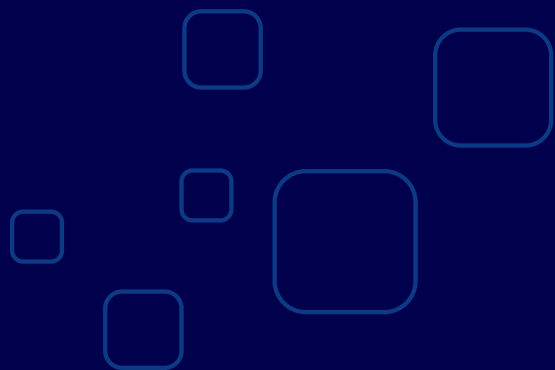




Pax Christi International

# 2025 Annual Report

Looking back on a milestone year:  
80 years of building peace





# *Building Bridges for Tomorrow*

## *For 80 Years*



# Co-Presidents' Message



*Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?' (Luke, 24:32)*

As we reflect on the journey of the disciples on the road to Emmaus, we are reminded of the path that Pax Christi International, together with its members, friends and collaborators, has travelled throughout 2025 in faith, hope and commitment to peace.

The year culminated in the celebration of 80 Years for Peace, "Building Bridges for Tomorrow", in Florence, Italy. A particular sign of hope was the PCI Youth Forum, highlighting the energy and dedication of a new generation committed to peacebuilding.

Throughout the year, we experienced moments of joy, solidarity and hope, as well as sorrow and uncertainty. Yet, like the disciples at Emmaus, we discovered that God continues to walk beside us, especially in times when violence and conflict threaten to overshadow our efforts for peace.

Through gatherings, webinars, meetings and personal encounters, we strengthened our global community, shared one another's joys and struggles, and welcomed new leadership while giving thanks for those who completed their service to the Movement.

As you read this Annual Report, we invite you to reflect on all that has been achieved through God's grace and through the dedication of so many people across the world. We also remember with gratitude those members, friends and collaborators who are no longer with us, but whose witness continues to inspire our work.

As we move forward, may we remain faithful to the Gospel call to nonviolence and continue building a peace that is both unarmed and disarming. Though the journey remains long, we do not walk alone. God is with us, guiding our steps and renewing our hope.

**Sr. Teresia Wamuyu Wachira and Bishop Jose Colin Bagaforo**

# Our Movement

2025 marked a turning point in the history of Pax Christi International. Reaching the milestone of 80 years since our foundation bears witness to the journey we have undertaken over time, shaped by a **daily commitment to building peace through dialogue, justice, reconciliation, and the creation of bonds across communities and nations.**

At the same time, ongoing wars and global challenges highlight how urgent and necessary this commitment remains. For this reason, we continue with determination along **a path rooted in the promotion of a global message of Active Nonviolence**, as a concrete way to transform conflicts and build a more just future.

Such a journey would not have been possible without the constant support of a **network of over 100 organisations and humanitarian members and associates present in every region of the world.** To all those who, even after 80 years, continue to walk alongside us in the pursuit of peace, we extend our deepest gratitude.

# Pax Christi International 2025 World Gathering

The World Gathering to celebrate our Movement's 80th anniversary took place **from 5 to 9 November 2025 at the Centro Studi in Florence, Italy.**

It brought together more than 100 members from across the world, for whom the event was, above all, an opportunity to meet again in person after a long time and to reaffirm together their commitment to continuing a shared journey rooted in fraternity.

The event marked a milestone in:

- ◆ Commemorating the rich history of Pax Christi International.
- ◆ Reaffirming our commitment to peace and justice, emphasising Nonviolence as a fundamental principle, promoting human security, supporting conflict transformation, and reiterating the need for justice in human rights and climate matters.
- ◆ Engaging and expanding our community, with particular attention to young people.



# Pax Christi International

## Florence Commitment 2025 - 2030

Following the global meeting, Pax Christi International has published its **Official Commitment**, which will serve as a guiding framework for the future of the organisation and for all supporters across its worldwide network.

In a world still wounded by the outbreak of numerous conflicts and the resulting feelings of fear and despair, today, as eighty years ago, our call to Hope seeks to chart a new path grounded in a universal logic of Just Peace – a peace “*never imposed from above*”, but one that emerges “*from the resilience, creativity and courage of those whose lives are most deeply marked by injustice*”.

Our Commitment reaffirms our dedication to active nonviolence, along with the certainty of continuing on a path of peace “*to nurture spaces of encounter, dialogue and healing, and to promote approaches to security that centre human dignity, care for Creation, equitable participation, and the protection of human rights. True security arises from justice, from the rule of law, from solidarity among peoples, and from the protection and flourishing of Creation*”.

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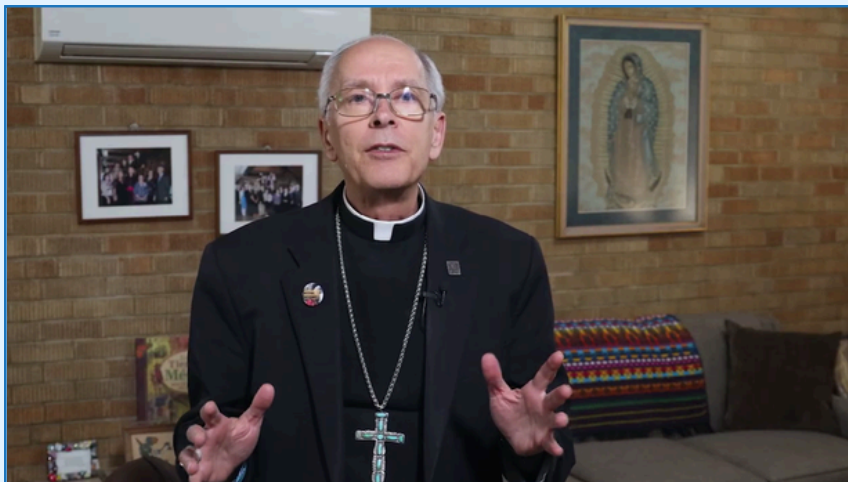
# 2025 Peace Award

One of the most significant moments of the World Gathering was the presentation of the **2025 Peace Award**. Established by Pax Christi International to honour individuals, movements or organisations that, over the course of the year, have distinguished themselves through a nonviolent commitment to the pursuit of peace, the award was conferred upon **Bishop Mark Seitz of the Catholic Diocese of El Paso**. For years, Bishop Seitz has been dedicated to protecting migrants in the challenging region along the United States–Mexico border.

