diversity. All of us are unique and a part of this diversity" Pastor Ms. Renate Gierus, the theological head of COMIN, the American Indian Missionary Council of the Evangelical-Lutheran Church in Brazil, emphasized in her festival sermon on Sunday morning. The human being should not be for sale, and this goes as well for the forests and the animals. Putting it very clearly, the theologian pointed out that the reality is a different one. She criticized the Brazilian government who pursue an "anti-indigene policy" and the "exploitation of the whole country by selling out its raw material extraction to private groups".

The climax of the festival and its end at the same time was to see off our volunteers going abroad for a year in the scope of the IEF program (International Evangelical Volunteer Services). 25 young people were blessed and sent out to China, Argentina, Costa Rica, Brazil, Chile, Tanzania, and Papua New Guinea and in the Fiji Islands. During the festival of the world-wide church, we have also launched our campaign with reference to the Bavarian State Elections:

Please turn!

The local Bavarian policy has a global impact, too. This is why we have started a postcard and email campaign with reference to the Bavarian State Elections together with "Bread for the World" and "Mise-reor" under the heading: "Bavaria – Please

turn!" on the occasion of the festival of the world-wide church.

In detail, three examples each for demands aimed at the policy relating to asylum and migration, climate, agriculture and education were developed. Among others, the improvement of educational chances for disadvantaged groups, the consistent encouragement to change over to ecological agriculture, the encouragement of regional recycling management and the complete waiving of deportations to crisis regions as well as the abolition of so-called "Anchor Centers" were demanded.

Welcoming and Sending

In order to be prepared for future challenges and changes, the council has started to develop perspectives for the future with regard to MEW's work. This process is accompanied by Rummelsberg Gemeindeakademie (name of institution).

Among others, the fundamental policy of MEW as an institution to send out and welcome people in the scope of the world-wide relations of ELKB was stressed once more. Apart from its major tasks and conceptual work, the staff exchange is important for us. Experiences and skills in the intercultural and international context will become important components of the future changes and opening of our society. Their support by personal encounters and a mutual exchange will remain a basic pillar of our work assignment in the future, too.

In 2018, 58 people were employed in our partner churches in Africa, Latin America, the Pacific and East Asia in the scope of long-term assignments. Moreover, we have assigned 7 individuals based on the Senior-Expert-Model and 25 young adolescents in the North-South Volunteer Program plus 4 temporary voluntary specialists abroad. In the ELKB, 10 ecumenical staff members were employed in parishes and with MEW. They came from Brazil, Tanzania, Kenya, Nicaragua and Papua New Guinea. In the scope of the South-North Volunteer Program, we were delighted to welcome 9 individuals who have lived and worked in church institutions of ELKB for a year's time. Furthermore, 2 Teaching-Predication guests from our partner churches have enriched us and our Bavarian context in encounters, seminars and workshops with their know-how and their experiences. This

manifold commitment is complemented by the trips to encounter people and educational trips that took place in the scope of parish and church district partnerships and that had been skillfully prepared and attended to by MEW specialists. In a well-balanced blend made up from education in terms of development politics, personal encounters and feasting together on a spiritual level, they are a primary component of church partnership work.

New and returning Staff

All the encounters between men/women as detailed above would not be possible without the expert attendance and support by our staff with Mission EineWelt. In January, the specialist for Latin America Ms. Friederike Deeg was officially inaugurated into her office in succession to Hans Zeller. Since November 2018, Gottfried Rösch has been the new head of the Department Mission and Intercultural Studies (MI). Two months before that date, Allison Werner-Hoenen started to work with the MI department. She is responsible for attending to the theology students from our partner churches and from the ELKB who are heading out abroad, their assignments being a part of their studies, or a practical training on the job. Christian Pfliegel has succeeded Melanie de la Rosa in the field of E-Learning. Our online editor Juliane Schlicker is back from her parental leave who now shares her job in the online editorial office with Alexander Philipp. We are pleased to have won those skilled and committed new colleagues for Mission EineWelt.

Current Campaigns

Since having started in May 2017, the mobile phone campaign initiated by Mission EineWelt and by EineWelt Netzwerk Bayern has continuously been increasing in numbers in all categories. Meanwhile, nearly 20,000 mobile phones have been collected, plus another 208 that were collected at the different collecting points in 2018. On the whole, by the end of 2018, 350 mobile phones were collected throughout Bavaria. In 2018, approx. 660 individuals took part in the advanced training offers, workshops and other events relating to the social, economic and ecological impacts caused by the manufacturing of mobile phones and their use. Since October 2018,

Mission EineWelt has become an associate of "Klima-Kollekte" (name of a CO2 compensation fund of Christian churches). The issues relating to climate justice and climate protection are important components of our commitment to partnership, development and mission – in discussions but also in its practical implementation. For example, the building of energy-efficient stoves has been supported by "Klima-Kollekte" in Nicaragua for a few years and on the other hand, we make up for the inevitable air miles we require to travel because of our international work. Thus, it is only a matter of consequence that we play an increasing part in this work.

We have also tried to put our commitment into practice with regard to environmental protection and a sustainable ecological management in our own headquarters. Since 2014, we have been certified by the voluntary Eco-Management and Audit Scheme (EMAS) of the European Union and in 2018 we have successfully completed the recertification process. This made us well aware of the fact that we need to put our own principles into practice in the future, too. We feel like learners in a huge and international network.

From November 20 until December 29, 2018, we had exhibited our permanent show "einBlick" (at a glance) "Make Chocolate fair!" to deliver an insight into the production of chocolate. The exhibition is part of a European campaign under the same name that points out the deficits in the production of cacao and steps in for a better remuneration of the cacao farmers. For school classes, we offered special guided tours and a complementary information program.

This is how we tried to approach the idea of this One World somehow closer in 2018. Not all of our attempts turned out to be immediately successful; some attempts even failed. But encouraged and borne by our faith that links us with our partners world-wide, we do not stop but adhere to the Bible's promise: *Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened.* (Matthew 7, 7-8)

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The conference "Africa and Europe – Think together one step ahead into the future" in Nuremberg

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Tradition and Development

Africa in the inner- and intercontinental dialogue

In July 2018, one of our partner churches, the Evangelical-Lutheran Church in Congo (EEL-Co) celebrated its 50th anniversary. Among others, delegations of the Tanzanian "Mother Church" ELCT, represented by Brighton Killewa, Secretary General, and a delegation of the Lutheran World Federation with its consultant for Africa, Elieshi Mungure and Martin Junge, Secretary General joined them. Gabriele Hoerschmann, a MEW director, was in charge of the Bavarian delegation composed of staff members of Mission EineWelt and delegates from the church district of Feuchtwangen.

Four Days of Celebration

The four-day-long anniversary program consisted of thematic workshops, the mandatory visit to be paid to the governor of the region, the actual anniversary on July 22 and a meeting of the present partnership groups.

The open air festival service with nearly 400 participants took place in front of the regional parliament building under the attention of the public. In his festive sermon relating to Peter 1, 9, Secretary General Mwololo from Kenya especially underlined the importance of hope. Based on this fundament, he

unrolled five areas of growing in grace: suffering, faithfulness, salvation, sanctification, priesthood. In analogy to the basic idea of priesthood of all believers, all members of a parish and their heads are supposed to stand in for community, succession, spiritual services, the evangelization and welfare and social work.

The lectures and workshops were all about five topics introduced by key lectures by bishop Ulrich on the topic "Priesthood of all Believers" and Martin Junge on the role and task of the Lutheran World Federation.

Huge Challenges

In the reports from the church districts of EELCo, the challenges church has to face have become repeatedly ever so clear. In a country characterized by corruption with nearly no social infrastructure, it is even hardly possible for a church to achieve vast improvements. Moreover, the achievements that are considered a progress in Congo are not valued as highly as they are supposed to be in most cases from the international bishops' points of view. Church work is enormously hampered in vast areas of the country because of the armed conflicts that have taken place now as before. As a consequence, unstableness is spreading and the agriculture is declining. Men try to earn their living by illegal mining. There was no answer to

the question how parish work, annunciation, evangelization and ministry can be guaranteed in war zones.

The insufficient perceptibility of EELCo in public was repeatedly criticized and named a problem. This is concordant with my own observations. In the cities, in particular, the church buildings do not have a very prominent location. Moreover, they are in a rather bad state of repair. As a consequence, politicians have already refrained from entering a Lutheran church. The importance of an adequate building fit for services is hard to be explained to the ELKB compared to their excellent buildings.

Four Pillars

Martin Junge emphasized the four pillars of the Lutheran World Federation: Welfare and social work, mission, theology, ecumenical life/unity. The focus of his lecture was concentrating on questions relating to the way in which a dialogue is to be maintained (a dialogue is only possible if the interlocutors take each other seriously when talking to each other), the consequence of the membership in the LWF (those who want to be a member of LWF should also put its values into practice on the local level), the election of church boards and the individuals who exercise their office (whom he described not to be democratic enough in many cases with the consequence of insurrection and

tensions). However, he emphasized that every church was responsible on its own for the internal unity and can only be strengthened by a democratic, transparent and responsible leadership.

Moreover, Elieshi Mungure from LWF stressed that the church must take its own work into its own hands after 50 years. It is about time that EELCo assumed the initiative for its own programs and projects in a stronger way as before.

Equality before God

Bishop Ulrich particularly stressed the equality of all believers before God and the equal access to salvation. As a consequence, this was leading to complete unity and equality of women and men in God's realm and likewise towards the ordination of women into the pastor's office. Thus, God's People could live in unity. Cultural differences should no longer result in fences and bars but should be interpreted as different ways of how to express the unity in Jesus Christ.

125 years of Mission

In our largest African partner church in terms of numbers in Tanzania, there was a jubilee in 2018. On October 21, a service with several thousand participants was celebrated in Nkoarungo in Machame. 125 years ago, the first Lutheran missionaries sent out by "Leipziger Mission" (name of institution) pitched their tents along the slopes of Kilimanjaro in October 1893. The missionary Emil Müller held his first Lutheran sermon in Nkoarungo on October 8, 1893. He chose the prophet Jeremiah 22, 29 for his sermon: "O land, land, land, hear the word of the Lord!" Three days before, five German missionaries had erected their white flag with a red cross which they had sewn by themselves. This is why the jubilee celebrations were also relating to this word of the Bible. And a white flag with a red cross was also to be seen.

