

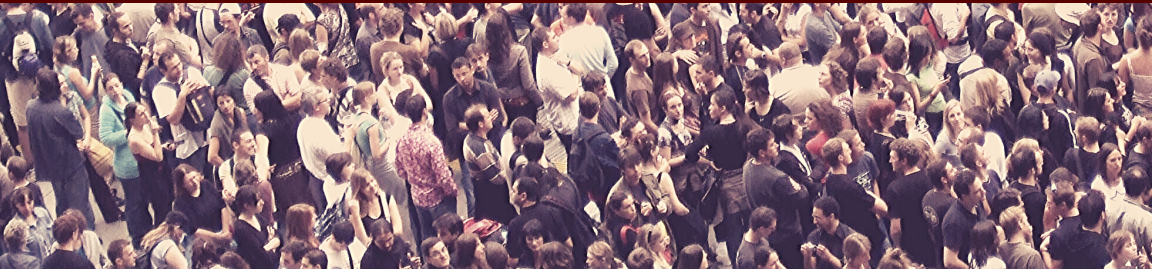


WORLD EVANGELICAL ALLIANCE

Religious Liberty Commission



Religious freedom is a fundamental human right. Yet, 245 million Christians worldwide face persecution and 80 percent of the world's population live in places where there are high restrictions on the right to religious freedom.



The World Evangelical Alliance, Religious Liberty Commission (WEA RLC) defends persecuted Christians, informs the global Church, challenges the Church to pray and gives all possible assistance to those who are suffering including training and equipping those facing persecution. The RLC also makes fact finding trips and meets with governments in restricted countries to advocate for greater religious freedom. At the UN, the RLC reports about the situation and arranges special hearings with Christians from countries under pressure.

Our three-fold strategy:

EDUCATE

EQUIP

ENGAGE



In August 2019, the WEA RLC conducted a regional training seminar on advocacy and persecution for women leaders serving in contexts of restriction

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1. Identify your problem
2. Identify those who will support you
3. Identify those who will oppose you
4. Identify those who are the cause of your problem
১. সমস্যা চিহ্নিত করুন
২. যাদের সাপোর্ট দেবেন
৩. যাদের বিরুদ্ধে যাবেন
৪. যাদের কারণে সমস্যা হচ্ছে
- Identified → good things
Identified → bad things
- Identified → good things
Identified → bad things

TAKE ACTION & IMPLEMENT



- Implement the advocacy plan
- Be open to change
- Monitor all the way
- Evaluation - lessons learnt!

The WEA RLC
Advocacy and the
Biblical Theology of
Persecution Training
Seminar in
Bangladesh (2019)

EDUCATE

We provide training on the theology of persecution, advocacy and public engagement for those facing persecution in contexts of hostility. We equip those facing pressure for their faith to not only withstand but thrive in situations of persecution.



EXPOSE

We meet with restrictive governments and international institutions such as the UN, U.S State Department and the EU to advocate for the rights of persecuted Christians. In order to shed light on issues, we mobilise prayer from the global church and carry out research on undergirding factors driving Christian persecution in countries.





The WEA RLC
Executive Director
during advocacy
meetings at the UN
Office in Geneva

ENGAGE

In order to support and strengthen persecuted communities, we provide practical assistance such as legal, medical and emergency aid and resources for capacity building for victims of pressure and persecution.





In 2016, the WEA RLC distributed 1000 Bible commentaries among pastors in restricted countries.



"Through our work, we seek to strengthen the ability of the body of Christ worldwide to express its faith by fostering an environment in which Christians are free to fulfill their biblical mandate, and are equipped to respond to discrimination, pressure and persecution."

Godfrey Yogarajah
Executive Director, WEA RLC

A glimpse of some of our past ministries:

- National Training Seminars on Advocacy and the Biblical Theology of Persecution in Nepal, Bangladesh, Indonesia, Cambodia, Vietnam, Myanmar and Bhutan
- Regional training seminars for women leaders serving in the context of persecution in Bangkok, Thailand
- Advocacy meetings with government heads including the Prime Ministers of Bhutan and Nepal to discuss religious freedom issues facing Christians
- Practical assistance for Suriyani Christian refugees in Turkey and victims of anti-Christian violence in Orissa, India
- Advocacy meeting with the Turkish Ambassador in the U.S for the release of Pastor Andrew Brunson



In 2015, the Executive Director of the WEA RLC met with the Prime Minister of Nepal to discuss religious liberty concerns in the country



In 2008, following the anti-Christian pogrom in Orissa, the WEA RLC visited victims and provided practical assistance to affected families



The WEA RLC Executive Director with Lord Ahmed of Wimbledon, the UK Prime Minister's Special Envoy for Freedom of Religion or Belief



In 2019, the WEA RLC conducted a training seminar for emerging church leaders in Vietnam



In 2015, the WEA RLC
organised a Christmas
programme for
Suriyani Christian
refugees in Turkey



The WEA RLC Executive
Director with Sam
Brownback, the U.S.
Ambassador for
Religious Freedom
(Right)



Participants at a WEA
RLC National Training
Seminar in Indonesia
(2016)



The Executive Director of the RLC , who serves as a member of the Leadership Team of the Religious Liberty Partnership, meeting with the President of Brazil (Right)

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