Although on the occasion of the Peace Award Ceremony Bishop Seitz was unable to attend in person in Florence, his award was accepted on his behalf by **Bishop Anthony Celino, Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of El Paso**.

*“We share this award with all those who have always supported and stood by us”, said Bishop Celino, “in particular the staff, volunteers and above all the migrants who, with their resilience, teach us every day what hope truly means”.*

Through a video message played at the start of the ceremony, Bishop Seitz nonetheless wished to thank Pax Christi International for the award, reaffirming his human and Christian commitment to always stand on the side of those in need. He also reiterated his dedication to continue advocating for the rights of migrants and to safeguard *“the cultural, linguistic, racial, economic, and religious encounters that are part of our very DNA.”*



A special recognition was awarded to three organisations working in the same area to defend and support the rights of migrants: [Annunciation House](#), the [Hope Border Institute](#) and the [Las Américas Immigrant Advocacy Center](#).

Each of them has demonstrated a steadfast commitment to supporting migrants, translated into concrete actions of assistance and advocacy, facing complex and often risky challenges to uphold the rights and dignity of those crossing the difficult United States–Mexico border.

In addition to the Peace Awards, Pax Christi International presented a special recognition plaque to **Bishop Marc Stenger, former Co-president of our Movement and now appointed by the Assembly as Emeritus Co-President**, who took the opportunity of the World Gathering to bid us a formal farewell at the end of his term.



# Our Advocacy Work



In 2025, Pax Christi International (PCI) adopted a renewed 2025–2030 Advocacy Strategy to guide its global work and developed through consultation with member organisations, partners, and international representatives.

It places active nonviolence, Global South perspectives, youth participation, ecological justice inspired by Laudato Si', interfaith collaboration, and business and human rights due diligence as a cross-cutting principles shaping all areas of engagement. To structure its international advocacy, Pax Christi International has four priorities: Integral Human Disarmament and Security; a Just Peace in the Holy Land; Ecological Justice and Energy Transition from a peacebuilding perspective; and the Pax Christi International Youth Forum.

During 2025, PCI maintained a consistent advocacy presence across key diplomatic hubs, including UN New York, Geneva, and Vienna, UNESCO Paris, the Council of Europe in Strasbourg, and European Union institutions in Brussels.



# A Just Peace in the Holy Land

During the year, PCI continued to deepen its engagement in global advocacy coalitions, including sustained work within the **Ceasefire Now campaign** and ongoing collaboration in the **Global Solidarity for Peace in Palestine network**, reinforcing coordinated international pressure for an end to violence and protection of civilians through advocacy efforts and [events](#).

Throughout 2025, PCI, thanks to the great support given by the PCI International Representatives, maintained active engagement in international policy spaces, including participation in United Nations-related events. At the New York headquarter, PCI participated actively in the NGO Israel-Palestine Working Group, meetings of the Security Council and the General Assembly, and the weekly silent vigils outside the U.S. Mission to the UN. In Geneva they participated to key conferences on the theme, HRC sessions and engaged with delegations.

The year began with the participation of PCI to the episcopal accompaniment and field engagement in the Holy Land, which outcomes were presented in **March 2025**, at a co-organised gathering with COMECE titled **“Christian Witness in the Holy Land”** in Brussels, bringing together EU institutions representatives and civil society actors.

During 2025, PCI reinforced its long-standing position calling, with other organisations, for the **suspension of the EU-Israel Association Agreement (EU-IAA)** in response to ongoing violations of international humanitarian law.

In **April 2025**, PCI strengthened its educational and theological reflection work through the webinar **“Voice for the West Bank: What the Headlines Leave Out – Reflections on Daily Life and Nonviolence”**, featuring **Usama Nicola**, focusing on daily life under occupation and grassroots nonviolence.

In **May 2025**, PCI launched its **Nakba remembrance and awareness campaign**, linking the 1948 displacement with ongoing realities of occupation, forced displacement, and structural injustice across Palestine.

In **July 2025**, PCI expanded its engagement in academic and theological reflection through participation in the **“Doing Justice, Loving Mercy” conference in the Netherlands**.

Also in July 2025, PCI launched the **Joint Open Letter to the High-Level International Conference for the Peaceful Settlement of the Question of Palestine (July 28–29, 2025)**, signed by more than 100 organisations. The letter called for renewed international commitment to ending the occupation, upholding international law, and advancing a just and rights-based peace framework.



Due to the consistent escalations of violence, in August 2025, PCI issued a series of public statements calling for an immediate and permanent ceasefire, an end to the blockade and occupation, full humanitarian access, accountability under international law, and the protection of Palestinian dignity and rights.

In September, PCI strengthened its policy advocacy by joining the [launch of the “Stop Trade with Settlements” campaign](#), calling for an end to economic and trade relations with illegal settlements in line with international law and International Court of Justice advisory opinions.

PCI conducted several **advocacy tours in Brussels** with its sections and partners, during which delegates engaged directly with European policymakers, including **Members of the European Parliament (MEPs)** and also a key meeting with His Majesty King Philippe of Belgium. These meetings provided a space to bring testimonies from the Holy Land into EU policy and diplomatic discussions. They offered also the opportunity of organising meetings with Brussels-based organisations in exchanging information.

- [Dr. Izzeldin Abuelaish](#).
- [AEI and Wi’Am](#).
- [Parents Circle - Families Forum to meet with His Majesty King Philippe of Belgium](#).