Having started out rather small, a large and self-confident church has been established in 125 years. Today, the

Evangelical-Lutheran Church in Tanzania (ELCT) consists of 26 church districts and accounts for approx. 6.5 million members. Six church districts belong to the northern region of ELCT and ascribe their foundation to the commitment of "Leipziger Mission". As of 1962, the ELKB has become active in Tanzania, in particular because of the fact that the work in overseas of "Leipziger Mission" was strongly limited due to the political situation prevailing in the former GDR at that time. Today, approx. 20 specialists from Bavaria, sent out by Mission EineWelt, have still been working in a great variety of functions in Tanzania. The ELCT accounts for several thousand congregations and runs kindergartens, schools, hospital wards, hospitals and universities.

In the important festival sermon, the ELKB was represented by the leading church official Michel Martin (German title: Oberkirchenrat), and Claus Heim, a specialist for Tanzania with Mission EineWelt. The festival days were preceded by a two-day symposium with representatives from the northern church districts and international guests.

No One-Way Street

But mission isn't a one-way street any longer. In 2018, too, Mission EineWelt

remains what it always has been, an institution to send out and welcome workforce. In July 2018, on the occasion of the Festival of the World-Wide Church, we could send the Zehelein family to Makumira in Tanzania. Pastor Jörg Zehelein works as a lecturer at the Faculty of Theology of TUMAINI University, where he once concluded his Master studies as a student a few years ago.



Pastor Yusuph Mbago and his family come from the Ulange-Kilombero church district of the ELCT. Since November 2018, Mbago has worked in the parish "Zum Guten Hirten" (The Good Shepherd) at Oberhaching.

Fusion in Kenya?

There is also important news from our Kenyan partner church, the Kenya Evan-



125 years of Mission Jubilee in Tanzania

gelical Lutheran Church (KELC). The KELC could be facing enormous changes on the grounds of a merger. On September 11, 2018, the Church Board was visited by nine official legates of the Evangelical Lutheran Conference and Ministerium (ELCM), also called Mt. Kenya Synod. The guests forwarded some documents ratified by their synod on August 4 explaining that they wish to become a part of KELC in the future.

According to their own information, the ELCM comprises 31 parishes, 17 pastors, 29 leading laypersons and approx. 5,000 members in five rural districts in Central and Eastern Kenya. In the ELCM, as is the case in the KELC, women are ordained as pastors.

Since the KELC has only got roughly 20 pastors and roundabout 20,000 parish members according to their own information, a merger with the ELCM would nearly result in a doubling the number of the theological staff. This would be a big step.

Christian Education

In our partner church in Mozambique (IELM), the field relating to Christian Education has been of priority now as before. Pastor Sikhathesihle Khumalo from South Africa has worked in this area. His assignment is subject to the alliance of the three following churches, our partner church IELM, the Evangelical-Lutheran Church in Southern Africa (ELCSA) and Mission EineWelt. Bit by bit, Pastor Khumalo succeeds in convincing the parish members that the church is under its own responsibility and that it should stand in actively in support of this instead of passively waiting for help. In theological terms, he referred to the baptism of children including of the tasks of the godparents, in particular. Additional seminars were offered for leading officials who work with children, young people, women and men and for preachers and pastors. As a rule, this is appreciated by all those to whom the invitation was extended. Another core topic in IELM is the Protestant sermon. Because of great challenges

in the financial area that also led to litigations in court, the sermons are often full of controversy and anger instead of love and the Word of God. Spiritual retreats are supposed to counteract this tendency.

Future Visions for Youth Work

In the Lutheran Church in Liberia (LCL), priority was given to Youth Work during the period of time under report. Our staff member Marianne Lorenz, who was only recently assigned to this post, is about to develop a common idea for the future of Youth Work together with the newly elected leading team of the National Lutheran Youth Fellowship (NLYF). Particularly striking and at the same time challenging is the fact that NLYF intends to build a new youth camp at the Haindi location that is rich in tradition. Before the war, there was the legendary Camp K.P.-Kpolo kpeleh (Bread house) whose history full of tradition has been remembered ever since until today in the LCL. Many of the current leading staff have established their close bonds to the LCL at past youth events held in this place. NLYF wants to tie in with its history and reconstruct Camp K.P. It is particularly noteworthy that NLYF has started with the reconstruction on the basis of own funds and without third parties' help. Two out of eight planned "cabins" to start with, providing 20 places to sleep, have already been erected; the erection of other cabins has already begun. Since the young people are also skilled in various trades, they can build the cabins on their own. This commitment is a clear signal for me that a new generation arises in the LCL who thinks in a different way and who intends to achieve something with its own initiative.

Events and Exchange

In Germany, too, the staff of the Department for Africa actively contributed to many events in the center of Mission EineWelt. Numerous guests from our five African partner churches were bid welcome at Neuendettelsau and many a dialogue took place on the occasion of visits paid to Africa. Let me give you two

examples and my impressions:

On February 3, 2018, Mission EineWelt ran the Study Day "Africa and Europe – Think together one step ahead into the future" in Nuremberg. Guest lecturers were, among others, the author and corporate consultant Prinz Asfa-Wossen Asserate, Pastor Dr. Fidon Mwombeki from the Lutheran World Federation and Reinhard Palm, head of the department for Africa of "Bread for the World".

In May 2018, Bishop Elias Kitoi Nassari from the ELCT, church district of Meru, paid a visit to Bavaria. Apart from numerous events, the church district of Bamberg and the meeting of all German partners of the church district of Meru, Bishop Kitoi Nassari also visited the annual celebration of "Rummelsberger Diakonie" and spoke to them on this occasion. The connections between Rummelsberg and Tanzania have existed for more than 30 years.

Program for Peace

It is to be emphasized over and over again that peace can only be maintained or established in the different countries if the religions deal with each other in a peaceful way. This is one of the prominent objectives of the Program for Christian-Muslim Relations in Africa (PROCMURA) that had been going on in West Africa during the period under report.

Three West African states, Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone, have been closely interwoven due to their history and in ethical and economic terms. In the cooperation of Mission EineWelt and PROCMURA, the priorities of the last three years were a series of seminars for the Christian-Muslim dialogue and a peaceful cooperation of the religions that were subsequently held in those three countries and in which it was repeatedly referred to the fact that a fundamental prerequisite in this region for peace is the fact that the people of the three states cited above deal with each other in a peaceful way.

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ELC-PNG Synod 2018



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Changes, Setting-Out and Perspectives

The developments in the Pacific and Mekong regions

By the beginning of the year, the synod of our oldest partner church ELC-PNG took place with more than 400 delegates – a manifest of emergence, a future orientation full of hope – under the motto: "I came that they may have life and have it abundantly" (John 10, 10). Among others, the topics were the following: advanced vocational training, the status of Jerusalem (!), how to cope with violence against women, the death penalty (refusal!), and negative magic, violations of human rights in West Papua, deep-sea mining, and women in the church.

Reformation and Setting-Out

A reformation process starts to take effect, decisively shaped by Bishop Jack Urame. The commitment for the purpose of profiling the parishes, the winning of new staff members, the strengthening of competence and the consolidation of the financial situation are strongly intertwined. With great thankfulness, I can sense how Jack Urame feels strongly about a church, its organs, councils, persons in charge, and staff members of



Photo: MEW

Bishop Jack Urame.

all communities who administer their calling in the sense of the Gospel. He wants the church and its 17 church districts to be credible in view of the huge challenges in the areas relating to Protestant work ethic, expertise, service and public spirit. Those who are in charge are supposed to show new leadership behavior. He has ordained and inaugurated dozens of pastors in the past few years. Thousands of the eldest staff members, however, work without any vocational training. The congregations are the heart of the church, even

if many people are barred from services and chances. Faith can also give their lives a perspective, even in the remotest of areas. The key interest is a lively spirituality instead of too much of a focus on finance and administration crises in the councils and conferences. We wish that they succeed in making the Protestant ethos and solicitousness be heard again.

Holistic Education

The participation in all theological seminars is good; they put their curricula and objectives into practice. In the last few years, many international theological masters and scholarship holders to be awarded a doctorate were supported by Mission EineWelt, and we are still in need of further new lecturers. Several women have acquired a diploma in theology. Finally, they are supposed to run classes in seminars in the field of theology. First of all, it is not our priority to increase knowledge but to provide a holistic education with the objective to become a motivating idol amidst a divided society. In the field of intercultural study programs and processes, we have provided lots of good support. However, a lot of things still remain to be done.



They fly to the most remote areas of Papua New Guinea: the pilots of MAF

Globalization and Ecumenical Life

PNG is no longer an island but a part – and to a large extent and a victim – of globalization!. This wonderful island in the South Seas, bristling with cultural diversity, beauty and abundance, must have a future. In a country whose government invests immense amounts of money in questionably ways – even partly wastes funds for much too expensive APEC summits and has a high degree of corruption! – the predictive voice of the Christians in the name of ostracism is becoming more important than ever. Churches need ecumenical life and Lutheran partners need to feel the readiness to share fundamental concerns. The initiatives of Bishop Urame to strengthen ecumenical life by means of a Church Leaders' Conference are very much appreciated. Our hope remains to see the Melanesian Institute reformed and revived again.

Personnel, Finances, Perspectives

In our capacity as Center of Mission EineWelt, our staff is committed to working in the fields of health, theological

education, and building of congregations, youth, finance, media/communication, management and transport by plane. On the whole, we have been attending and supporting more than 50 programs and projects. A focus is on health care: in the WHO statistics, PNG is ranking in the bottom places with regard to health care. A major part of the population is barred from receiving any sort of support; this is why we have committed ourselves in multiple ways. In the area of finance, I was happy to give you a positive report that ELC-PNG is now free from debts for the first time after two decades. New skilled finance experts are needed. Most of the income yielded by the church comes from real estate properties. Thanks to the project office of the ELC-PNG that operates very reliably, it is possible to manage international grants in a responsible way. A great challenge is to handle the required change of staff including dismissals. Despite favorable earnings, congregations and their financial responsibility must come into the focus again. The church has other important project partners such as "Bread for the World" and others from Australia and Austria. We do hope that the Depart-

ment for Development Services who can look back upon their blissful history will discover their talents and role anew. The Departments for Theological Education of staff members labors to furnish the five seminars and colleges and to provide supervision. Theological education is very dear to Bishop Urame's heart. The Department for the Parishes and Public Church Life bears a very high responsibility in view of their manifold technical areas and task ranges: from working with young people, providing services with regard to music, social work up to working for people with a handicap. The special field relating to Lutheran Life Care with Aids/HIV preventive education and consultancy services is quite important. The picture would be incomplete and one-sided, if we did not think of those Christians and staff members with their missions in Papua New Guinea who are more or less known to us. They are the pulse beat of the church, far away from centers, and they have been forming the spine of the church, now as before. They fill our church with life. Among them, there are many women and I felt both enriched and motivated a lot when I looked upon them as an example. And in the end, they think about planning a Lutheran University again. The new Lutheran Shipping Services operate with ships again: MV Mamose and MV Jalibu; may they be connecting bridges and supply their services as a token of interest and proximity. The Lutheran Church Communication has been working in a very impressive way, also by making use of its own radio station. Unfortunately, the other overseas partners send and welcome only few staff members. On an average, our 20 staff members have very important tasks in the different vocations and contract models of the ELC-PNG.

