



World Methodist Evangelism

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Greetings in the strong name of Jesus Christ!

World Methodist Evangelism is celebrating a major milestone! 2021 marks the 50th anniversary of WME and we are enthusiastically planning to celebrate throughout the year.

Since 1971, when the World Methodist Council established WME, our vision has been that Christ followers within the global Wesleyan Methodist family would become agents of transformation by sharing the Gospel through the power of the Holy Spirit. In pursuit of that vision **we continue to equip and encourage Christ followers around the world to share their faith in the context of today's realities.** It is an honor and privilege to be able to bring together the over 80 different denominations in over 134 countries around the task of multiplying the witnesses for Jesus Christ.

The Free Methodist Church has played a significant role in our work and we are deeply grateful. Whether it be through membership in the Order of the FLAME (Faithful Leaders as Mission Evangelists), participation in our international evangelism seminars, partnering with us through Connecting Congregations, utilizing our faith-sharing resources, or coming alongside us with financial support, leaders in the Free Methodist Church have been a crucial part of our ministry during these 50 years.

I'm writing today to invite you to join us as we celebrate during 2021. You and your leaders may have stories to tell about your experiences with WME. We would love for you to share those! You may also want to host an *Embrace* training event (live, hybrid, or fully virtual) for your area. *Embrace* has impacted Christ followers worldwide, empowering them to go deeper into their own faith experience in order to better show and share the love of Jesus in their own circles of influence.

We would be grateful if you would spread the word about this milestone. We're planning a variety of teaching opportunities as well as producing an updated anniversary edition of the *Faith Sharing New Testament*, which contains vital information about the Christian faith and guidelines for showing and sharing the love of Jesus. Your support and participation, as well as the participation of the laity and clergy in your area, will greatly enhance our celebration.

Thank you for all you have done over these 50 years to further the work of World Methodist Evangelism. I'm looking forward to many more years of fruitful collaboration and partnership as we continue to share the good news of Jesus Christ.

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