A particularly important dimension of PCI’s work was its sustained solidarity with the **Holy Family Parish in Gaza**, which remained a key focus of accompaniment throughout 2025. PCI consistently supported the parish ensuring its pastoral reality remained visible in international advocacy. Within this context, testimonies shared by **Amjad Al-Mhalwi** were integrated into PCI communications and advocacy materials, grounding advocacy in lived experience under extreme hardship.

In November 2025 PCI carried out a [field delegation to the Holy Land in November 2025](#), which combined accompaniment, relationship-building, and advocacy documentation. The delegation visited organisations working in education, psychosocial support, youth empowerment, disability inclusion, digital accessibility, human rights, and community resilience across the West Bank. It also participated in the **Kairos Palestine Conference** and the presentation of **Kairos II**, linking theological reflection with international advocacy on justice, nonviolence, and accountability.

In December 2025, PCI concluded the year with the yearly appointment of the **Bethlehem Peace Candle initiative**, sharing a flame from Bethlehem as a global sign of hope and resilience rooted in local Christian communities in collaboration with the Belgian Scouts, CIDSE and the Chapel for Europe.

PCI also published its [“Merry Christmas from Bethlehem”](#) message with messages from colleagues at the Arab Educational Institute – Pax Christi Bethlehem and Wi’Am, reaffirming solidarity with communities in the birthplace of Christ amid ongoing hardship.





# Integral Human Disarmament & Security

Throughout 2025, Pax Christi International continued to advance a holistic vision of **integral human disarmament & security**, grounded in active nonviolence, and civilian-centred peacebuilding.

A major strand of PCI's work focused on sustained engagement with United Nations and multilateral disarmament processes through the active participation of its International Representatives in the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Preparatory Committee, the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW), UNESCO forums, Council of Europe dialogues, and broader international policy consultations.

Across these spaces, PCI engaged in campaigning, awareness-raising, and policy dialogue in support of key disarmament frameworks, including the TPNW, Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zones, the Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons, and the Landmine Ban Treaty, while also responding to emerging concerns linked to armed conflict contexts.

Throughout 2025, PCI also deepened strategic partnerships with key actors in the disarmament and peacebuilding field, including the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN), Pax Romana, Catholic Peace Forum, and multiple ecumenical and civil society networks.

In this context, on **30 April 2025**, PCI endorsed and promoted the statement **“Nuclear Deterrence: Untying the Gordian Knot - If You Want Peace, Prepare for Peace”** during the NPT PrepCom process. The statement called for a decisive shift away from nuclear deterrence doctrines toward disarmament-based security frameworks rooted in peace rather than militarisation.

PCI further strengthened its multilateral engagement by participating in the **International Forum for Peace in Brussels (23-24 June 2025)**, contributing to global discussions on alternatives to war systems, militarisation, and security paradigms grounded in human dignity and prevention rather than armed deterrence.

A central focus of the year was the **80th anniversary of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki**, which represented a key moment of global remembrance and renewed advocacy for nuclear abolition.

PCI Advocacy Officer **Giulia Bordin** represented the organisation in Hiroshima and Nagasaki during memorial ceremonies and peace pilgrimage activities, helping connect historical memory with contemporary nuclear abolition advocacy. Together with **Anselmo Lee**, Pax Christi Korea, she formally presented the declaration **“80 Years Is Enough”**, calling for urgent global action toward nuclear disarmament.

This commemorative work was complemented by a major international webinar organised by PCI in **June 2025**, titled **“80 Years of Memory and Action: Honouring the Past, Advancing Disarmament, and Building a Peaceful Future”**. The event brought together voices from across the Pax Christi movement and partners in the wider peace and disarmament community (Pax Christi Korea, Pax Christi USA, Pax Christi Italia, Pax Christi Scotland, **International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN)**).

In parallel, PCI expanded its broader disarmament education and nonviolence formation work. In July 2025, PCI co-organised the launch webinar for the **Pax Jubilee 2025 Declaration**, in partnership with Pax Romana, the International Youth Training Center (IYTC), and Catholic Peace Forum partners, reinforcing global commitments to peace, justice, and nonviolence.

PCI also contributed to the **global Nuclear Abolition Day campaign**, joining international mobilisation efforts calling for renewed political commitment to nuclear disarmament and the strengthening of multilateral frameworks for abolition.

In addition, PCI joined the **global call for “a democracy that delivers peace and prosperity for all”**, linking disarmament advocacy with broader reflections on democratic governance, global inequality, and the need for people-centred security systems.

In **December 2025**, the event **“Rebuilding Multilateralism: Europe’s Role in UN Reform”** took place at the European Parliament in Brussels, organised by Pax Christi International in collaboration with the S&D Group. The meeting reflect edon the European Union’s role in United Nations reform, the strengthening of multilateral governance, and the promotion of international peace and justice.

PCI co-organised an online webinar in **December 2025**, titled **“Europe is rearming once again: is our right to conscientious objection at risk?”**, together with the Quaker Council for European Affairs (QCEA), Pax Christi Scotland, Pax Christi Italy, Connection e.V., Un ponte per ETS, and War Resisters’ International. The event brought together activists, experts, and conscientious objectors to assess the implications of rising military expenditure across Europe and renewed discussions on conscription in several countries.

In 2025, withing UNESCO PCI:

- re-joined the **NGOs working group at UNESCO, “The Voice of Girls”**, to coordinate our action with other civil society and faith-based organisations and advocate for the right to education and security for girls around the world.
- presented the role of peace and education in building peace and the work of **education to combat extremisms** by encouraging interreligious dialogue at the Centre Catholique International de Coopération avec l’UNESCO.





# Ecological Justice and Energy Transition from a Peacebuilding Approach

PCI continued to integrate **ecological justice into its peace advocacy**, consistently highlighting the interconnections between environmental degradation, extractivism, displacement, and structural violence.

On the occasion of the Jubilee, Pax Christi International joined **Caritas Internationalis**, together with other faith-based and civil society organisations, in the campaign, **Turn Debt into Hope**, urging decision-makers to prioritise people and planet over mere profit.