The South-South Program turned out to make a lot of sense in the past few years from different points of view: four staff members from the Lutheran Church of the Philippines and four physicians from Madagascar. Let me thank all our staff members deep from my heart for their high degree of commitment, their tolerance and intercultural skills. The inter-

national partner forum with ELC-PNG in its center has professionally expanded in the last few years, a fact that is very much appreciated. I wish the Cooperation of International Lutheran Partners of ELC-PNG a good future. When looking ahead to the beginning of 2019, we must say that our partnership was strengthened and qualified in theological terms by the visit of our Bavarian Bishop Heinrich Bedford-Strom due to lectures, encounters with persons in charge, our staff, visits to hospitals in remote areas and much more. Everything had a positive appeal with a profound theological meaning.

The Lutheran Church in the Philippines wants to be understood as a missionary church. In the presence of our small ELKB delegation, the entered into a partnership contract with the ELC-PNG. In this contested land, the united church under the leadership of President Antonio Reyes will approach old and new problems: new and more pastors, staff members for the parishes, an openness in theological and spiritual terms, sources of income for a church with rather poor population districts, youth work, women in the church, choir work, an extension of education, media, attractive

services. Very important is the work we have been supporting with slum children. Pastor Alois Schwarz has undergone local theological formation there.

Pastor Michael Jacobsen and his wife Hanne are highly committed to working in the aborigines communities of the Finke-River-Mission in Central Australia under very demanding conditions where there are not enough staff members for these nearly 7,000 aborigines who are a member of our Lutheran partner church in Australia.

At the Pacific Theological College in Fiji, there was a change: Dr. Vaai Upolu from Samoa is the new President. Dr. Weinbrenner has been working as "our lecturer" at this high-quality seminar in all academic courses of study that enjoys a good acceptance. The Mekong Mission Forum has been expanding in a professional way, now combining study work and education support by means of this unique regional cooperation. It is delightful to see how careful the young and growing Lutheran Church in Cambodia is working its way up to its own responsibility.

This is the last annual bulletin under

my mandate and as a pastor. I should like to thank God, the pastors, the companions, our congregations and boards and councils for the privilege of having been able to contribute in the name of our Church to the benefit of the congregations, our faith and the related developments in His World in this great area. We were capable of organizing, deepening, expanding the relations in the scope of our social networking in manifold ways. I extend my thanks to my "PPO" team. All the best wishes for my successor! I was delighted to take part in discourses, studies, intercultural theology with partners and many study groups. The fact to intensively accompany wonderful people and their missions, from our center too: Attend and accompany people "starting out from Emmaus" – this guided me. In the last few months, I published books, essays on experiences and insights of my time in the office. What a fascination, what kinds of wounds but also what kinds of desires are there in His World! Services, celebrations, prayers shall remain my love: Wonders of the congregation of Jesus Christ, together on our way to the Realm of God. Soli deo Gloria!

Traugott Farnbacher



ELC-PNG Partners Consultation Forum 2018

Live with fewer Plastics

The Topic of the Year 2017

The topic "Plastics in the Pacific Ocean and the Seas" has accompanied us in the past year. In the Pacific Ocean, there are five big vortices full of waste. The North Pacific Swirl alone located west of Hawaii covers an area of the size of Western Europe. In this Great Pacific Garbage Patch, thousands of millions of plastic parts have been floating in the sea, thus endangering men and environment. Plastics is a component used in many areas of daily life and cannot always be avoided. But even the smallest of changes in our daily lives can be a first step towards a life free from plastics: reusable coffee cups instead of to go cups (320,000.00 cups alone are used every hour in Germany and thrown into the garbage bin after having been used for once only), stainless steel lunch boxes instead of Tupperware, cotton buds instead of plastic buds, tap water instead of bottled water, home-made yoghurt instead of yoghurt in plastic cups and a good deal more.

Tips, hints and precise operation instructions are provided in the book "Kids for the Ocean" published in 2018 by the Pacific Information Center in cooperation with the association "Beach Cleaner". The workbook by Anne Mäusbacher was developed for pupils from the first to the seventh class, the founder of "Beach Cleaner". This is a group of people who voluntarily collect plastic garbage on the shores of oceans and lakes, separate this waste and dispose of in cooperation with local partners in a professional way. Anne Mäusbacher was conferred the environmental award 2018 by the City of Nuremberg. The Pacific Information Center used the attention of the

media to stress the pollution of the oceans. The topic "Plastics" will remain on our agenda in the coming year, too.

Together with partners in Germany and in the Pacific region, we also refer to the dangers of deep-sea mining and the climate change in our publications and campaigns. All those who are interested in our work can support our public relations work via Twitter under #SaveThePacific. On our Facebook page, we provide topical information on events in the Pacific. Access www.pazifik-info-stelle.org and you will find a calendar of events covering everything with a reference to the Pacific region at home and abroad.

Currently, there are 20 "aspects" (as we call our short information from the Pacific region), 121 files in German and English (technical and nation-specific analyses by experts), a comprehensive audio archive with music of all Pacific states dating back to the last 50 years and a comprehensive video store, among others with Hollywood productions relating to Pacific topics. This is how we offer the visitors of the Pacific Information Center the possibility to be informed in detail on the regions of Oceania.

Quarterly publications such as "Pacific Up-to-Date" with a news summary, political analyses and background reports complement our regular choice.

With approx. 1,500 books, our library is one of the largest specialized libraries in southern Germany. We also have new publications of the University Press from Hawaii in our shelves. The library is

a reference library, however, workplaces are available.

By means of the four lendable exhibitions (Land under in the Pacific, No Bravo for Bikini, Ressources in the Pacific and Violence against Women in New Guinea), we can provide information for educational institutions such as schools, universities and church congregations. The range of topics of our free lectures on offer ranges from the consequences of the Pacific nuclear tests, land rights in Australia until the consequences of the climate change for atolls located at a lower level.

We participated in the Hiroshima Remembrance Day, our OneWorld Fair Augsburg, the environmental station of Nuremberg and diverse conferences by Mission EineWelt in the form of information desks.

We organized and ran study days and round table talks for and with our guests from the Pacific region (Malaysia, Indonesia, Papua New Guinea, the Marshall Islands, Tonga and Fiji). In co-operation with the Natural History Society at Nuremberg, we regularly offer lectures on Pacific topics. In the past year, there was, for example, a lecture on the Hawaiian Hula dance, on the Volcanic Ring of Fire and on the planned deep-sea mining projects in the Bismarck Sea in front of Papua New Guinea.

We have been continuously expanding our network of Pacific specialists by memberships in other non-government organizations in Germany. For us, it is important not to spread any "fake news" on the pretended Paradise in the South Seas but to report on challenges, problems and chances of our partners in Oceania with analytic expertise in a clear and precise way.

Julia Ratzmann



Unfortunately, this is to be seen quite often: a beach in Nauru, completely messed up with plastic garbage.



Currently in short supply: food and seeds



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Department for Latin America

Turbulent Times in Latin America

Far-reaching changes in some Latin-American countries have an impact on our partner churches

In Brazil, elections took place in politics and in the church board. On October 28, 2018, the Member of Parliament and former member of the military forces, Jair Messias Bolsonaro, was elected President of Brazil with 55 percent of the votes in the run-off ballot. Here in Germany, many people wonder how someone could win such a huge amount of votes who has repeatedly mentioned the military dictatorship in a positive way, who feels violence is the best solution to most problems, who behaves in a misogynistic way and who openly makes racist and homophobic comments.

Why Bolsonaro?

One might try to explain this in different ways: Some have certainly voted for him on the grounds of protest. "Don't you think I am voting for him because I am convinced, I am only voting for the lesser evil", a church member uttered. Subsequently, the person I quote complained about the fact that violent crime and corruption have been increasing, which is in this person's opinion due to the fact that the workers' party had governed the country for years. People expect Bolsonaro to take rigorous steps and to bring the economy back to a more successful course.

But there are other people, too, who have voted for Bolsonaro with absolute conviction. They see in him the savior sent by God who will free Brazil from its crisis. They cheer for him when he announces that he wants to clean

Brazil. Evangelical pastors have openly called on the people to vote for Bolsonaro. In many places, the vast majority of the members of Igreja Evangélica de Confissão Luterana no Brasil (Evangelical Church of Lutheran Denomination in

Brazil, IECLB) have voted for him. On the other hand, there are voices within the IECLB who vehemently disapprove of him. There is a rift running right through the middle of the congregations and quite often through pastors and their congregation.

The Lived Gospel as a Common Denominator

This tension could be felt already many months prior to the elections, but also on the 31st Church Assembly when the delegates of IECLB met from October 17 to 21 in Curitiba. The topic was selected



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After the elections of the new executive committee: 31st Church Assembly of IECLB from October 17 to 21, 2018 in Curitiba



Graduates from the advanced training course in psycho traumatology

with care: Viver o Evangelho: empatia, compaixão, comunhão (Live the Gospel, empathy, compassion or charity, community). The lived Gospel is a common denominator everyone can reach a consensus on. In consideration of its Biblical message, the Church Assembly closed with a clear confession for democracy and for a commitment in favor of the human rights: "On the occasion of the synod in 1970, in this city, the IECLB has strengthened its obligation as a church of Jesus Christ that all people live in dignity: 'Even in exceptional situations, no actions can justify any human rights' violations' (Manifest of Curitiba, IECLB, 1970). In today's context of Brazil, this challenge has still remained the same: as an answer to God's love, the IECLB substantiates its order to foster justice, peace and love and not to put up with injustice, thus exercising its prophetic office. It is necessary that the evil in the world does not seem normal to us."

