

# LEADING BOLDLY

50 YEARS OF IMPACT

1971-2021



world  
methodist  
evangelism

Also celebrating  
25 years of  
The Order of the Flame  
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# THIS REPORT

is a brief snapshot of all the ways God has been at work over the past year and throughout our history. Your gifts, your commitment, and your prayers are being used in a great and mighty way all around the world.

Even as the pandemic continues, your generosity speaks of your faithfulness to Christ and the work we do. This past year your gifts have provided an on-going means for strengthening discipleship and equipping Christ followers to share their faith in Jesus Christ. Without the prayers and support of faithful individuals like you, this life-changing work could not be done.

This report reminds us how God uses us to be his hands and feet when we surrender to His calling. Thank you so much for your commitment to showing and sharing the love of Jesus!

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# Vision & Purpose

**Empowering people to share their faith and impact the world with greater courage and integrity on behalf of Jesus Christ**

## **Our Purpose**

**To equip and encourage Christ followers around the world to share their faith in the context of today's realities.**

## **Our Vision**

**We desire that Christ followers within the global Wesleyan family become agents of transformation by sharing the Gospel through the power of the Holy Spirit.**



# LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

What a wonderful 50th anniversary year 2021 proved to be! Yes, the world was still challenged by a global pandemic, and no, we couldn't celebrate the anniversary in exactly the way we had hoped. And yet, God showed up in tremendous ways as we marked the significant milestones achieved since WME was founded in 1971, including the celebration of the 25th anniversary of both the Order of the FLAME and the first publication of the Faith-Sharing New Testament with the Psalms.

Having shifted in 2020 to digital avenues for training and developing resources, 2021 saw us continuing our work to connect and equip the global Wesleyan family in mission and evangelism through a wide variety of means, from podcasts to webinars. Additionally, our anniversary year provided the opportunity to introduce several new resources, which are already showing great impact.

The first was the release of an Anniversary Edition of the Faith-Sharing New Testament with the Psalms. This updated and expanded edition draws on the strengths of the original while offering additional insight for our current age. We also created a set of short videos called Plain Truth, as a companion to the "Basics of Christian Faith" section of the FSNT. You can find those and on our YouTube channel

<https://worldmethodist.org/resources/online-store-2/>

The second resource was an additional set of teaching videos to accompany Embrace: Showing and Sharing the Love of Jesus. Each of these downloadable, 20-minute videos provide expanded teaching for the six sessions of Embrace and are excellent for small group use. You can find them, along with all WME's resources [at our online store](#).

As all of us deal with the prolonged nature of the pandemic, we remain deeply grateful for the faithful giving that has not only sustained our work but allowed us to expand it for sake of the kingdom. God is indeed steadfast and continues to provide opportunities for creative ministry. For our part, we stand ready to follow where he leads as we empower Christ followers to share the good news of Jesus Christ.

Shalom,

*Kim*

# TIMELINE HIGHLIGHTS

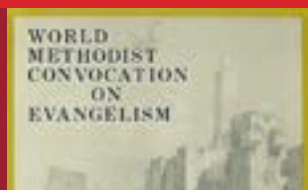
In obedience to the command of Jesus Christ to “go and make disciples,” World Methodist Evangelism continues to turn vision into action. Fifty years after its inception, WME continues to be a global movement, inspiring, resourcing, and mentoring Christians, as well as sharing the gospel to all peoples of the world. Take a look at our first 50 years!

**1971**



World Methodist Evangelism is launched

**1974**



Worldwide Conferences on Evangelism are held in every region of the world.

**1980**



World Methodist Evangelism holds the first International Christian Youth Conference on Evangelism

**1987**



Regional Secretaries are selected to advance the work of WME throughout the world.

**1991**



Prayer and Fasting Community is formed

**1996**



Order of the FLAME (Faithful Leaders As Mission Evangelists) formed.

**2018**



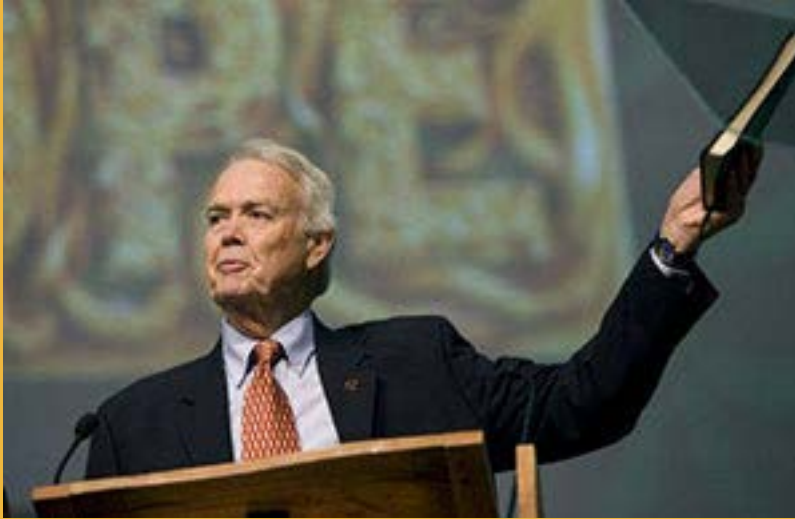
Embrace—Showing and Sharing the Love of Jesus published.