At the end of January 2025, Pax Christi France and Pax Christi International – in collaboration with the UNESCO working group on ‘access to water for all in Africa’ and the Centre Catholique International de Coopération – launched the **XXth class of hydrologist trainees in Burkina Faso** at the 2IE International Training Centre in Ouagadougou.

From **25–27 February 2025**, PCI participated in the resumed **UN Biodiversity Conference (COP16)** in Rome, contributing to advocacy on biodiversity protection and ecological justice.

PCI also sustained long-term accompaniment of communities in Latin America affected by mining expansion, territorial dispossession, environmental degradation, and extractive violence. Building on this work, PCI:

- co-organised the European Parliament event **“Equity, Environment and Rights: Shaping the Future of EU-LAC Cooperation”** in October 2025, focusing on more equitable and rights-based EU-Latin America relations.
- Called for a **halt to palm oil imports from Corporación Dinant in Honduras**, in response to allegations of land grabbing, violence, and human rights violations linked to extractive agribusiness operations.

In **November 2025**, PCI co-signed a **bi-regional declaration calling for a just transition** and a more equitable EU-Latin America partnership centred on community participation, environmental justice, and sustainable development.



In September 2025, PCI further strengthened its ecological justice engagement by joining **ELSiA, European Laudato Si Alliance** on sustainable investment and ecological responsibility, expanding cooperation with faith-based and civil society actors working on ethical finance, climate justice, and ecological conversion.

Together with Caritas Internationalis, CIDSE, and SCIAF, PCI endorsed the **“Pilgrims of Hope for a Just and Peaceful World” joint statement**, which highlighted the links between ecological crisis, peacebuilding, and global inequality and called for integrated, justice-based responses.

At the conclusion of **COP30**, held from 10 to 21 November in Belém, Brazil, PCI joined humanitarian and Catholic leaders presenting a **joint statement**, inviting decision makers to care more tenderly for creation, to walk in deeper solidarity with one another, and to grow in the courage needed to respond faithfully to the urgent challenges of our time, which affect us all.

During 2025 PCI and other faith-based organisations expressed their concerns over the proposed ‘Omnibus’ law amending key dispositions of the European Green Deal.

- **“Faith based organisations raise concerns about Omnibus proposal”**.
- **“Pax Christi International signs joint CSO statement reacting to Omnibus publication”**.
- **Faith leaders warn of the dangers of the Omnibus Simplification Package**.



**Declaration for a bi-regional partnership centred on a just transition**



# Pax Christi International Youth Forum

The Pax Christi International Youth Forum was officially launched during the 2025 World Gathering in Florence, bringing together young delegates from across the global network to create a **shared platform for youth participation in the movement's work for peace and justice**.

Designed for broad worldwide representation, the Forum connects young people from diverse regions into a coordinated structure that strengthens collaboration and shared purpose across continents. Rather than serving only as a consultative space, it integrates young people as active participants in advancing the mission of nonviolence, reconciliation, and human dignity.

Their expertise, passion, and motivation are recognised as key contributions shaping both the present and future of Pax Christi International, reinforcing intergenerational cooperation at its core.

## Pax Christi International Youth Forum Declaration



# Ad Hoc Advocacy

Alongside its strategic priorities, Pax Christi International focuses on ad hoc efforts in relation to specific countries amplifying local peace actors and sustaining international attention.

On **Sudan**, PCI strengthened international awareness through the organising of the **World Day of Prayer for Peace in Sudan** in April 2025 and the **“Sudan Speaks” webinar series**, providing a platform for Sudanese peacebuilders, civil society leaders, and analysts to reflect on the evolving crisis and articulate pathways toward peace.

On **Myanmar**, PCI worked with regional partners to **maintain international attention on the conflict through solidarity advocacy and joint initiatives**, consistently reaffirming the importance of nonviolent civic space and protection of fundamental rights in the face of escalating violence.

On **Colombia**, PCI continued to accompany local peacebuilding and human rights actors engaged in reconciliation and transitional justice. Through its participation in **OIDHACO (International Office for Human Rights - Action on Colombia)**, PCI contributed to coordinated civil society advocacy toward EU institutions and international mechanisms, with **a focus on the protection of human rights defenders and the consolidation of sustainable peace**.

On the **Democratic Republic of Congo**, PCI supported **grassroots reconciliation and rights-monitoring accompaniment initiatives**, working alongside local partners to strengthen community resilience and social cohesion in conflict-affected areas.

Follow-up actions and engagements also focused on **Haiti** and the **Philippines**.



## Pax Christi International is member of:

Article 109

Committee of Religious  
NGOs at the United  
Nations

Conference of INGOs of  
the Council of Europe

ELSiA (European  
Laudato Si' Alliance)

EU-LAC NGO Working  
Group (EU-Latin  
America civil society  
platform).

European Network for  
Central Africa (EurAc).

European  
Peacebuilding Liaison  
Office (EPLO).

European Youth Forum  
(EYF).

Forum of Catholic-  
inspired NGOs  
(Strasbourg / UK-linked  
advocacy space).

Global Solidarity for  
Peace in Palestine

Churches & Mining /  
Iglesias y Minería

International Campaign  
to Abolish Nuclear  
Weapons (ICAN).

International Peace  
Bureau

International Peace  
Forum

Laudato Si' Movement

OIDHACO (EU-  
Colombia human rights  
platform).

Pax Christi International is also member of several United Nations working groups:

Prevention and Protection Working Group (UN-linked civil society coalition)

UN CINGO Working Group on Right to Development (Geneva)

UN NGO Mining Working Group (New York)

UN NGO Working Group on Israel and Palestine (New York)

UN NGO Working Group on the UN Security Council (New York)

# Africa

## • Kenya

In **January** 2025, PCI organised a training course on active and evangelical nonviolence, peacebuilding, transformational leadership, peaceful conflict resolution, trauma healing, and non-violent communication for 15 nuns from three dioceses (*Nakuru, Kericho* and *Kisumu* in Kenya).