It will be the difficult task for the newly elected church president Pastor Ms. Silvia Beatrice Genz to hold the people together in her church despite the political polarization. Directly after having been elected, she asked both newly elected Vice Presidents, Pastor Sinodal Odair Airon Braun, and Pastor Mauro Batista de Souza, and all pastors of the synod, the church council and the team of the church office to step forward and join her onstage of the conference location to show that the future of the

church can only be successful together. The team spirit in the church office already prove to be successful before when there was a long-lasting vacancy in the church office's management that had to be bridged because of the serious disease of Ingrid Vogt, Secretary General. Although it was not unexpected, Ingrid Vogt's death in November has shocked all of them. Mission EineWelt lost a qualified, friendly and equally determined contact partner who had a sense of humor.

Natural Catastrophes and Escape in various Directions

In Central America we had to bid farewell to a person who was highly esteemed by many staff members. In March we had to say goodbye to our retired Deacon Helmut Köhler. For many years, he had served the Lutheran Church in El Salvador; he was highly committed to his work. After having returned to Germany, he supported Döbrichstiftung (name of a foundation) and their work and actively participated in the partnership work of the church district at Munich.

An important focus of this partnership work has reached an intermediate objective: a joint advanced vocational training relating to psychological traumatology of the Community of Lutheran Churches in Central America (CILCA), initiated by the church district of

Munich, was successfully concluded in November. It was supported by the Munich partnership, the foundation "Wings of Hope" and the Church Development Service of the ELKB. In El Salvador, a center for patients suffering from psychological traumata was inaugurated. This center can also be used for future advanced training courses and therapy consultancy. The center is named after Helmut and Waltraud Köhler.

Natural Catastrophes and Escape in various Directions

It is wonderful that the knowledge acquired during the advanced vocational training in traumatology could immediately be put into practice, however, we have not wished for new occasions to come. Nevertheless, the year 2018 produced a series of events in this respect. A group of graduates who had concluded this advanced vocational training travelled to Guatemala after the volcano "Fuego" had erupted in June over there in order to help the people concerned process and cope with their traumatic experience. In other countries, conversations with migrants constituted a vast field of work. In October, two large-scale caravans with refugees from El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras set out for the USA. Simultaneously, hundreds of expelled migrants came back together with those people who got stranded at some point during their migration to the north. The staff trained in psychological traumatology of our partner churches supported them to process the exposure to violence they had experienced when they were on the move. Frequently, it is also about the traumatic experiences that had made them venture on this dangerous trip into uncertainty. In the first line, the church in Costa Rica has been attending people who fled from their neighboring country Nicaragua.

Riots in Nicaragua

Since April 18, 2018, there have been riots in Nicaragua which had initially started with peaceful protests to be attributed to the fire that had been raging in the nature reserve Indio Maiz in

the region of Rio San Juan for days, and shortly thereafter due to the pension reform which was supposed to be used to cut social benefits. The government's response was repression and lethal violence. This resulted in fierce conflicts between supporters of and opponents to the government that lasted for months in different locations and differing intensity. Since the Ortega government has succeeded in controlling the situation, a wave of detentions set off. Numerous offices of non-government organizations were searched and lots of objects were seized.

The political crisis has also triggered an economic crisis. Lots of companies have left the country and the tourism industry has to cope with serious set-backs so that the number of unemployed persons has drastically risen. Our partner church ILFE (Iglesia Luterana de Nicaragua "Fe y Esperanza" = Lutheran Church of Nicaragua "Faith and Hope") has initiated several emergency measures together with Forum Nicaragua of ACT Alliance: apart from safeguarding food, the forum provides supportive measures in psychosocial terms and undertakes measures to establish peace and reconciliation in the population. Since the polarization of the society is reflected by the families and congregations, there is a desperate need for this work. ILFE does not want to take a stand in favor of neither party to the conflict. "In our church, God is our Lord, and nobody else", Bishop Victoria Cortez stresses their point of view. When lots of communities north and west of Nicaragua were suffering from the soaring food prices during the climax of the crisis, ILFE distributed food to the people in the concerned areas. Financial support came from many givers from Germany who responded immediately to the call for on-the-spot aid by Mission EineWelt. Thank you very much for your assistance!

Costa Rica: The Challenges have remained now as before

In Costa Rica, too, the society was polarized shortly before the Presidential

Elections on April 1. When it became clear that Carlos Alvarado was the candidate to be elected who represented the political party who was entrusted with the government at present, the situation somewhat calmed down so that ILCO (Iglesia Luterana Costarricense) the Lutheran Church of Costa Rica could celebrate their 30th anniversary in August according to schedule. Their topic was "A just and comprehensive Peace – a Challenge that remains" and many guests had come to pay them a visit: apart from representatives of the partner churches from the north, there were also participants from other Latin-American churches.

Changes in the Department

Independent of the different political riots in Latin America, there were lots of changes in the Department for Latin America at Neuendettelsau: as already announced in last year's annual bulletin, Pastor Ms. Friederike Deeg took over as head of department in January. At the end of April, we had to bid farewell to Pastor Jandir Sossmeier who returned to his home country together with his wife Adriane Dalferth Sossmeier after having worked in our team for more than six years. Since then, he has been working in his home country in the parish Monte Alverne in the south of Brazil. Both have achieved lots of things when they worked for us: Jandir has touched the musical aspects of the Bavarian-Brazilian partnership to make it heard and he has launched a new way of exchange with the partnership between farmers relating to soy with a focus on special topics. His wife Adriane initiated a baptism project from Brazil in the church district of Windsbach which appealed to the congregation very much. Since September the successor to Jandir Sossmeier has been found: On February 1, 2019 Pastor Geraldo Grützmann from Brazil will take up his work in the department of Latin America and in the Department for Partnership and Parish. His wife Rose Mari Berendonk Grützmann will accompany him. Geraldo Grützmann already paid a visit to Germany when he came as an ecumenical staff member. He had

worked at Nordelbisches Missionszentrum in Breklum as a theological specialist from 2004 to 2012. Thereafter, he



*Pastor Geraldo Grützmann and his wife
Rose Mari Berendonk Grützmann*

was a parish pastor of IECL (Evangelical church of Lutheran denomination in Brazil) at Garaffao, Espirito Santo.

Agnes Müller-Grünwedel and Heiko Grünwedel, a Bavarian pastor couple, has taken up work in Brazil where they were inaugurated in the parish of Jesus Christ at Curitiba on February 17.

Moreover, two volunteers were sent out to Brazil for the first time in many years. It is appreciated very much that the visa restrictions became less stringent so that an exchange was possible again on this level.

On March 1, the psychologist Ms. Julia Friedlein travelled to El Salvador for an assignment as a temporary voluntary specialist where she joined the staff working in the church's traumatology program in the homeless project Casa Esperanza and in some other parishes.

In the specialist committee for Latin America, too, there were changes. Since Pastor Ms. Christhild Grafe left due to her moving to Bogotá, Pastor Alfredo Malikoski and Pastor Ms. Grit Plöbel were appointed (standing consultant members).

Friederike Deeg



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Department for Partnership and Parish Work



The Team of the Department for Partnership and Parish Work

Insights and Perspectives

Fare-well, departures and insights characterized the year 2018 in the Department for Partnership and Parish Work

"Bidding fare-well" was a much used word in 2018 in the Department for Partnership and Parish Work. Emmanuel Ndoma had attended to the parishes and in particular to those with various languages and origin throughout Bavaria for nearly 20 years. He has also formed and designed the program MiSüNo in a decisive way. His perspective, his thoughtful way to integrate and to live faith in a self-understanding and authentic way has enriched our whole team in the department.

In April 2018, we saw Gerhard Stahl off who retired. For more than 23 years, his commitment was partnership and mission. To many he has been known as the motivating and reliable attendant and caregiver of partnerships with and to Papua New Guinea and Malaysia. Encounters of young people were particularly important for him. It is wonderful to see young people travelling to several church districts every year or young guests are welcomed from the partner churches.

We also had to say "goodbye" to the Sossmeier family. Pastor Jandir Sossmeier had attended to the partnerships to Latin America in his capacity as ecumenical attendant and he established

and strengthened relationships between IECLB and ELKB in many ways. A booklet he published provides information on the partnership relations on church district and parish level. He organized and attended to several bands and music groups from Brazil or Central America to come and play. The relationship between farmers located at Uffenheim and Erlangen and their colleagues in Brazil has grown due to the topic "Soy" that interconnects them all. By her "baptism project", Pastor Ms. Adriane Sossmeier introduced and implemented a concept with reference to the building of a congregation in the community of Bertholdsdorf and in the church district of Windsbach. This project is available in writing now to be tested by other parishes (available in our Mission EineWelt shop).

Not for Sale

The topic of the annual campaign "The Human Being – Not for Sale" was woven into the encounters with guests from our partner churches like a red thread. We welcomed Suyapa Ordones from Honduras. The pastor showed us very moving photos and reports from this very small Lutheran church in Central America. Suyapa Ordones is very committed to the work with women in her church since the women over there have to cope with experiences of violence and a lack of

prospects. The church of Honduras actively participates in the work with refugees. Many a Honduran embarks on the road to the USA because they hope to have higher chances there. Most of them do not reach their destination but return to their home country. Working with refugees means in this context to reintegrate these people into their local society and to give them new hope. Suyapa Ordones also reported on the dramatic conditions in the mines where resources are exploited. In terms of ecology, industrial law and with regard to the Human Rights, the conditions in those mines are frequently unacceptable.



Deacon Kirimia Ilomo during the Meeting

The next guest on the topic "The Human Being – Not for Sale" came from Singapore. Deacon Michael Hofmann who has been working over there together with his wife Isabella La Marca in the Mission to Seafarers at Singapore gave us an impression of the depressing reality of modern slavery.

