

FINANCE REPORT

Dr. Johann Weusmann

Revenue

Membership Contributions

1. 5% of all European membership contributions were allocated to WCRC Europe.
2. 7.5% of all membership contributions were allocated to a newly-created General Council Fund for 2024.
3. Only three Latin American churches contributed, while in 2017 several churches paid several years of arrears at and around the General Council.
4. Contributions from Africa were higher than in 2017 as one of the churches with highest annual dues did not contribute in 2017 (19,000.00 euro).
5. CANAAC contributions were lower than in 2015-2017 because of the following, among other factors:
 - CRCNA contribution reduced by US\$12,000
 - unfavourable exchange rates.
6. Contributions from Asia were higher than in previous years as some churches contributed for two years and others increased their contribution.
7. Contributions from Europe were higher than in previous years, however, one of the churches with the highest annual contribution paid for two years (60,000 euro).
8. All in all, the number of churches who contributed in 2018 was higher than in previous years
9. Communication has been established with some churches that we had not been able to contact before, not all of those have made their contributions yet.

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Africa	49,292	35,393	15,313	47,787	20,424	37,307
Latin America	4,784	8,488	4,149	5,521	8,441	1,245
CANAAC	228,394	230,028	275,951	265,268	290,047	260,383
Asia	60,770	53,901	59,909	56,378	68,230	76,870
Pacific	12,054	4,720	3,714	3,844	2,847	5,971
Europe	510,646	467,644	473,013	401,522	396,492	502,833
TOTAL	865,940	800,174	832,049	780,320	786,481	884,609

Main programme donations in 2018

We would like to mention three considerable donations for programme work.

1. Council for World Mission (CWM): 85,3417.19 euro as support for the Justice and Witness Desk.
2. Evangelisches Missionswerk (EMW): 200,000 euro as support for our missionary activities. The balance from previous years has now been fully spent.

3. Otto per Mille (OPM): These are funds from the Waldensian Church. We received 350,000 euro in our budget year 2018.

Year-end closing 2018

1. The budget year 2018 was closed with a small surplus of 1,684.84 euro.
2. 55,000 euro were allocated towards a provision for reclaimed funds for currently open projects. This provision was established for worst-case scenarios. Should the project partners not reclaim funds in this amount, the remaining balance can be allocated towards the general reserve.
3. Contrary to 2017, our accounts showed a total of 70,323.64 euro in FX gains while the FX losses amounted to 47,753.75 euro, resulting in a total of 22,569.89 euro in unrealized currency gains.
4. Staff costs were reduced significantly as the Church of Westphalia pays the main portion of the salary of the executive secretary for communion and theology. As in previous years, a considerable percentage of the salary for the executive secretary for justice and witness was covered thanks to the CWM donation for the justice and witness desk.
5. Thanks to considerable project donations, approximately 50,000 euro were allocated to the core budget as administration fees, 40,000 euro below what had been budgeted. This illustrates that it is imperative to achieve successful fundraising efforts for programmes because a portion of that (usually 8%) contributes to the core budget.
6. The ordinary budget was balanced by allocating the surplus to the general reserve.
7. Compared to the previous budget year, our assets have increased by roughly 5.5 % to a total of 4,215,955.14 euro.

Audit 2018

1. We received a very positive report from the EKD high audit office.
2. The high audit office reports no objections against the approval and authorization of the annual accounts by the executive committee.

Budget Plan 2019

1. We continue to struggle with balancing the ordinary budget each year. The main reason for this remains the high level of funds we are required to put into a pension provision for executive staff.
2. Even with much hard work and special fundraising efforts, as of mid-April, an allocation to the ordinary budget from reserves in the amount of approximately 70,000 euro was required to achieve a balanced budget.
3. 50,000 euro will come out of an earmarked fund for the justice and witness desk and are to be used for justice-related staff costs, while around 20,000 euro will have to come out of the general reserve.
4. The allocation of funds from the justice reserve towards payroll for the justice desk was made possible thanks to the broadening of the earmarking of the CWM support. This justice reserve is now depleted and will thus not be available for future years.

5. However, special fundraising efforts are ongoing and we are hopeful that they will be successful so that an allocation from reserves will not be needed, or not be needed in this amount, at the end of the budget year.
6. An application with the EKD for a database project that would include 50,000 euro for personnel costs related to the project has been submitted for approval. The outcome is unknown as of mid-April. Additionally, special fundraising efforts have been undertaken with member churches.
7. The existing challenges for the ordinary budget remain the same and a sustainable solution for maintaining a balanced core budget needs to be found. It is imperative that we do not get accustomed to using the reserve to achieve a balanced budget.
8. The budget plan is to be approved by the executive committee during the meeting in Zurich.

Main programme donations for 2019

1. Council for World Mission (CWM): 200,000 Singapore dollars (approximately 130,000 euro). Until including 2018, CWM contributed around 85,000 euro annually as a support for the justice and witness desk. CWM have now solidified their support for five years, and this support can be used beyond the justice desk.
2. Evangelisches Missionswerk (EMW): 200,000 euro as support for our missionary activities to be spent within the same budget year.
3. Otto per Mille (OPM): 350,000 euro as support for global peace initiatives, justice work (NIFEA, anti-racism, indigenous peoples) and Reformed Partnership Fund.

Investments

1. The current draft policy was reviewed with an ethical investment specialist who will also be invited to the executive committee meeting. At that time decisions will be considered.