

FORUM 8

LIVING WITH A WIDE-RANGING HORIZON

ENCOUNTER – EDUCATION – SHARING IN THE ONE WORLD



>> ejw – Worldservice >>> Our Mission - Our Objectives >>

ENCOUNTER

- Jesus Christ is the basis for human encounter. Through Him we experience sustainable relationship and communion in faith with other human beings
- ejw - Worldservice provides a level field for partnership and relationship for individuals and organizations
- We face each other in the spirit of respect, tolerance, confidence and openness, despite any difference or disparity in faith and culture

Therefore

- ... we provide a wide horizon for a worldwide ecumenical Christianity. Differences in the expression of faith are amending and enriching our relationship
- ... we support international youth encounter and networking in partnership camps, joint youth camps, youth conferences, and educational trips.
- ... we improve youth participation at international conferences.
- ... we invite our international partners and initiate international youth conferences in Germany.

EDUCATION

- God's love is the foundation for any form of education. Learning and training are part of God's mission.
- ejw - Worldservice is promoting development and education in all areas of youth work
- Education and vocational training are improving justice and development in every society.

Therefore ...

- ... we provide learning opportunities and cooperate with our own Lutheran Church as well as ecumenical partner churches and organizations in educational work
- ... we provide opportunities for young people in international volunteer-programs to enhance intercultural learning
- ... we make educational efforts part of all our activities
- ... we participate and cooperate with other churches and Youth organizations
- ... we promote an open discussion about our various experiences in learning with our partners
- ... we provide educational tours at affordable prices.
- ... we support our international partners in the development of appropriate concepts in formal and informal education

SHARING

- ejw-Worldservice defines itself as a part of the worldwide body of Jesus Christ
- We express trust in our provider by sharing and we grow in faith and community by sharing resources
- Sharing is participation in the life of disadvantaged and poor people and goes ways beyond just giving goods or resources
- Sharing is expression of a joint social responsibility.

Therefore ...

- ... we promote a lifestyle of sharing in ejw and all its committees, groups and districts
- ... we support projects and programs of our partners.
- ... we share our faith and widen our mutual horizon by reading the bible in different contexts and cultures
- ... we develop awareness campaigns and advocacy focusing on needs of our partners in churches, politics, society and public
- ... we encourage people to understand their existence as part of a global network of culture, resources, global environment, and faith in a global community
- ... financial resources are shared under the principle of transparency in the spirit of our collective responsibility as contributors as well as partners
- ... we express and expect mutual expression of respect and keep dignity in high esteem in every partnership
- ... our way of sharing shall not diminish but rather enhance independence, autonomy, and self-esteem for all partners