"Life is the highest of all values in Christianity!" was the message of our guest from Tanzania. In the scope of the Teaching Preaching Program, Deacon Kirimia Emmanuel Ilomo from Tandala stayed with us for four weeks. He told us about the "undiscovered gifts of people with a handicap – it is important to be open for new ideas". On the occasion of his assignments, he did not only show us a "different" Tanzania – South Tanzania, far away from the Kilimanjaro, but also a different kind in which people with a handicap are accompanied: in the charity and social welfare center of Tandala, most of the work is outpatient work. The people are to stay in their families. The center's staff visits the people with a handicap and they invite their families to participate in a one-week seminar to give them incentives and the opportunity to exchange their experiences among each other. Sustainable forms of human togetherness are initiated and trained.

Partnership

In the numerous encounters, Deacon Kirimia Emmanuel Ilomo had the opportunity to talk about partnership and above all about the importance of a common partnership concept. This topic was also discussed in all those places where an institution, a church district or a parish had ventured a trip to pay the partner churches a visit or where guests were welcomed from the partner churches. 18 encounters (9 out of which were encounters where young people met) were prepared, implemented and evaluated by the staff of the department for partnership and parish work: from and to Tanzania (9), Congo (2), Brazil (3), PNG (3), and Malaysia (1).

For more than 20 years, the country-specific work groups have been offered by the Department for Partnership and Parish Work in the form of a workshop in this field for volunteers, multipliers and interested persons. Volunteers leaving for Tanzania or who return from there with plenty of experience are offered a preparation and a follow-up. From April 13 to 14, 2018, 71 persons met to discuss the topic "Development". The detailed analysis of the prevailing politics in Tanzania, both of the government and the church, gave the participants an insight into this country's situation.



On their way together: Pastor Yusuph Mbago and Pastor Karsten Schaller

The wide-spread understanding of development according to HDI (Human Development Index) was analyzed and evaluated. In most cases, development is orientated at the earnings/GDP (gross domestic product), health and educa-

Deacon Kirimia Ilomo in a Meeting at Augsburg



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Women belonging to the indigenous group of the Guarini on the occasion of the celebration of the world-wide church



tion. Other areas of life are simply not considered (association, generation and satisfaction).

Simply "more" is by no means better or fairer. The participants reflected the development in the scope of the partnership relations, evaluated their own practical work and exchanged their view on alternatives. It is essential to intensify reflection together with the partners and find new ways to expand partnership, for example, openness for any kind of transfer, a sensitive handling of both language and ownership.

A chance for discussions and exchange with the ecumenical staff members in this respect is to talk to those who have been living and working in Bavaria for several years. Pastor Ms. Juliana Kilagwa and Pastor Weston Mhema can look back upon nearly five years of parish work at Unteraltertheim; Pastor Penga Nimbo has been working in the church district of Landshut in terms of church and partnership with Papua New Guinea. Since November 2018, the municipality Oberhaching and therefore the whole church district of Munich south east have got a direct partner to talk to from Tanzania, Pastor Yusuph Mbago.

On the Move together

Munich Mission Days took place under the motto "On the Move together" when colleagues from Tanzania and Ke-

nya made their understanding from an East African point of view of partnership clear to us: We are on the move together. It is essential that we know and respect each other. As brothers and sisters we belong to the same family and this is why we assume responsibility for each other. The

speech of Kirchenrat (civil service rank of a church official) Hans-Martin Gloël (Department for Ecumenical Life in the Bavarian Church Office on the topic "The Evangelical-Lutheran Church of Bavaria as a worldwide partner in the mission of God" opened up the global point of view. More than 90 participants worked out the fundamental comprehension and their implementation into practical measures and projects in workshops. "We, as partnership activists, must become more active and understand church as a market place for ideas and information", wrote a participant. This will advance our learning from and with each other and this is how intercultural competences are supported. The topic "One World" is of a particular priority in the ranking of topics because of the urgency to protect our living environments and being simultaneously aware of the fact that this is all Christians' joint responsibility for this One World. For this reason, a networking of environment and partnership is indispensable.

Partnership meetings are a very special opportunity to focus everybody's view

on joint chances and common responsibility. To give you just one out of many examples: In July, the church district of Sulzbach-Rosenberg was visited by COMIN, the council for working with indigenous people, of the Evangelical Church of Lutheran Denomination in Brazil. Our Brazilian exchange pastor, Alfredo Malikoski, had organized a comprehensive program for the group in the church district of Sulzbach-Rosenberg. There was one participant who came from the indigenous group of the Guarini: Tereza Fernandes. This group consists of 200 people only who foster their tradition and have little contact to others. Priscila Gor Emilio belongs to the group of the Kaingang indigenous people, a substantially larger group in numbers, who open up more towards the Brazilian society. Both indigenous women from the area of the Guarita presented their traditional costumes on the occasion of the celebration of the world-wide church in Neuendettelsau. They very much appreciated being valued here in Bavaria. The responsible pastor from Sao Leopoldo, Ms. Renate Gierus, explained us very understandably in her sermon how important and self-understanding it should be for all Christians to step in for the recognition and rights of all people and ethnic groups.

On the Move in Bavaria

Intercultural experiences, learning in terms of development policy and living our faith together are the characteristics of the South-North Volunteer Program. Nine young people from eight different countries have joined our staff throughout Bavaria to work with them in kindergartens, old-age peoples' homes and institutions for people with a handicap and have committed themselves to this work with openness, creativity, with love and willingness. And their experiences were manifold: impressions, comprehension and questions. It roughly takes 6 months for the volunteers to be able to speak German quite well. This is important for their work, but in many cases also for their future. In Tanzania, for example, there are such a substantial number of well-

trained young people that they strongly compete for the few appropriate jobs. In those cases, complementary skills such as "German spoken" can be helpful sometimes. Some of our volunteers are worried about their future and their future prospects after having spent a year in Germany. At the same time, they have reflected the world-wide correlations and disparities by way of observations, discussions and seminars, and they have won a new comprehension and perspectives – due to the experiences they have gained through their work in Germany.

To be a Missionary Church

"Missionary church" was the topic of the Bavarian Synod in spring 2018. We seized this occasion to offer a workshop to the participants of the synod to gain an insight into the approaches and programs of our partner churches. In which ways do they act as in missionary terms? What is it that we can learn from each other and together with each other to put this One Mission of God in our world and our environment into practice? At the example of the Evangelical Church of Lutheran Denomination in Brazil, we showed what it is like to be a missionary church in a colorful religious environment for a church with a respectable number of members, namely 715,000, but against this in a country with 200 million inhabitants; that is in a situation of an absolute minority.

Looking at the people's daily life in their neighborly community including faith in a very natural way, every congregation took the time to look for answers to the question: what does our particular mission look like? What is our mission or our contribution in the place we live? Their objective is that the community members adopt "Missao Deus – nossa paixao" (God's mission – our passion) for themselves. By means of precise examples, the synod members could understand and discuss what of all this could be implemented in and for Bavaria. – The discussions can be continued because three pastors and their families are living and working in Bavarian parishes right now through the exchange program between IELCB and ELKB.

The Human Being – Not for Sale – The Human Being – a True Human Being

On the annual conference of the missionary church district pastors and the agents of the church districts for partnership, development and mission, and also during the celebration of the world-wide church with more than 1,000 visitors the annual topic "The Human Being – Not for Sale" was in the focus. What are the forms of exploitation that people experience today on containerships in Singapore, as house maids in Madagascar, as a number in a call center in Nicaragua, as an old-age pensioner in Germany who can no longer afford their rent? Where is our responsibility and where is the potential for changes? How can our faith that every man is a counterpart of God change behavior and structures? In services and celebrations with blessings, those of us were strengthened who are heading for a new place to go and those who locally commit themselves to the one mission of God

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How can Religions contribute to Conflict Solutions?

Block seminar "Religion and Conflict Management" in Tanzania: Makumira – Sansibar

Students from Erlangen and students of Tumaini University Makumira (TUMA) and Zanzibar Interfaith Centre (ZANZIC) treated the topic "Religion and Conflict Management" during the block seminar from September 29 until October 12, 2018 in Tanzania. In the first week in Makumira, the students looked into the role of religions in the event of a conflict. The Tanzanian students explained this at precise examples from their region. A particular focus was on the fact how religions contribute to conflict

solutions and can help shape peace. Many of the German participants came from the Master Course of Study Media-Ethics-Religion. They explained the influence of the media in the event of conflicts and the preservation of peace. In a role play at the end of the first week, the participants tried to put the obtained comprehension into practice.

The second week was characterized by joint programs with students of the diploma program by ZANZIC. ZANZIC is a

project of the east church district and of the coast church district of the Lutheran Church in Tanzania. Its focus is to foster the good relationships between the Muslim and the Christians in Tanzania – in particular on Zanzibar. The group got to know Zanzibar's Stone Town a place that had been characterized by religious tolerance for many centuries. In the service of the Lutheran congregation and during the visit of the oldest mosque of Zanzibar with Sheikh Jabri they learnt about the religious traditions prevailing on the island. Together with students of the diploma program by ZANZIC, similar topics like in Makumira were discussed. In addition, the question was dealt with what kind of contribution the religions can make in the field of development. Prof. Johanna Haberer (FAU Erlangen), Prof. Dr. Andreas Nehring (FAU Erlangen) and Pastor Michael Seitz (Mission EineWelt) conducted the joint seminar. Dr. Nehemia Moshi (TUMA) and Rev. Philip Mvungi (ZANZIC) were the Tanzanian cooperation partners in the first and second week.



Prof. Dr. Andreas Nehring

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Michael Seitz



Women's lives in the Diaspora

Women's Study day run by the institutions Mission EineWelt and Gustav-Adolf-Werk Neuendettelsau

In October, Mission EineWelt (MEW) and Gustav-Adolf-Werk (GAW) extended their invitation to join them for a women's study day. A group of interested women came to Neuendettelsau in order to deal with women's reality of life world-wide in the diaspora. The organizers Ulrike Hansen (MWE), Ursula Kugler and Heike Gröschel-Pickel (both GAW) could win four lecturers who looked into the topic "God doesn't only have strong sons – Women's reality of life in the diaspora", and examined its individual and manifold aspects.