In **May**, the regional coordinator carried out monitoring and evaluation activities across the three dioceses, meeting with the groups that had been trained by the sisters. In addition to the evaluation, the coordinator collected testimonies, the appreciation of the Bishop of Kericho, and skits about Martin Luther King, Gandhi and Mother Teresa of Calcutta performed by the pupils. The impact of the training is evident in behavioural changes, testimonies, and the survey conducted by the regional coordinator of Pax Christi International.



## • South Sudan

In **August**, PCI organised training for 10 sisters in South Sudan from eight congregations across the dioceses of *Juba, Rumbek, Wau* and *Tambura-Yambio*.

During the same month, PCI also provided ANV training to 20 young people from the Diocese of Rumbek, under the supervision of the Loreto Sisters.

In South Sudan, the context of war, frequent tribal conflicts, political manoeuvring and poverty means that insecurity is widespread. The nonviolence training project came at a particularly timely moment and was well received by the participants, who committed themselves to promoting behavioural change and challenging attitudes linked to the culture of violence.



## • Burundi

In **October**, PCI organised training for 27 local trainers in the pastoral region of *Karusi* in the Diocese of *Gitega*, Burundi.

The participants came from 11 parishes and included pastoral workers, teachers, catechists and others. Following the workshop, they established an association, *Pont pour la paix* (“Bridge for Peace”). They are currently active and making an impact in their communities as peacebuilders.

In **November**, the regional coordinator of PCI carried out monitoring and evaluation of the project implemented by the trainer sisters. He met with the sisters, novices and students from vocational schools in the dioceses of *Wau* and *Juba* in South Sudan. He also conducted a survey to assess the impact of the training on the participants.

In **December**, PCI finally organised training for 15 nuns from 10 congregations across six dioceses (*Bujumbura*, *Ruyigi*, *Bubanza*, *Rutana*, *Bururi* and *Muyinga*).

## • Conclusions

By the end of 2025, PCI had trained **40 nuns** as trainers and **47 local trainers** (lay people), equipping them with skills, knowledge and tools in active Gospel nonviolence, conflict management, peacebuilding, nonviolent communication and trauma healing.

In turn, they went on to train **657 nuns** from various congregations, as well as **14,933 young people, including 9,955 girls and young women**, in schools and various lay groups within parishes, including women’s, men’s and youth groups from Catholic Action movements.

Gradually, the Pax Christi network in Africa is expanding into new regions. The impact of these cascading trainings on active nonviolence, peacebuilding and nonviolent communication is evident in behavioural changes among young people and in communities, where participants promote the peaceful resolution of internal conflicts as *artisans of peace* (Mt 5:3–12).



# Asia Pacific

With the advent of 2025, the Asia Pacific region has undergone a significant process of transformation within Pax Christi International's dynamics.

A **monthly newsletter** was therefore launched, through which members of the network can share an event, article, or piece of information that took place in their country during the month, with the aim of also increasing awareness among members of the wider global network regarding ongoing initiatives.

The newsletter, which is still active, brings together contributions from **Australia, New Zealand, Japan, South Korea, the Philippines and Sri Lanka**.

From 3 to 10 **August**, during the visit of PCI's Advocacy Officer to Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Pax Christi Asia Pacific contributed to public awareness-raising and diplomatic advocacy. During the commemorations in Hiroshima, within the context of a joint liturgy with bishops from Korea, Japan and the United States, a joint statement was presented calling for a nuclear-free Asia-Pacific region founded on peace.

On 29 **September**, Pax Christi Asia Pacific, together with Pax Christi International and the Catholic Nonviolence Initiative (CNI), invited participants to join the webinar **"Opting for the Power of Nonviolence over the 'Logic' of Violence"**.

The event sought to suggest ways of pursuing a genuine alternative to violence, which remains a significant factor in geopolitical decision-making and in the policies of individual states. In the Asia Pacific region too, despite the legacy of ahimsa and other peace traditions, many continue to suffer the consequences of conflict.

In September 2025, Pax Christi Asia Pacific launched the **"My Piece for Peace"** competition, inviting young people from around the world to create a video sharing what peace means to them.

From all the submissions, five projects were selected as winners and subsequently presented to the audience during the World Gathering. **[The videos of the five winners are available here.](#)**



A poster for a webinar titled "Opting for the Power of Nonviolence over the 'Logic' of Violence". The poster features the Pax Christi Asia Pacific logo and the text "Pax Christi Asia Pacific invites you to a Webinar on". Below the title, it lists "Our Presenters" with three portraits and their names: Nicholas Paz, Virginia Solórzano, and Ruki Fernandez. Each presenter has a short bio. The poster also includes the Pax Christi International logo and the "80" anniversary logo.

A graphic with a light blue and white background. The text reads "Call for Video Submissions! MY PIECE FOR PEACE". At the bottom right, there is a logo for "80 PAX CHRISTI INTERNATIONAL" with the number 80 in a large, stylized font.

# Latin America and the Caribbean

During 2025, the Latin America and Caribbean Programme of Pax Christi International delivered the **School “Women and Community Water Governance for Peacebuilding in Colombia”**, with the support of UNESCO’s Participation Programme and in partnership with the Colombian Ministry of Environment, the Regional Autonomous Corporation of Cundinamarca, and the Environmental Chair “Gonzalo Palomino Ortíz” of the Faculty of Educational Sciences at the University of Tolima.

This initiative aimed to strengthen the leadership of women human rights and environmental defenders from a perspective of social justice, environmental justice, and peacebuilding. The project sought to enhance capacities for community-based water governance and to promote knowledge exchange among women leaders from different territories and organisational backgrounds across the country.

With the participation of 34 women from five regions of Colombia and diverse social and ethnic sectors, including a significant presence of rural women, as well as Black, Indigenous and other community-based women leaders, the School was successfully implemented. The first session took place in person at the “Parque Neusa” nature reserve in the department of Cundinamarca, Colombia. The subsequent eight sessions were held online.

The School addressed topics such as gender and water, national water policy, active non-violence, peace with nature, the Escazú Agreement, and socio-ecological transitions.