**2020**



Real Faith~Real World podcast begins.

[▶ Click here to see more.](#)



# “Well Done Good & Faithful Servant”

## MEMORIAL TO EDDIE FOX

July 26, 1938 – July 28, 2021

The Rev. Dr. H. Eddie Fox passed away July 28, 2021 in Sevierville, Tennessee. For twenty-five years Eddie served as World Director of World Methodist Evangelism, traveling the world inspiring thousands of Christian leaders to share the Gospel story so that the world might know Jesus Christ.

# 25th Anniversary of The Order of the FLAME

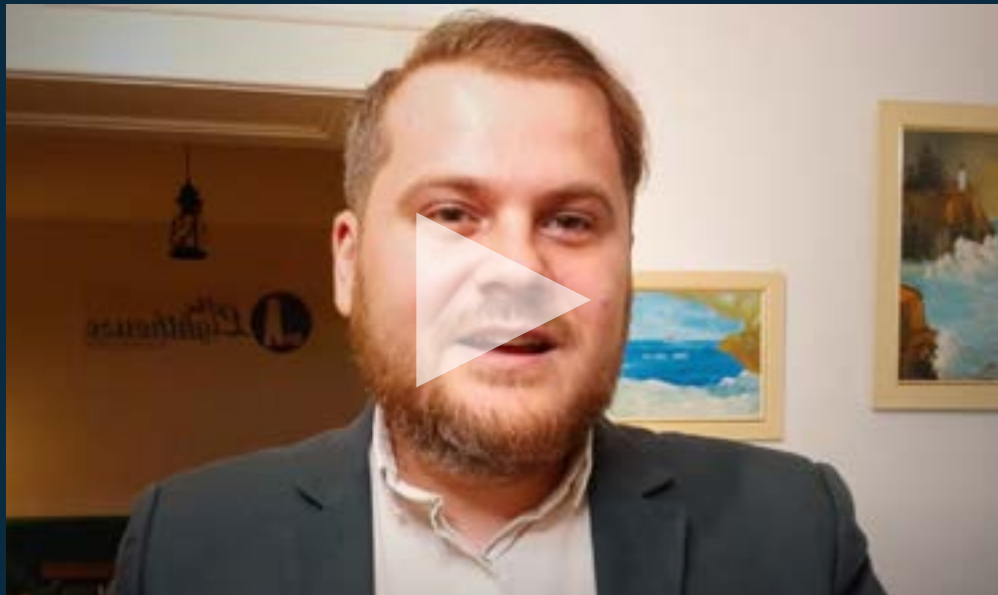


Christ Church in Memphis, Tennessee was a gracious host for our 25th Anniversary Reunion, and we were able to gather folks both in-person and virtually. As with all our FLAME gatherings, there was dynamic teaching and Spirit-filled preaching, along with ample time to reconnect with others in the FLAME community and visit the sites of Memphis.

At the first gathering of The Order of the FLAME, WME provided a copy of the newly published Faith-Sharing New Testament with the Psalms to each participant. It was appropriate then, at this 25th celebration, to launch the anniversary edition of the Faith-Sharing New Testament with the Psalms. It was an honor to be able to provide each FLAME participant – whether in-person or virtual – with a copy of this updated and expanded resource.

We are grateful for all those who made our 25th anniversary celebration so meaningful. The Foundation for Evangelism and United Theological Seminary are faithful sponsors of our FLAME gatherings, and we deeply appreciate their support. We were also blessed by the outstanding teaching and testimonies of Rev. Luiz Cardoso (UK, Methodist Church of Brazil), Rev. Dan Griswold (US, UMC), Rev. Cristian Istrate (Romania, UMC), Bishop João Carlos Lopes (Brazil, Methodist Church of Brazil), Dr. Luther Oconor (US, UMC), and Dr. Dave Smith (US, Wesleyan Church). Our preachers, Bishop Darin Moore (US, AMEZ), Dr. Luigi Peñaranda (US, Wesleyan), and Bishop Darryl Starnes (US, AMEZ) were especially powerful and Holy Spirit inspired, which was a moving experience for everyone.