Ms. Margaret Obaga, a pastor from the Kenyan Evangelical-Lutheran Church and currently an ecumenical staff member with MEW, talked about the depressing conditions of women in Kenyan refugee camps and the life of violence they are faced with. The theologian Iwona Baraniec informed the group on her home church, the Evangelical Church A.B. in Poland, where no ordination of female theologians has been possible to date. Nevertheless or perhaps exactly because of this fact, the Polish Protestant women and female theologians have been very well inter-linked with each other, also in ecumenical terms, and have worked bravely

and committedly in church and society for this reason. Ms. Elaine Neuenfeldt, a Brazilian Lutheran pastor, had worked for the women's network "Women in Church and Society" (WI-CAS) with the Lutheran World Federation in Geneva for the past 10 years. With a high degree of commitment, she was good at explaining the basic facts relating to the situation of women prevailing world-wide in minority churches. One of her conclusions was the following: "Our globalized world has also globalized the situation of women. There are topics that concern women all over the world and therefore they need to be discussed in all churches." Gabriele Hoerschelmann, one of the directors of MEW, was the last of the lecturers. She looked into the Asian region and described the ambivalent conditions of many Filipino women who work as house maids and nannies in Hong Kong. On the one hand, their pay abroad is good in comparison to that at home; on the other hand their status in society in Hong Kong is very low. Very often, their dwellings are precarious and they are frequently exposed to physical abuse. They come from the Philippines, a country with a Christian imprint, to Hong Kong, a completely different territory in cultural and religious terms. This diaspora-like situation in multiple ways results in solitude and in the fact that the women meet in apartments in large

numbers, in rented rooms or on public locations for a service on Sundays – a little bit of home in the diaspora.

At the end of the event, Ursula Kugler succeeding in reaching a further climax on the current annual project of the GAW women with her photo presentation. Under the motto "Give Hope – create a Future" (Jeremiah 29, 11), she informed her audience on the Evangelical Church A.B. in Slovenia whose members are committed to various projects in manifold ways despite being a minority church. To give an example, the Slovenian female pastors have initiated seminars for women from the regional countries in order to make way for reconciliation between the antagonized ethnic groups. Diakonie (a Protestant welfare and social care organization) supports the families nursing a family member with equipment and provides food on wheels for the elderly and the sick. With her last photo, Ursula Kugler bridged another gap to Slovenia: this photo pictured the cover photo of the Women's World Day of Prayer in March 2019. This event was also prepared by committed women from Slovenia.

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MEW stall on the occasion of the
One-World-Fair at Augsburg

Spaces are shrinking – take active Steps against "Shrinking Spaces"

Are you aware of the fact that the domestic development work was "invented" 50 years ago – in fact, by the Evangelical Church in Germany (EKD)? The occasion was the EKD synod at Spandau where the Church Development Service (KED) was established at the same time. KED was ordered to inform the parishes on global correlations and the consequences and options for action resulting therefrom. Simultaneously, considerable funds were made available for the developmental cooperation. The 50th anniversary was celebrated in Hanover together with Bishop Heinrich Bedford-Strohm and Konrad Reiser. A book on the success of KED and the current challenges was published.

KED has broken new ground and opened up many new spaces. Various future processes of our regional church require us to think in spaces. It can actually be quite liberating to step out of the shadow cast by our own spire and seek cooperations or look at larger correlations.

To discover and explore new spaces is, however, in most cases rewarding. Simultaneously, we also experience how spaces "are shut down": in the people's

heads due to financial restrictions or political ideologies.

This is why the countries are decreasing in number where it is possible for us to send our volunteers. In Nicaragua, the people are fighting for their human rights. More details will follow. At the same time, we, in our capacity as Christians, do not simply accept restrictions and injustice. Hanns Hoerschelmann comments the increasing restrictions in a globalized economy in a press statement as follows: "If the economy is to serve all people instead of a small and exclusive group of people, the one thing the global economy needs is resocialization. [...] This is why we request our Federal Government to finally actively and above all constructively participate in the negotiations." He thought of the negotiations for a binding international agreement, the so-called "UN Treaty" or "Binding Treaty" for world-wide and legally binding human rights and labor law standards. For this reason, Mission EineWelt is a member of the Treaty Alliance Germany to step in for the conclusion of this treaty.

Also with regard to toys and mobile phones, we are not willing to accept the deficits. The approaches to go for a change differ, the objectives, however, can be compared. Without any accom-

panying education and campaigns, this will not turn out to be successful. In those fields, too, we have actively participated in lectures, workshops and materials and support.

IEF Program – less Space for International Volunteer Programs?

A fundamental cornerstone of the developmental volunteer services is the cooperation of Mission EineWelt with international partner organizations in countries of the global south. Looking at this program, administrative obstacles seem to grow and the space for cooperation is shrinking. Thus, Mission EineWelt cannot send any volunteers to Tanzania in 2019/2020 due to the difficulties in obtaining a visa. So we have to accept the fact that an important part that has grown over the years in the cooperation between ELKB and ELCT will be resting for at least a year. Simultaneously, visa for South-North volunteers are also refused by German authorities. National sovereignty puts stumbling blocks into the way of a constant joint learning process of young people from the countries of the Global South and from Germany. In addition, there is the debate between church organizations such as Mission EineWelt and state support programs. The funda-

mental question is, however: "To which extent should a state provider of funds be allowed to determine the contents of what he supports? In practice, this question becomes obvious in discussing the fact which role religiousness may play in a developmental volunteer service. According to the rules and regulations, the assignment schedules must be neutral in terms of ideology. But what does neutrality in terms of ideology actually mean? Or to put it in even clearer words: Does neutrality in terms of ideology in fact make sense and is it possible in all those places where developmental volunteer services accompany young people for a short time to come to their own understanding with regard to the world "out there" where also faith plays a more decisive role for many than for us here in our place?

Here are the precise figures for 2018: In summer, after an intensive preparation, we sent out 24 volunteers to Latin America, Tanzania and China, Papua New Guinea and the Fiji islands. We are quite pleased to say that in this year, volunteers could be assigned to Brazil for the first time in a long time. However, for reasons of safety, there will not be any

more assignments to Nicaragua. In the years before, Honduras and El Salvador, Liberia, Kenya and Malaysia had to be cancelled as receiving countries.

Nicaragua and Human Rights

Since autumn 2017, Sergio Rios Carrillo has worked as a specialist for Human Rights with Mission EineWelt. Prior to that, he conducted several social projects with our partner church Iglesia Luterana Fee y Esperanza in Nicaragua.

The political situation in Nicaragua has been very tense now as before. According to information by Human Rights' Organizations and independent media, there have been at least 777 political prisoners and 325 death victims since April 18, 2018 when the massive protests against the government of Daniel Ortega got started. It took nearly a year now for the dialogue to be resumed between government and civil society. The broad social alliance of the opposition Alianza Civica believes in dialogue and they feel that this is the only way to resolve Nicaragua's political crisis. Cri-

tics accuse the government of playing a double game. Whereas Ortega has released 100 political prisoners whom he had illegally imprisoned for more than six months, he has subdued now as before every public protest. Demonstration against his government would weaken Ortega's position even further. He is only in control of the situation by police law enforcement.

The civil society, however, has not been getting tired of finding ever new ways to express themselves in a peaceful way. They do not only demand to release the leaders of the farmers' movement who have still been imprisoned, but also the journalists, women, students and other illegally charged persons who have protested against the government. Alianza Civica and international organizations continue to pressurize the government so that the civil and political human rights are being observed.

All human rights organizations declare: HUMAN RIGHTS are not negotiable. The government was supposed to accept this fact. Productive and binding negotiations to resolve the political crisis in Nicaragua are only possible without



Campaign for a just world trade: A performance in the inner city of Nuremberg



The Nuremberg Alliance Fair Toys

Phone Campaign in Bavaria, now going on for its second year in 2018, informs the public on human rights violations and environmental destruction in the value added chain of mobile phones. In the scope of workshops, lectures and advanced vocational training courses, those who are interested in this subject can learn more about issues such as raw materials justice, production conditions and sustainable consumption. With nearly 20 events in 2018, roughly 660 people have amplified their knowledge with regard to mobile phones.



Since May 2017, nearly 20,000 old, defective or discarded mobile phones have been collected. In 2018, 208 collection points have newly registered (all in all since May 2017, the number of collection points has increased to 350) and 826 collection boxes have been ordered. The profits gained from this campaign amounts to 16,408.00 Euro and will be used for three education projects.

oppression. For this reason, Alianza Civica is going to meet with Ortega's spokesmen; simultaneously, the political pressure exercised by all sorts of possible international human rights and diplomatic authorities is supposed to be maintained.

Make toys a fair trade product

Labor rights in the toy supplier chain shall finally become reality. Violations of labor rights in production plants have still been wide spread. From the consumers' point of view, a trustworthy product seal attached to a toy would be quite helpful in guarantee of humane working conditions in the toy industry – no matter if produced in Asia, Europe or elsewhere. The certifications to date of the toy association (ETP) or the retail trade (BSCI) have considerable shortcomings. Similar to the Fair Wear Foundation in the textiles industry, a multi-stakeholder process where industry and trade, trade unions and civil companies are represented on the principle of parity could bring about the necessary turnaround in toy industry.

For years, Mission EineWelt has been committed to the Nuremberg Alliance for Fair Toys. In this scope, expert conferences were organized together with different cooperation partners where representatives of the toy industry and

civil society participated. Action campaigns were made, for example, on the occasion of the children's Christmas celebration in Nuremberg, or on the premises right in front of the entrance to the Nuremberg Toy Fair building. Information on the dark sides of the toy world was provided and the public was informed on the demands on the part of the Nuremberg Alliance for Fair Toys. The enormous response of the media is encouraging.

Mobile Phone Campaign in Bavaria – Taking a Stand against wasting Raw Materials

With the rapid growth of the electronics market, the social and ecological problems are getting increasingly worse. Raw materials are running short and the struggle for those materials is getting fiercer than ever. Everyone involved in the production processes is in difficulty because of the pressure to produce as much as possible within the shortest of time. In 2017, 1.47 billion of new smartphones were sold world-wide. Every single phone is equipped with valuable resources that were exploited and processed beforehand, accompanied by violations of human rights and an enormous damage to the environment. Despite all this, only 5 percent of the used smartphones are being recycled. The Mobile

A World in a Box – Global Learning

The majority of our daily consumer goods such as food, clothing or IT products are produced under inhumane working conditions and in violation of the human rights. Many employees are insufficiently paid and suffer from a lack of health and safety at work. In many places, the attempts to get organized in order to enforce collective agreements by way of trade unions are strongly suppressed, frequently with physical violence,

Our developmental education boxes "A World in a Box" on various topics of global learning, among others on children's work, mobile phones, clothing, world nutrition, soccer/football, cacao, pick out social and ecological issues and human rights violations in the supplier chains. Now as before, lending and use by teachers and education staff has been very popular. Meanwhile, our boxes are available for lending at 26 further locations in Bavaria, in most cases in World Shops and North-South forums. The box on toys is new. It shows the social and ecological issues in the supply chains and alternative, fairer courses of action.