The experience made it possible to strengthen coordination among women water defenders, give visibility to their territorial struggles, and open spaces for advocacy within environmental public policy in Colombia. The project included the participation of **Dr Pedro Arrojo-Agudo**, UN Special Rapporteur on the human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation, and **Dr Astrid Puentes**, UN Special Rapporteur on human rights and the environment.

Beyond the training component, the project helped to consolidate a network of trust, learning, and mutual support among women leaders, leaving in place strengthened capacities to continue promoting the defence of water, life, and territories from a feminist, community-based, and peace-oriented perspective.



# Our PCI Strategy, Impacting the Catholic Church

Throughout 2025, the **Catholic Nonviolence Initiative (CNI)** and the **Catholic Institute for Nonviolence** moved forward with renewed energy and deepened conviction. Building on previous efforts, CNI and the Institute strengthened Pax Christi's engagement with Vatican leadership and the Church's synodal journey, while expanding outreach to the local Church, Catholic universities, and religious communities.

While CNI leads the broader mission and outreach, the Institute develops resources and learning to support the Church. Operating mainly online with a small presence in Rome, the Institute helps make nonviolence more accessible to the Vatican and to the local Church around the world.



## Catholic Nonviolence Initiative

The Catholic Nonviolence Initiative (CNI), a program of Pax Christi International, is a global movement promoting active nonviolence as a core principle of the Gospel, working to integrate nonviolence into all aspects of Church life.

This deeper engagement was enriched through participation in numerous webinars, including *Advancing Nonviolence* organized by Pax Christi Ireland and Pax Christi Scotland, the CELAM-convened **Catholic Nonviolence Days of Action in Latin America and the Caribbean**, *Opting for the Power of Nonviolence over the 'Logic' of Violence* hosted by Pax Christi Asia-Pacific, and a session in the **Maryknoll Monarch Initiative series** reflecting on what it means to live a nonviolent Christian life in a time of deep division and rising hostility, among others.

CNI also contributed to key international conferences and gatherings, including the *Raising Hope Conference* marking the 10th anniversary of *Laudato Si'*, where it shared how nonviolent action contributes to the protection of Creation; the **Fifth World Meeting of Popular Movements**; and the celebration of the 60th anniversary of *Nostra Aetate*, to which it was invited by the Dicastery for Interreligious Dialogue. In addition, CNI presented at the **European Academy of Religion** Conference in Vienna, where Nicolás Paz, Wolfgang Palaver, Adnane Mokrani, and others helped advance an emerging international working group on an interreligious theology of nonviolence.



In 2025, the **CNI Fall Series** and Education Committee advanced formation on Gospel Nonviolence. The Fall Series brought a programme focused on rediscovering the theme of nonviolence through various artistic disciplines (Visual Arts, Music, Film, Theatre, Poetry and Dance) while the Education Committee strengthened academic partnerships and promoted nonviolence in Catholic education. Together, they contributed to fostering a deeper culture of nonviolence within the Church.

In collaboration with Campaign Nonviolence and the Regional Institute for the Study and Practice of Strategic Nonviolent Action in the Americas, CNI helped animate the **Catholic Nonviolence Days of Action**, launched the campaign to become a Catholic Nonviolence Days of Action Animator, joined the Rise and Shine coalition in the United States, and accompanied and supported the 40-day fast for the children of Gaza by Mairead Maguire, Nobel Peace Prize laureate and member of the Advisory Council of Pax Christi's Catholic Institute for Nonviolence.

Numerous articles on nonviolence, authored by or featuring CNI, were published in English, French, Spanish and German across Catholic media outlets and specialized journals, alongside a range of interviews and media contributions, including those with [L'Osservatore Romano](#), [Vatican News](#), [ACI Press](#), [Presenza](#) and various [podcast](#) platforms.

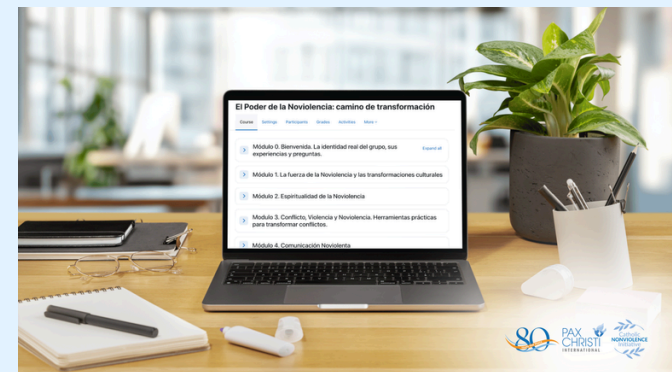


## Catholic Institute for Nonviolence

The Catholic Institute for Nonviolence is a project of CNI focused on advancing this vision through theological reflection, research, knowledge about the best strategies and contextual practices, and formation. As a project of CNI, the Catholic Institute for Nonviolence continues to develop. The three Institute sections (on Gospel Nonviolence and the Role of the Church; Nonviolent Practice and Strategic Power, and Contextual Experiences of Nonviolence) are all active and are now working with over 40 nonviolence researchers, theologians, practitioners who have become Institute Associates.

In 2025 the Catholic Institute for Nonviolence:

- hosted an online certificate program of five two-hour sessions for Lasallian institutions worldwide on **The Power of Active Nonviolence: Transforming Lives, Changing the World** (about 90 teachers, administrators, and counselors attended the sessions; 100 others registered to be able to access the recordings), and
- organized an online course on Gospel nonviolence in Spanish: **The Power of Nonviolence: A Path of Transformation**. More than 150 people from 16 different countries (Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, USA, Ecuador, Spain, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Peru, Puerto Rico, Uruguay, and Venezuela) participated.



