EVANGELICAL MISSION IN SOLIDARITY

„Evangelical“ – The Good News of Jesus Christ is the foundation of our faith and our hope. As protestant churches and mission societies, we are seeking ecumenical cooperation.

„Missionary“ – Our commission is to spread the Gospel at all places, in word and deed, credibly and sensitively, with respect for those who are different. As partners from three continents we learn from one another and give each other mutual support.

„Solidarity“ – We stand up for one another, through information and awareness-raising, intercession, financial support and practical action. We are committed to justice, peace, integrity of creation and the dignity of all people, women, men and children.

Many Reasons to Celebrate

40 years of EMS, a new constitution and a new name – that is something to celebrate. Share our joy – with church services, events and encounters. On 30 September 2012 there will be a benefit concert in Stuttgart with the Stuttgart Chamber Choir and soloists from East Asia, conducted by Prof. Frieder Bernius. On 11 November 2012 delegates from the international EMS Fellowship will contribute to festive worship services in South West Germany.

For all information, dates and worship materials, visit www.ems-online.org.

Mission in Solidarity

Yesterday and Today

Solidarity takes shape where people feel supported and stand up for one another.
EMS - AN INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP

“We are on a journey together towards an international ecumenical fellowship of churches and mission societies sharing our hope in the Kingdom of God”, read the Theological Guidelines of the EMS. In 2012 the association is celebrating its 40th anniversary. At the same time a new constitution comes into force this year. The existing partners in Africa, Asia and the Middle East will become „members of the association“ with equal rights. A logical final step in the internationalization of the EMS that started in the 1990s.

The new constitution also introduces a new name. The letters EMS now stand for „Evangelical Mission in Solidarity“. This new name reflects what is typical for our fellowship. We are „evangelical“, founded on the Gospel. Participation in God’s Mission is our task, and we stand up for one another in Solidarity.

The EMS is characterized by sharing: we share our life concerns, we share our witness and service across borders, we share financial resources and power.

CELEBRATING TOGETHER IN WORSHIP

Both the anniversary and the new constitution are cause for gratitude, joy and celebration. Congregations and groups in the international EMS Fellowship are invited to hold church services on the topic of „Mission Today.“ From April orders of service with a particular emphasis on music will be available in various languages.

OUR PROJECTS NEED YOUR SUPPORT

In this anniversary year the EMS would like to highlight four programmes and projects from various countries and areas of work especially, and is asking for your prayers, donations and collections. Let us share our common hope and celebrate the fullness of life in Jesus Christ.

Theological education in Indonesia

Only ten percent of Indonesia’s population are Christians. Many parishes are struggling with poverty and conflict in a multi-religious environment. To meet the challenges, the churches need well-trained pastors.

Health work in Ghana

Patients are not sent away. If they have no health insurance, the „Poor and Sick Fund“ of the Presbyterian Church in Ghana meets the costs of treatment. In rural areas the church health service is often the only way to get medical care.

Environmental Commitment in Korea

The Church in Korea believes in preserving the integrity of creation as a commitment to God and humankind. The staff in the ecology centre plan activities, form a network and support local churches in their engagement.

Education for Peace in the Middle East

Children and young people from socially disadvantaged families get a good education in the Schneller schools. Christian and Muslim children live and learn together. They practice mutual tolerance and respect.