Bavaria – please turn!

The campaign under the same name run by Mission EineWelt, Bread for the World and Misereor on the Bavarian state elections had far-reaching repercussions. There was a busy demand for the cards with demands aiming at a variety of political aspects. Several hundred people signed the demands online on the website of the campaign Bayern-bittewenden.de and sent them per mail to the parliamentary groups of the Bavarian parliament.

Many congregations have stressed the campaign on their websites. A former minister criticized the campaign in a letter he addressed to Bread for the World, however, the President of Bread for the World could disprove his criticism based on her expert knowledge.

Video clips against stereotypes

Video clips against stereotypes published on YouTube were created in a seminar in July. We are aware of the fact that the clips are contestable because they are so short. Nevertheless, we decided in favor of their publishing and we are giving their further use some thought.

Personnel changes

At the beginning of September, Pastor Ms. Simone Bosch died. During the past few years, she had assumed a special task with the Bavarian regional church (ELKB), where she worked in the volunteer program team whenever possible because of her health condition. Her death makes us sad, but we are thankful for the time she shared with us, a



fact that touched us deeply. By courtesy of the church board, Simone could remain in our team in our department for Development and Politics. She was very grateful for this opportunity.

Further changes: Eva Schuster, the head of the IEF program, was striving for a re-orientation after nearly 10 years of being a staff member of Mission EineWelt. Her successor is Cathérine Zins. Vera Koßendey who took over as a team assistant in the city office at Nuremberg is also new in our team

Jürgen Bergmann

Postcard campaign
"Please turn!"
directed at the
Bavarian state
elections.





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The Outline Conditions are changing

Personnel and financial support of the partner churches in the context of long-term developments

The fiscal year 2018, too, was characterized by a cutback of the subsidies by the Evangelical-Lutheran Church in Bavaria in the scope of the decoupling of the receipts from the expenses that had been ratified by the Bavarian Synod. It is true that the subsidy of the Evangelical-Lutheran Church in Bavaria increased by nearly 30,000 Euro as against the preceding year in consideration of the pay rise by approx. 2.3 per cent in 2018 and the additional impact on the grounds of the depreciations from so-called premature definitions (i.e. depreciations relating to investment goods purchased from earmarked project funds in the fiscal year 2016) and the specified decoupling of the receipts from the expenses for 2018, however, this corresponds with a subsidy reduction by approx. 2 percent. Simultaneously, we have experienced a considerable decrease of funds, a fact that is due to less revenue from donations and collections with regard to the so-called special earmarked budget. In 2018, we seized the opportunity once more to use the surplus of the fiscal year 2016 on a pro-rated basis in addition to the budget appropriation posted under the item "special funds from the previous years".

Receipts in 2018

The ELKB grant increased by approx. € 30,000.00, in particular due to the increase in pay rates in 2018 and the funds from premature definition for de-

preciations relating to investment goods procured from project funds from 2016, although there was a simultaneous reduction of the ELKB's grant by 2 percent. Unfortunately, donations and gifts, in

particular with regard to the special earmarked budget, have decreased by 600,000 Euro and sunk to the level of the years 2010/2011.

Total number of donations and charitable gifts received by Mission EineWelt last year:

Apportionment of the donations and contributions	Annual Result 2018
General tasks of World Mission	373.338 €
Evangelical Church with Lutheran Denomination in Brazil	41.450 €
Evangelical-Lutheran Churches in Latin America	125.150 €
Kenyan Evangelical-Lutheran Church	56.832 €
Evangelical-Lutheran Church in Congo	29.843 €
Lutheran Church in Liberia	13.837 €
Evangelical-Lutheran Church of Papua New Guinea/East Asia	172.706 €
Evangelical-Lutheran Church in Tanzania	772.609 €

Total Donations and Charitable Gifts 1.585.765 €

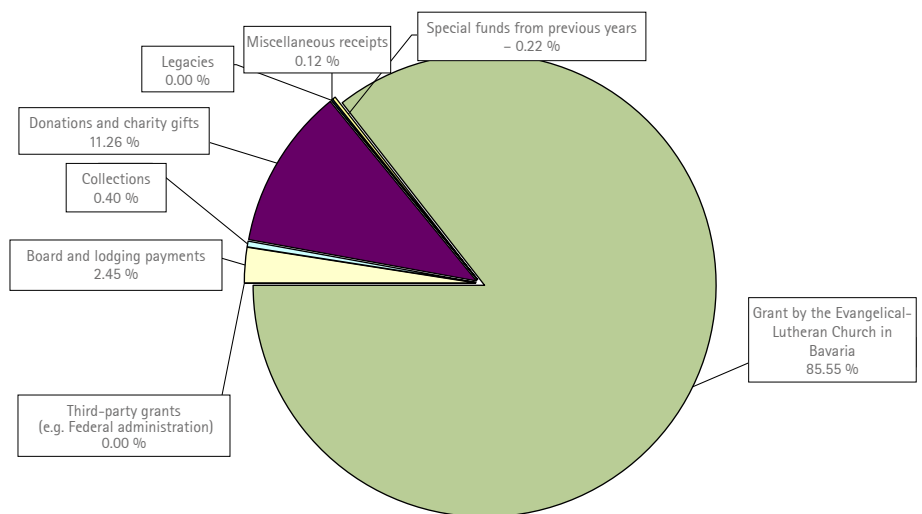
Receipts	Annual Result 2018
Third-party grants (e.g. Federal administration)	0 €
Interest	0 €
Board and lodging payments	347.067 €
Collections	55.698 €
Donations and charity gifts	1.585.765 €
Legacies	0 €
Miscellaneous receipts	16.364 €
Special budgeted from previous years	-30.794 €
Subsidies by the Evangelical-Lutheran Church in Bavaria	12.048.109 €
Total receipts	14.022.209 €

A possible cause for the decrease could be attributed to the fact that as of 2018, the transmission of earmarked funds from parishes, church districts, initiative groups or single donors only takes place under much restricted compliance rules. A transfer of earmarked funds is, in particular, can only be executed after the recipient will have submitted the attested settlement statements on their corresponding earmarked use. Unfortunately, collections have also decreased by 58,000 Euro; however, not all of the collections from 2018 have already been forwarded to us at the closing deadline so that a final evaluation of the fact whether the collections for the work achieved by Mission EineWelt have decreased or not can only be determined at a later date. All other receipts have slightly increased by 4,000 Euro as against 2017. In the annual statement of account of 2017, the item "special funds from previous years" still amounted to 468,000 Euro. In the current fiscal year, this item only accounted for 30,794 Euro relating to the prorated surplus that we were granted by Evangelical-Lutheran Church in Bavaria as a one-time additional budget appropriation for non-used funds from 2016. As specified, the expenditure separately planned for this item had to be posted on the receipts' side.

Expenditure in 2018

In comparison, the overall expenditure is by € 550,617 less than last year's. The reasons for less expenditure are to be attributed to vacancies that were not filled in without interruptions, as was the case in the preceding year. Another major reason for the reduced expenditure is the earmarked special budget, i.e. the earmarked funds from parishes, church districts, initiative groups or individual donors that are logistically transferred into the corresponding project work by Mission EineWelt. As already mentioned above, they have decreased considerably. Now as before, we can still clearly feel the initiated change in the Evangelical-Lutheran Church in Bavaria that has been manifesting itself in our house primarily in different processes. On the

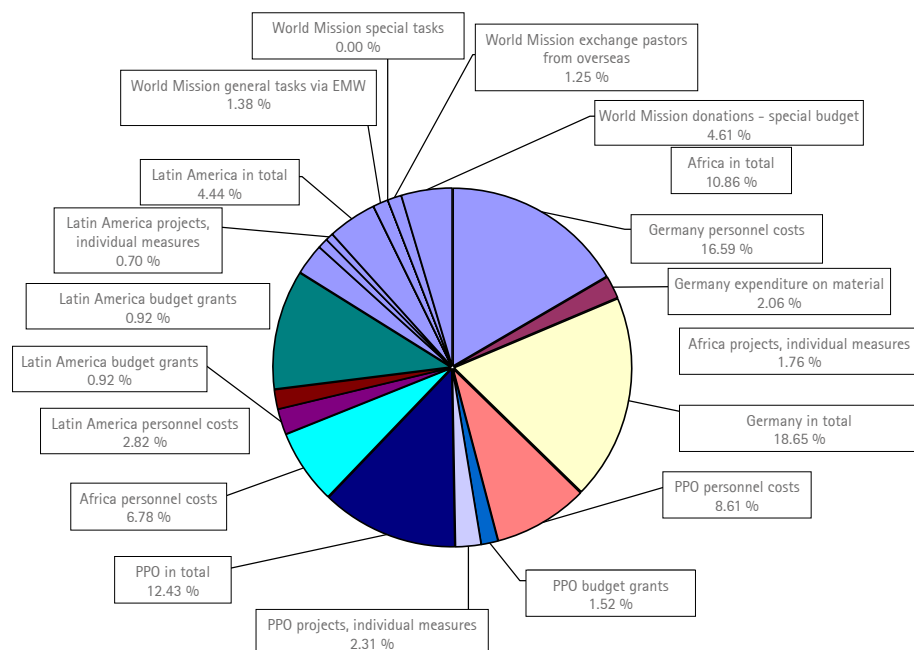
Overall receipts 2018



Expenditure:

Area	Cost Center	Annual Result 2018
Germany	Personnel costs	4.221.585 €
Germany	Costs for materials	523.153 €
Germany in total		4.744.738 €
Papua New Guinea, Pacific, East Asia		
PPO	Personnel costs	2.191.151 €
PPO	Budgetary grants	386.000 €
PPO	Projects, individual measures	586.938 €
PPO in total		3.164.089 €
Africa		
Africa	Personnel costs	1.724.582 €
Africa	Budgetary grants	590.650 €
Africa	Projects, individual measures	448.660 €
Africa in total		2.763.892 €
Latin America		
Latin America	Personnel costs	718.311 €
Latin America	Budgetary grants	233.645 €
Latin America	Projects, individual measures	177.340 €
Latin America in total		1.129.296 €
World Mission		
World Mission	General tasks via EMW	351.280 €
World Mission	Special tasks	348 €
World Mission	Exchange of pastors from overseas	319.322 €
World Mission	Special budget with earmarking	1.172.667 €
World Mission in total		1.843.617 €
Overall expenditure		13.645.632 €
Overall receipts		14.022.208 €
Not spent		376.576 €

Overall expenditure in 2018



crease so that we can remain a credible companion for our overseas partners in their difficult situations in terms of staff and finance. Currently our work concentrates on the above mentioned issues of change in order to remain fit for the future as a sustainable mediator for the partner churches and their concerns in the scope of the external relations and into ELKB in increasingly challenging times.