Throughout the year we offered excellent seminars in Rome, including:

- *Why Nonviolence Now?* with Adnane Mokrani PhD, Muslim scholar and professor on nonviolence at the Gregorian Centre for Interreligious Studies; Debora Tonelli PhD, Georgetown University representative in Rome and editor of *Exiting Violence*; and Msg. Indunil Kodithuwakku, Secretary of the Dicastery for Interreligious Dialogue.
- *Mobilizing Nonviolent Social Change: Lessons from Latin America* with Belen Garrido, PhD, Regional Institute for the Study and Practice of Strategic Nonviolent Action in the Americas (Ecuador).
- *Gospel Nonviolence and the Life of the Church* with Terrence Rynne, PhD, Marquette University (U.S.); Wolfgang Palaver, PhD, University of Innsbruck, ret (Austria); and Anna Blackman PhD, University of Glasgow (Scotland).
- *Integrating Nonviolence into the Life and Mission of Maryknoll Lay Missioners* with Dan Moriarty, MA, Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns (U.S.) and Joanne Blaney, Maryknoll lay Missioner (Brasil).
- *The Role of the Catholic Church in Nonviolent Resistance Against the Pinochet Dictatorship in Chile* with Consuelo Amat, PhD, Johns Hopkins University (U.S.).

The Institute Section on **Gospel Nonviolence and the Life of the Church** convened a virtual roundtable on June 25 and the Section on **Nonviolent Practices and Strategic Power** did the same on July 9. Both had substantial conversations with an expanded circle of theologians, practitioners, and researchers who were willing to help the Institute take shape in the coming months.

For the Association of Women at the Vatican, the Institute arranged an introduction to nonviolent communications by Line Sandrini, Trainer in Nonviolent Communication certified by the Center for Nonviolent Communication

Upon the invitation of Fr. Carlo Casalone, SJ, chair of Synod Working Group #9, the Institute submitted to the ongoing Synodal process first person accounts of nonviolent actions in Serbia by Ivan Marovic, one of the leaders of OTPOR, the Serbian student resistance movement; in Colombia by Harold Montufar, mayor of a peace community; and in Kenya by nonviolence trainer, Elisabeth Kanini Kimau.

We were able to meet Pope Leo XIV briefly during a general audience and to share with him our book **Advancing Nonviolence and Just Peace in the Church and the World** and a brochure about the Catholic Institute for Nonviolence.

We have been listening with great care to the messages of Pope Leo and have been creating a dossier of the Holy Father's messages on peace and nonviolence. It will be available [here](#) and have been publishing the bimonthly **Catholic Nonviolence Initiative newsletter**.



# Pax Christi International Team

## International Board

The end of 2025 marked the conclusion of the mandate of the one of the Co-Presidents, and some of the Pax Christi International Board Members elected in 2022. As the new mandate began, some members were reappointed, while others completed their service, having made a valuable contribution to the growth and strengthening of the Movement.

Taking office on 1 December 2025, the new Board is composed, in addition to the two Co-Presidents, of 14 members from all regions of the world, reflecting the global character and multilateral nature that distinguish Pax Christi International.

At the end of 2025, the mandate of **Bishop Emeritus Marc Stenger**, who served as Co-President of Pax Christi International, also came to a close. We extend our sincere gratitude for his generous service and steadfast commitment throughout his term, through which he made a significant contribution to the life and mission of the Movement. As decided by the Board, Bishop Stenger remains supporting the Movement as Emeritus Co-President.

Co-President **Sister Teresa Wamuyu Wachira** will continue to serve in her role for the next four-year term.



We warmly welcome **Bishop Jose Colin Bagaforo** as the new Co-President of Pax Christi International, with joy and gratitude.



He serves as Bishop of the Diocese of Kidapawan in the Philippines and is a nationally recognized voice for social justice and environmental integrity.

Rooted in pastoral ministry and public engagement, his work addresses environmental exploitation, corruption, and the defense of marginalized communities, particularly indigenous peoples affected by extractive industries. He has played a visible role in national moral renewal efforts and civil society coalitions advocating ethical governance.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to all Board members who are concluding their service, for their generous commitment and the dedication they have made to the journey of Pax Christi International over these years.

Sr. Elena Balatti

Fr. Jan Peters

Mary Yelenick

Nora Carmi

Sr. Patricia Ryan

Fr. Paul Lansu

Dr. Jasmin Nario-Galace

# Our new Board, officially in office from the beginning of 2026:

Co-President



**Sr. Teresia Wamuyu Wachira**

Kenya

Co-President



**Bishop Jose Colin Bagaforo**

Philippines

Treasurer



**Margaret (Maggie)  
Galley**

Australia



**Marhegane  
Godefroid**

DRC



**Fr. Antonio (Tonio)  
Dell'Olio**

Italy



**Sr. Bridget Crisp -  
rsm**

Aotearoa - New Zealand



**Grace Buckley**

Scotland



**Isabel Aguilar  
Umaña**

Guatemala



**José Henríquez  
Leiva**

El Salvador



**Marie-Noëlle  
Koyara**

Central African Republic



**Martin Pilgram**

Germany



**Caesar D'Mello**

Australia



**Sr. Mary Atimango**

South Sudan



**Natalia Eugenia  
Velásquez Ríos**

Colombia



**Rojer Salameh**

Palestine



**W. Michael Slattery**

USA

# Pax Christi International Staff



**Martha Inés Romero**  
Secretary General



**Dirk Broos**  
Administrative & Financial Officer



Until September

**Teresa De Vivo**  
Fundraising Officer



**Giulia Bordin**  
Advocacy Officer



**Marie Dennis**  
Director of the Catholic Institute for Nonviolence



**Nicolás Paz**  
Director of the Catholic Nonviolence Initiative



**A. Dieudonné Serukabuza**  
Africa Regional Coordinator



**Diego Alejandro Garcia Pedraza**  
Latin America and Caribbean Program Officer



Until February

**Lise Brument**  
Communications Assistant



From March

Until June

**Shreya Ghosh**  
Communications Assistant



From August

**Alessio Garofalo**  
Communications Assistant



From October

**Franka Egbe**  
Programme Assistant

# Pax Christi International Representatives



## UN New York

- **Mary Yelenick**  
Main Representative
- **Elizabeth Begley**  
Additional Representative
- **Anthony Donovan**  
Additional Representative
- **Reena Geevarghese**  
Additional Representative
- **Doug Hostetter**  
Additional Representative
- **Amy Rini**  
Additional Representative
- **Sophie Jay**  
Youth Representative
- **Abigail Abysalh Metzger**  
Additional Representative
- **Moses Osiro**  
Additional Representative (Kenya)
- **Marie Dennis**  
Senior Director of CNI



