

## United Church of Canada Global Partners 2024

The United Church of Canada has Mission and Service global partners in three global regions: **Africa and the Middle East, Asia, and Latin America and the Caribbean**. The church is also in formal relationship with seven global ecumenical partner organizations with global mandates and membership.

Global partners fall into three categories:

- Denominational and Ecclesial
- Development Organizations and Social Movements
- Ecumenical Partnerships (Councils of Churches, Regional Ecumenical Organizations)

## Africa and Middle Eastern Mission and Service Global Partners 2024

### 25 partners in 8 countries

In Africa and the Middle East, the United Church works with Mission and Service partners on urgent issues affecting people's daily lives. Priorities are sustainable livelihoods, community access to food and markets, and the right of communities to determine what food to grow locally and how, as well as access to land and safe water in the context of land grabbing, issues of resource extraction, such as mining, and working for justice and peace.

## REGION WIDE

### Africa Region Ecumenical Bodies

- All Africa Conference of Churches (ecumenical organization)
- Organization of African Instituted Churches (Indigenous churches working for economic justice and human rights)
- Programme for Christian-Muslim Relations in Africa (PROCMURA) (interfaith peacebuilding work, capacity building)
- World Student Christian Federation, Africa Region (ecumenical student movement)
- All Africa Theological Education by Extension Association (AATEEA) (LGBTI+ advocacy, human rights, and support)
- Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme in Palestine Israel - South Africa (accompaniment, human rights, advocacy, education)

### Middle East Region Ecumenical Bodies

- Middle East Council of Churches (ecumenical organization)
- MECC Department of Service to Palestinian Refugees (community development and capacity building, refugee advocacy and support)

## **DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO**

- Église du Christ au Congo (women, children, and families, human rights)

## **KENYA**

- Kenya Alliance for Advancement of Children's Rights (protecting, promoting, and advocating for children's rights)
- National Council of Churches of Kenya (ecumenical organization)

## **TANZANIA**

- Christian Council of Tanzania (ecumenical organization)
- Morogoro Women's Training Centre (justice, women's empowerment, and skills development)

## **ZAMBIA**

- Council of Churches in Zambia (ecumenical organization)
- People's Action Forum (rural, political, and economic empowerment)
- United Church of Zambia (denominational church)
- United Church of Zambia University (theological training)
- Women for Change (women's education and empowerment)

## **ZIMBABWE**

- Zimbabwe Council of Churches (ecumenical organization, disaster relief, community empowerment and livelihood)
- Zimbabwe Council of Churches – Women's Program and Youth Program (women's empowerment, youth capacity building)
- United Theological College (prophetic theological education and reflection)

## **PALESTINE-ISRAEL**

- B'Tselem (protecting, promoting, and advocating for human rights)
- Defence for Children International - Palestine Section (protecting, promoting, and advocating for children's rights)
- Jerusalem Centre for Women (empowerment of Palestinian women and human rights)
- Wi'am - Palestinian Conflict Resolution Centre (conflict resolution, community empowerment, women's rights)
- Sabeel Ecumenical Liberation Theology Centre (liberation theology education, peace-building, clergy support, and capacity building)

## Asia Mission and Service Global Partners 2024

### 24 partners in 8 countries

In Asia, the United Church works with Mission and Service partners who are identifying and addressing human rights abuses wherever they occur, as part of building a world of justice for all. Critical issues for the region include peace building and upholding the rights of communities to healthy environments in the context of resource extraction projects, such as mining. The work of Mission and Service partners includes sustainable community development and addressing food security. The United Church also supports Mission and Service partners responding to humanitarian crises.

### REGION WIDE

- Asian Muslim Action Network (interfaith work)
- Asian Rural Institute (sustainable agriculture and livelihood)
- Asia Women's Resource Centre (education and theology)
- Christian Conference of Asia (ecumenical formation, leadership development, development and service)
- World Student Christian Federation, Asia Pacific Region (youth development, education, human rights)

### JAPAN (Partner work supported from United Church funds held in Japan)

- National Christian Council of Japan (ecumenical organization)
- United Church of Christ in Japan (denominational church/women's empowerment, anti-racism and migrant rights)
- Korean Christian Church in Japan (denominational church/human rights)
- Japan Christian Women's Organization (women's empowerment, justice skills development)
- Buraku Liberation Centre (anti-racism, community development)

### CHINA

- Amity Foundation (social welfare, community development)
- China Christian Council (ecumenical organization)

### INDIA

- Astha Sansthan (community development)
- Church of North India – Diocese of Durgapur (denominational church, anti-human-trafficking, children hostel ministry)
- Human Rights Advocacy and Research Foundation (advocacy, human rights, education)

### PHILIPPINES

- Cordillera People's Alliance (Indigenous rights)
- Ecumenical Bishops' Forum (human rights, peace development)

- CONTAK Philippines/Ecumenical Voices for Human Rights (advocacy, education, human rights)
- National Council of Churches in the Philippines (NCCP) (ecumenical organization/comprehensive rights-based program and women's empowerment)
- Regional Ecumenical Council in the Cordillera (RECCORD) (advocacy, education, human rights of the Indigenous people)
- United Church of Christ in the Philippines (UCCP) (denominational church, human rights and community work)

## **KOREA**

- National Council of Churches in Korea (NCCCK), Women's Dept. (ecumenical organization)
- Presbyterian Church in the Republic of Korea (humanitarian work and migrant workers' program)
- Ecumenical Forum for Peace and Development (peace building)

## **Latin American and Caribbean Mission and Service Partners 2024**

### **19 partners in 7 countries**

In the Caribbean and Latin America, the United Church works with Mission and Service partners to secure community access to food and sustainable practices, to provide education for young children and adults, and to build and sustain safe water supplies. Partners also work to promote respect for human rights, including women's and Indigenous peoples' rights, as well as the right to a healthy environment in the context of resource extraction projects, such as mining. The United Church also supports Mission and Service partner work responding to humanitarian crises and, with others, advocates for strong development and aid policies that support people and communities in crisis.

## **REGION WIDE**

- Regional Ecumenical Advisory and Service Centre (CREAS) (institutional capacity building)
- World Student Christian Federation (ecumenical organization, youth and student movement building)

## **COLOMBIA**

- Colombian Methodist Church (denominational church, peace, anti-poverty)
- Ecumenical Round-table for Peace
- Latin American Centre for Popular Communication (CEPALC)

## **COSTA RICA**

- Latin American Biblical University (theological education and training)
- Ecumenical Research Department (social and theological research/training)

## **CUBA**

- Martin Luther King Jr. Centre (popular education/theological reflection, citizen participation, and community development)
- Christian Centre for Reflection & Dialogue (community development)
- Cuban Council of Churches (ecumenical organization, development, emergency response ministry to people with disabilities)
- Evangelical Seminary of Theology, Matanzas (theological education and training)
- Presbyterian Reform Church (denominational church)

## **EL SALVADOR**

- Emmanuel Baptist Church (church, community development, peace building, leadership training)
- Santa Marta Association for Economic and Social Development (ADES) (community development, human rights, ecology)

## **GUATEMALA**

- Women's Network of Maya Presbyterians (empowering rural Indigenous women, income-generation projects)
- Conference of Evangelical Churches in Guatemala (gender, Indigenous justice, rural development)
- Ecumenical Christian Council of Guatemala (peace, reconciliation, and ecumenism)

## **NICARAGUA**

- Development Institute of the Moravian Church (rural development, disaster relief, HIV/AIDS)
- Moravian Church in Nicaragua (church, women and youth, community building, interculturalism)