

## Indonesia 2021

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bersama-sama mengikuti Yesus melintas batas  
sesarengan ngetut wuri Gusti Yesus nratas wewates  
following Jesus together across barriers  
seguir a Jesús juntos, superando las barreras  
suivre Jésus ensemble à travers les frontières

# More than just gathering: Taste & see the LORD is good



Photo: Liesa Unger

MWC Assemblies are reunions of the Anabaptist-Mennonite family worldwide that take place every six years. They began in 1925, when a small group of Mennonite pastors from seven countries gathered in Basel, Switzerland, for several days of worship and conversation. Praise the Lord, after almost a century we continue to gather at Assemblies: a time to share in fellowship, worship, service and witness.

The forthcoming Assembly will be held in Semarang, Central Java, Indonesia. This will be the second Assembly held in Asia (after Calcutta, India, in January 1997), and the first in South-East Asia.

Indonesia is a country with rich cultural and historical background. Each city in this tropical country is worth visiting for its unique historical and cultural background.

Come to Indonesia, to Semarang City, where all attendees will taste and see how good the Lord is. Save the date, pray, come, experience the Lord's goodness!

## Mennonite Churches in Indonesia

There are three Mennonite national churches, called synods, in Indonesia.

**Gereja Injili di Tanah Jawa (GITJ)** – Evangelical Church of Java is one of three Mennonite-related synods in Indonesia. The predominately Javanese Mennonite conference of the north-central part of the island of Java, Indonesia, was formed on 30 May 1940, 81 years after the beginning of Dutch Mennonite mission work in the area around the Muria. Currently, GITJ has 116 local churches with more than 65,000 congregation members. These congregations are concentrated along the north coast of Central Java, but are also found in cities like Semarang, Salatiga and Yogyakarta and the provinces of Lampung and South Sumatra.

**Gereja Kristen Muria Indonesia (GKMI)** – Muria Christian Church in Indonesia is an indigenous Christian movement begun in the city of Kudus in north Central Java by a Chinese Indonesian couple named Tee Siem Tat and Sie Djoen Nio. The group identified with the Mennonite family of churches when the first believers sought baptism from Russian Mennonite missionaries working under the Dutch Mennonite Mission in the Muria area in December 1920. Since 1960, the synod has spread beyond the Muria area and into other ethnic groups on the four main islands of western Indonesia.

Today GKMI has 61 local churches with more than 16,000 members living in Java, Bali, Sumatra, Batam, Kalimantan, Sulawesi and Nusa Tenggara Timur.

**Jemaat Kristen Indonesia (JKI)** – Indonesia Christian Congregations was formed in 1977 to provide an ecclesiastical structure for the Christian services carried out by the Sangkakala Foundation since 1977 in Semarang. The scope of ministry is in the form of evangelism, distribution of sermon recordings, vocal groups, bands, social services and on several occasions conducting Bible courses. Currently there are 223 local churches under the JKI synod and more than 40,000 members spread into 19 provinces in Indonesia, with a few congregations in the USA, Australia and the Netherlands.



Indo-Menno group with  
MWC visitors in February 2016.  
Photo: Liesa Unger

The **National Advisory Council (NAC)** for the MWC Assembly, Indonesia 2021 consists of church leaders of all three Mennonite synods in Indonesia. The NAC started its planning meetings in 2016 and meets several times per year to prepare for the visiting brothers and sisters from around the world.



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d'Églises Anabaptistes

## The Assembly team in Indonesia has started its work



**Liesa with scooter.**  
Photo: Dale D. Gehman

### International Event Coordinator

Those who have attended the last Assembly in Pennsylvania in 2015 might remember Liesa Unger scooting through the Farm Show Complex and giving announcements on stage. Liesa continues working as event coordinator for the next Assembly, Indonesia 2021.



Photo: Sarah Yetty

### National Co-Coordinator

World traveller and coffee lover. **Sarah Yetty** is the event organizer for JKI Injil Kerajaan Semarang ("Holy Stadium," MWC Assembly host for 2021) and for other Christian events in Semarang. She also operates Olea Tour, a travel agency specializing in pilgrimages to the Holy Land. She has been married to Simon Setiawan for 13 years.



Photo: Agus Setianto

### National Co-Coordinator

Singer and table tennis aficionado. **Agus Setianto** is a business person with a passion for marriage and family ministry. He is an elder and church member of Gereja Kristen Muria Indonesia (GKMI Mennonite church) in Semarang, Indonesia, and has served MWC as General Council representative (2009–2015) and Asia representative on the Executive Committee (2015–2018). Agus and his wife Jovita have three adult children.



Photo: Daniel K Trihandoyo

### Communications and Marketing Coordinator

Guitarist and traveller **Daniel K Trihandoyo** has a background in business and marketing in pharmaceutical and consulting. He has served as vice general secretary for GKMI and as chairman in his local congregation. He is a member of the Communication and Partnership Development Committee of the Indonesian Bible Society. Daniel is married to Yohana; they have two young adult daughters.



Photo: Ary Rusdianto

### Indonesian Language Coordinator

Sea fisher and nature hiker. **Ary Rusdianto** is an educator who is involved in his local GKMI church in Depok, West Java. He is married to Sri Haryani; they have two young adult daughters.



Photo: Agus Mayanto

The Assembly team is happy to have the support of the MWC regional representative of Southeast Asia and motorcycle enthusiast,

**Agus Mayanto** of Indonesia. He is a pastor of Cempaka Putih Jakarta, a GKMI congregation, chair of PIPKA (GKMI's mission organization) and has previously served MWC on the Mission Commission and as chair of the Global Mission Fellowship. Agus and his wife Rosmaida Simanjuntak have one teenage daughter.

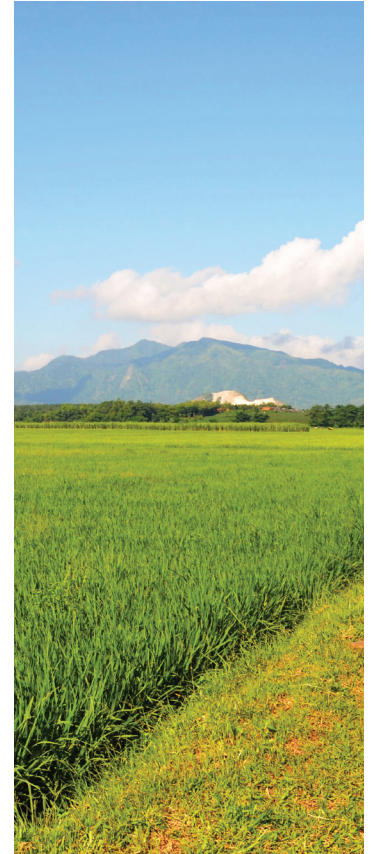


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