**WATCH  
CRISTIAN ISTRATE'S  
TESTIMONY**



A person is shown from the back, holding a lit sparkler that is creating a bright, starburst effect against a sunset sky. In the background, a city skyline with several tall buildings is visible, silhouetted against the orange and blue hues of the twilight. The overall mood is hopeful and celebratory.

# Vision for the Future

As we look to the coming years, we feel God's presence in our work as we remain committed to establishing faith-sharing movements and empowering people to share their faith in the context of today's realities.

## On-going Outcomes:

- ▶ Bringing people to faith
- ▶ Empowering laity
- ▶ Mentoring and equipping young leaders and pastors
- ▶ New church plants/meeting needs of the hurting
- ▶ Lives are transformed

## Areas of Future Growth:

- ▶ Scholarships and Sponsorships
- ▶ Impact within regions
- ▶ Mentoring
- ▶ Digital platform for growth and connection (globally)

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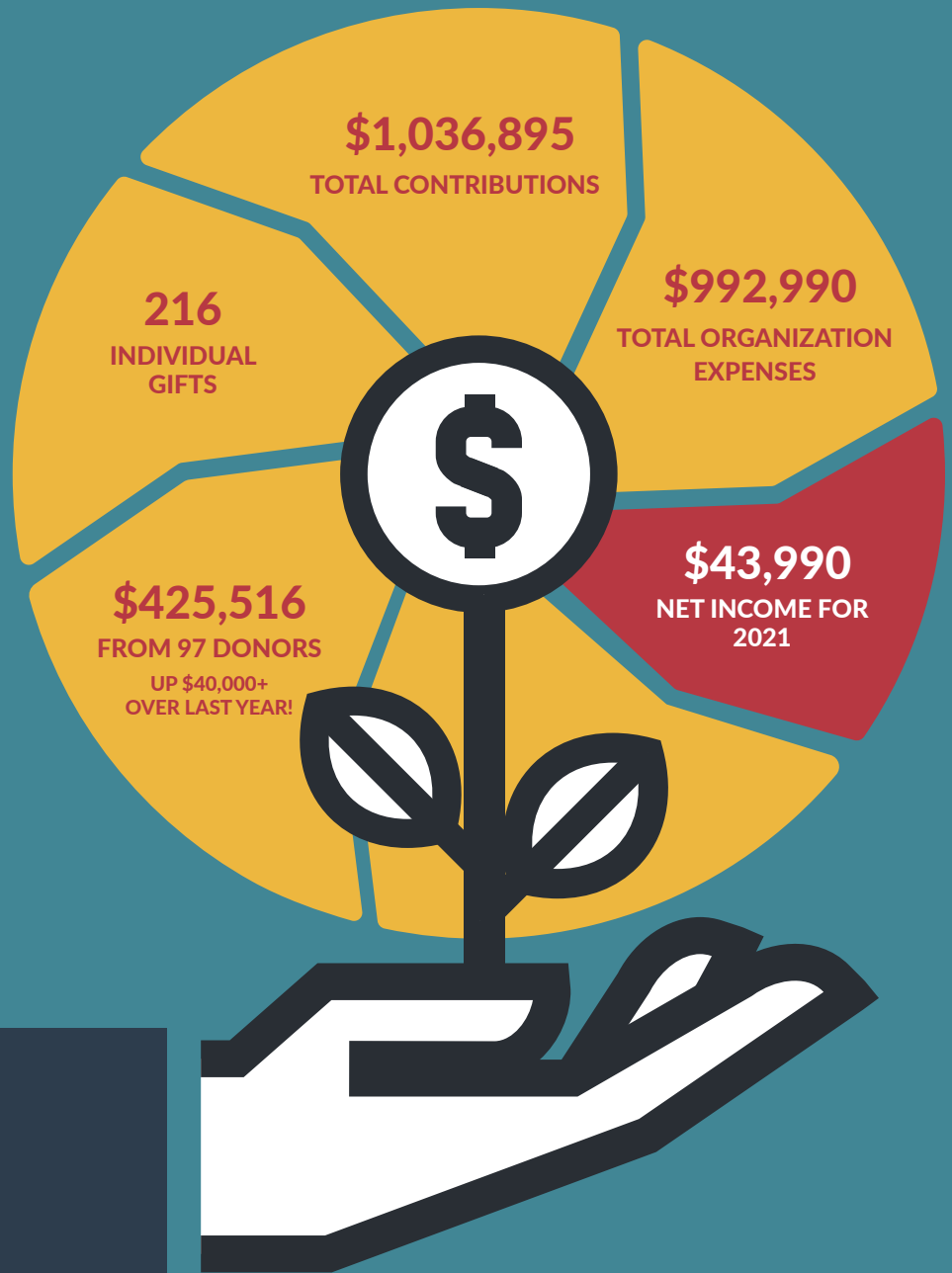
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