Mission Statement for Mission 21

Our basis

All our actions and all our hopes are founded on Jesus Christ. In His Gospel, we recognise the advent of the Kingdom of God. It offers the vision of a world that is just, free and reconciled. We view ourselves as being entrusted with the mission not only of promoting the ecumenical dimension with its diverse forms of spirituality, but also of fostering interfaith dialogue as we devote all our strength to turning the vision of such a world into a reality.

Our approach

This Gospel goes hand in hand with joint action to perform social work. We advocate a life of dignity – a life that is in harmony with creation – a life of peace. We fight against oppression, poverty, and the exploitation of people and nature. We oppose all forms of intolerance that abuse religion in order to incite hatred of members of other faiths and instigate violence. We seek dialogue, mutual understanding, tolerance and collaboration with other religions, and we recognise similarities that promote peace.

All women and men have the same rights. We strive to overcome discrimination on grounds of gender, language, ethnicity, age, origin and also religion. In these endeavours, human rights guide us in the direction we should follow.

Our action

The combination of Christian belief, religion and development cooperation provides the basis for our programmes and projects in the fields of peace, education, health, agriculture and income promotion. Through this work, we open up broader access to the means of livelihood and to decision-making processes. We participate in basic and advanced training for theologians, with a full awareness of the scope and the developmental forces harboured by religion and culture. We view it as equally important to educate other specialists and to offer vocational training in skilled professions.

We facilitate encounters between people across the globe. This forms the basis of our advocacy work, through which we stand by one another. We utilise this network of relationships for education and mutual exchange – especially for young adults – and we do so on the basis of staff assignments lasting several years (Ecumenical Co-Workers). We encourage transformation processes through intercultural learning, and we play our part in fostering social coexistence all over the world.

Our employees on every continent are crucially important to us. We develop their skills, and we endeavour to provide good working conditions. We pay heed to transparency, and we aim to ensure that all partners have their say in projects, programmes and the

use of resources. We take care to en-
sure that all the individuals who sup-
port us receive transparent infor-
mation. Quality standards for inter-
national cooperation, the efficient
and impact-oriented use of resources,
and the principle that projects and
programmes should not inflict damage
or cause new conflicts: we regard
these aspects as binding obligations.
Mission 21's anti-corruption policy
undergoes continuous development.

Who we are

Mission 21 combines the following or-
ganisations: the Basel Mission, the
Evangelical Mission in the Kwango
(EMIK), the Moravian Mission Switzer-
land, and the Continental Assemblies
of our partner churches and organisa-
tions in Africa, Asia, Latin America
and Europe. Mission 21 critically
maintains the heritage of its rich
history.
Mission 21 is a mutually supportive,
worldwide community of churches, mis-
sions and organisations that play ac-
tive roles in international coopera-
tion. Exchange is based on a sustain-
able network of relationships that has
grown over many years.
Mission 21 is part of the Ecumenical
Movement, and it is a participant in
the World Council of Churches (WCC).

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