In global terms, mankind is involved in an abundance of change processes only very few of which are, for example, changing political landscapes and political power structures, the powerful processes of digitalization and their impact on all areas of life, the environmental pollution and the climate change. The term VUCA has become established (V = Volatility, U = Uncertainty; C = Complexity and A = Ambiguity) as conceptual hallmark for the abundance of change processes and the occurrences resulting therefrom. By trend, these processes result in an increased pressure all over the world. These processes do not go unnoticed neither by our partners nor by us. In consideration of this extended view on these global developments, intensified good accompaniment and attendance are essentially required and so is cooperation with our partners, with whom we walk closely side by side.

Jochen Kronester

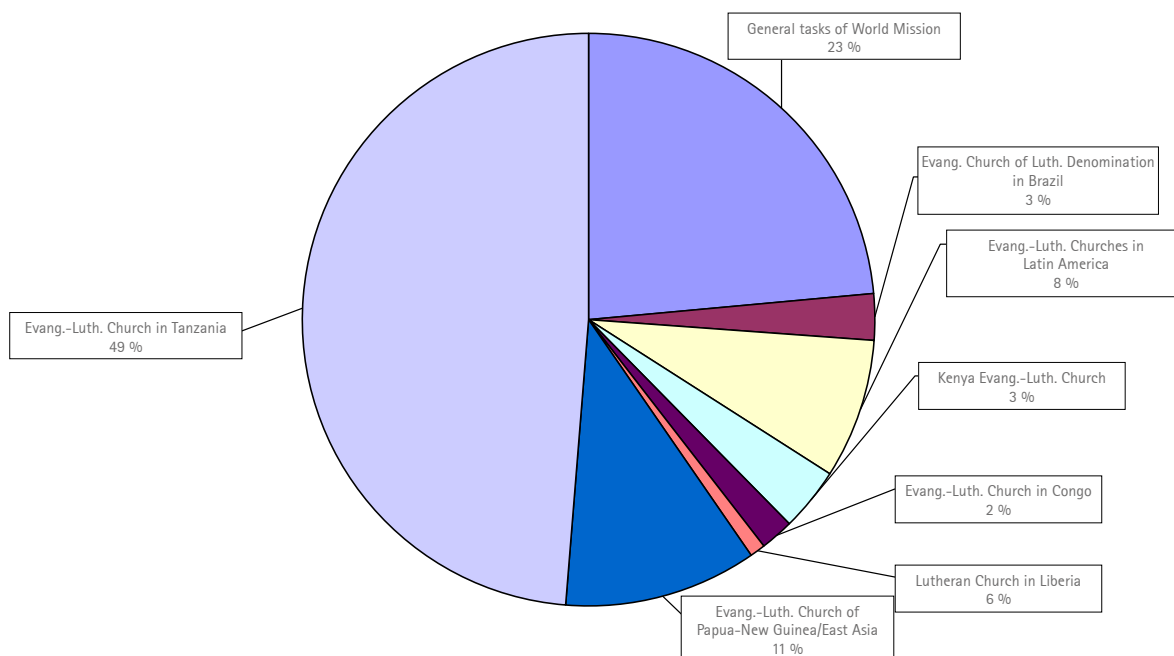
one hand, the decoupling of the receipts from the expenses with its annual pre-defined cuts of our budget grants by ELKB has a permanent and lasting and long-term impact.

On the other hand, the PuK process (PuK = profile and concentration) is the required arrangement with the contents of church work and its future objectives. In this process, the external relations are our daily challenge since they have to be taken into consideration from the start over and over again in order to produce a

sustainable result at the same time since the focus on the world-wide church can get lost quickly when simultaneously dealing with the ELKB and its internal processes and structures. Moreover, the process of the ELKB's staff appointment scheme is another important factor in the merger of the most different current internal change processes.

As a consequence it is to be expected that the funds granted by ELKB will decrease continuously and therefore the acquisition of third-party funds will in-

Break down of gifts and donations in 2018





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Continuity and Change

Donations remain an important constant in times when the general conditions of our partnership work are subject to continuous changes in local and global terms

As long as there are people in the world who are in need of those things that are indispensable for life, we are in need of friends and supporters like you to make this world a little bit better. Our hope remains that we will come back to our moral values and ethical standards some day in the future. Many people support our work generously and think of others even beyond their own death. For this reason, we are sometimes considered in someone's Last Will and Testament. I cannot thank you enough for all your donations! Thanks to your help, we can assist our partners in Africa, Latin America and Asia. In 2018, too, there were lots of donations and we have even succeeded in achieving more.

Light and Shadow

Donators, supporters, parishes and church districts have confidence in us; they value our work and transfer their donations to us so that we, in turn, can arrange for a transfer of the donations to our partner churches in Africa, Asia and Latin America. Mission EineWelt has been and still is a reliable partner for all of them.

Unfortunately, people often lose sight of our center's general work. The funds we desperately require for our work and

our tasks to be able to continue already existing important church projects and activities in our partner churches are constantly decreasing. But this important work cannot be put into practice without all those donations and gifts that we are provided with as an institution. The way in which the project-related and earmarked receipts through our aid appeals, campaigns and KonfiDank (name of a fundraising campaign of the confirmees) have developed, is, however, very pleasing.

To give you an Example:

Immediate Aid for Nicaragua

On April 18, 2018, protest broke out in Nicaragua that has resulted in a permanent conflict between supporters and opponents of the government. On the grounds of blockades in the streets, many streets were no longer traversable. For this reason, there was no more food in many places. Emergency aid was vitally important for the population. Thus, the Lutheran Church of Nicaragua planned to pack and distribute basic food parcels to the families in the affected parishes. But the church could not afford it on its own, since the smallholders will continue to be in need of support for an even longer period of time, among others, for buying new seeds. The participation of our donators was substantial and this is why we were capable of providing good help. The people

in Nicaragua are thankful and very glad that they were not forgotten.

The Mission to Seafarers – a Place of Dignity

Mission EineWelt has supported the work of the Lutheran Mission to Seafarers in Singapore for many years. Since 2016, Mike Hofmann has been working over there as a minister and deacon who was assigned to this post by Mission EineWelt. He visits the seafarers on board their ships, is ready to stand by to help with words and deeds, provides support and backup in the harbor abroad and thus offers seafarers from all over the world a place of refuge; independently of where they come from, in what they believe and which functions they have onboard their vessels.

125 years of the Gospel at the Kilimanjaro

In October 2018, the northern church district of Tanzania celebrated 125 years of the Gospel at the Kilimanjaro. The people in Tanzania do not only have to cope with economic and social challenges due to the climate change. The three important areas relating to health care, education and charitable and social service responsibility have been the major tasks of the Evangelical-Lutheran Church in Tanzania now as before. Mission EineWelt has supported their com-

mitment for decades.

At present, 19 women and men have been working with our Tanzanian partner church on behalf of Mission EineWelt. They were assigned to this country with pastoral, medical, social and educational mandates and work as pastors, deacons, teachers, physicians, engineers, business administration specialists, child care workers or craftsmen. They live and work among the local population in the communion of partnership.

Usa River Rehabilitation and Training Center

For 30 years, people with physical and mental handicaps have been provided assistance. Their weaknesses have been respected and their strengths have been supported since the head of the institution, Pastor Elibariki Kaaya, in his capacity as head of the project assigned to this place by Mission EineWelt, Deacon Thomas Wollner and the staff members are convinced that every human being is special.



Everyone is worthy of being supported. Together with the teachers, physiotherapists and staff members, they stand in for the persons concerned to enable them to lead a self-determined life until they will have become old.

This work and so many other large-scale and small-scale projects can only be fi-

nanced by means of the gifts of our donors: donations we are entrusted with by standing money transfer orders, direct debit, spontaneous donations, and donations following a call for donations or earmarked donations. However, your understanding is greatly appreciated that we cannot accept donations for a transfer to a specific individual.

Celebrations and other Events: The Purple Night

On the evening before the celebration of the world-wide church, the Purple Night took place in our garden: a picnic for young and old in summer-like temperatures, accompanied by Brazilian music. What a wonderful occasion to get to know our institution, other staff members, neighbors and friends. The guests came from near and far. Picnic baskets and farm carts were filled up to the brim with treats, tableware and decoration articles.

In the atrium of our center, tables with reserved places, all neatly arranged under the trees, invited us to dine and feast. There were lots of laughter; a merry party and dancing was going on. What a wonderful evening that has already become a beloved tradition for many of our guests. Do not forget to already enter July 20, 2019 in your diary!

Peace Decade in Neumarkt

The central opening of the ecumenical Peace Decade for Bavaria took place in November 2018 in the church district of Neumarkt. Christiane Murner, head of this church district, invited her guests to come and join her for the central opening service in the form of an ecumenical evening worship service on the topic "Peace 3.0 – Maintain Peace".

Conferences of the Bavarian Synod

The spring conference of the Bavarian Synod of the Evangelical-Lutheran Church in Bavaria (ELKB) took place from April 15 to 19 in Schwabach with a focus on the topic "Church in Missionary Terms". Mission EineWelt had come

up with something very special to welcome the members of the synod: there were greetings from a bishop of one of the ELKB's partner churches to be found on the members' and guests' seats.

Traditionally, the Bavarian autumn synod deals with finances. From November 25, to 29, the church executives came to Garmisch-Partenkirchen. In a friendly atmosphere and with a nice cup of fair traded espresso in their hands, Mission EineWelt invited everybody to join them for comparing their notes and having a view onto the world-wide matters.

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