## UN Geneva

- **Jonathan Frerichs**  
Main Representative
- **Mattia Tosato**  
Additional Representative



## UNESCO Paris

- **Bérengère Savelieff**  
Additional Representative
- **Beatrice Forestan**  
Additional Representative



## UN Vienna

- **Elisabeth Jungmeler**  
Main Representative



## Council of Europe Strasbourg

- **Alfonso Zardi**  
Main Representative

# Our Supporters

## BUILDING PEACE BOUND BY HOPE

The milestone of 80 years of shared commitment to nonviolence stands as a clear testament to the continuity and strength of an endeavour that spans generations and crosses borders. Throughout this time, people from all over the world have chosen to walk alongside us, offering their time and energy, and working with us every day in the pursuit of peace. For the Anniversary, we convey our special gratitude to **Porticus**, the **Italian Bishops' Conference (CEI)**, **Pax Christi Aotearoa New Zealand**, **Mary Yelenick**, **Fr. Paul Lansu**, **Jo Hassens**, the **Kardinaal Alfrink Peace Fund (KAVF)**, and all the Pax Christi International members who contributed to the success of our Gathering.

If we have reached this point today, it is above all thanks to all those who, even now, continue to support this mission with consistency and conviction, keeping it alive and meaningful in the present: Religious Congregations, Solidarity Friends of the Movement, Foundations, institutional partners and collaborating organisations.

We extend our deepest gratitude to all contributors and donors whose generosity makes it possible to sustain our programmes and to strengthen our advocacy and solidarity work across the world.

A special thanks goes to the **Pax Christi International Fund for Peace** for its invaluable and ongoing support of our fundraising efforts in the United States, and for its steadfast trust in our mission.

*Thank you!*



# In loving memory

At the close of another year of our shared journey, we pause to look back on the path we have travelled together, holding in prayer all our companions and members of the Pax Christi family who, during 2025, completed their earthly pilgrimage and returned to the Father's house.

With gratitude and affection, we remember in particular **Bishop Thomas McMahon**, Honorary Vice-President of Pax Christi England and Wales, **Fr Chris Ponnet**, a long-standing leader of Pax Christi Southern California, and **Patrick Hanssens**, whose decades of missionary service in Panama were marked by his unwavering commitment to synodal pastoral leadership and local communities. Together with them, we honour the memory of all those who dedicated their lives to the promotion of peace, leaving a profound mark on our communities and on our Movement.

One year after his passing, we also remember with gratitude **Fr Joseph "Joe" Nangle**, OFM, co-founder of the Pax Christi International Fund for Peace and an tireless advocate of Gospel nonviolence. To honour his memory and carry forward his spiritual legacy, the **Joe Nangle OFM Fund for a Nonviolent Future** was established in 2025, with the aim of supporting Pax Christi International's work in advancing nonviolence. During the same year, colleagues, friends and members of the Movement gathered to celebrate his life and legacy, bearing witness to the enduring influence of his vision and its ability to inspire new generations of peacemakers.

Their witness continues to accompany and inspire us. The journey towards peace that they helped to build does not end with their passing; rather, it lives on through the commitment of those who continue the work of reconciliation today.

May God welcome them into the fullness of His peace, reward the good they have sown in the world, and strengthen all of us to carry forward, with courage and hope, the mission to which they devoted their lives. May their example remain a light along our path and a constant reminder of our shared calling to build a more just and peaceful world.



# Financial Results

## BALANCE SHEET 2025

€ EUROS    \$ US DOLLARS

### ASSETS

INTANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS	€ 2.865,50	\$3.365,99
MATERIAL FIXED ASSETS	€ 0,00	\$0,00
FINANCIAL FIXED ASSETS	€ 750,00	\$881,00
SHORT TERM AMOUNTS	€ 14.624,85	\$17.179,23
RECEIVABLES CASH ASSETS	€ 109.444,73	\$128.560,35
DEFERRALS AND ACCRUALS	€ 2.209,14	\$2.594,99
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>€ 129.894,22</b>	<b>\$152.581,54</b>

### LIABILITIES

RESERVES	€ 99.477,22	\$116.851,91
DEFICITS CARRIED FORWARD	-€ 223.264,74	-\$262.260,16
SHORT TERM DEBTS	€ 58.406,76	\$68.608,08
DEFERRALS AND ACCRUALS	€ 195.274,98	\$229.381,71
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>€ 129.894,22</b>	<b>\$152.581,54</b>

## INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT 2025

€ EUROS

\$ US DOLLARS

### EXPENSES 2025

Administration & Organisation	€ 267.298,43	\$313.984,78
Housing & Utility	€ 35.245,90	\$41.401,95
Publications, Printing & Campaign	€ 24.741,18	\$29.062,48
Advocacy & Representation	€ 48.515,92	\$56.989,71
Networking with Member Organisations, Partners & Youth	€ 42.768,25	\$50.238,15
Catholic Nonviolence Initiative	€ 118.707,02	\$139.440,39
Regional Programs	€ 199.996,11	\$234.927,43
80th anniversary Pax Christi International	€ 82.687,31	
Financial & Investment Costs	€ 37.885,51	\$44.502,59
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>€ 857.845,64</b>	<b>\$1.007.676,96</b>

### INCOME 2025

Membership Fees	€ 147.555,84	\$173.327,94
PCI Grants	€ 262.562,26	\$308.421,38
CNI Grant	€ 224.565,53	\$263.788,15
PCI Donations	€ 97.678,91	\$114.739,51
CNI Donations	€ 126.981,53	\$149.160,12
Recuperations	€ 36.669,23	\$43.073,88
Financial revenues	€ 419,58	\$492,86
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>€ 896.432,88</b>	<b>\$1.053.003,85</b>

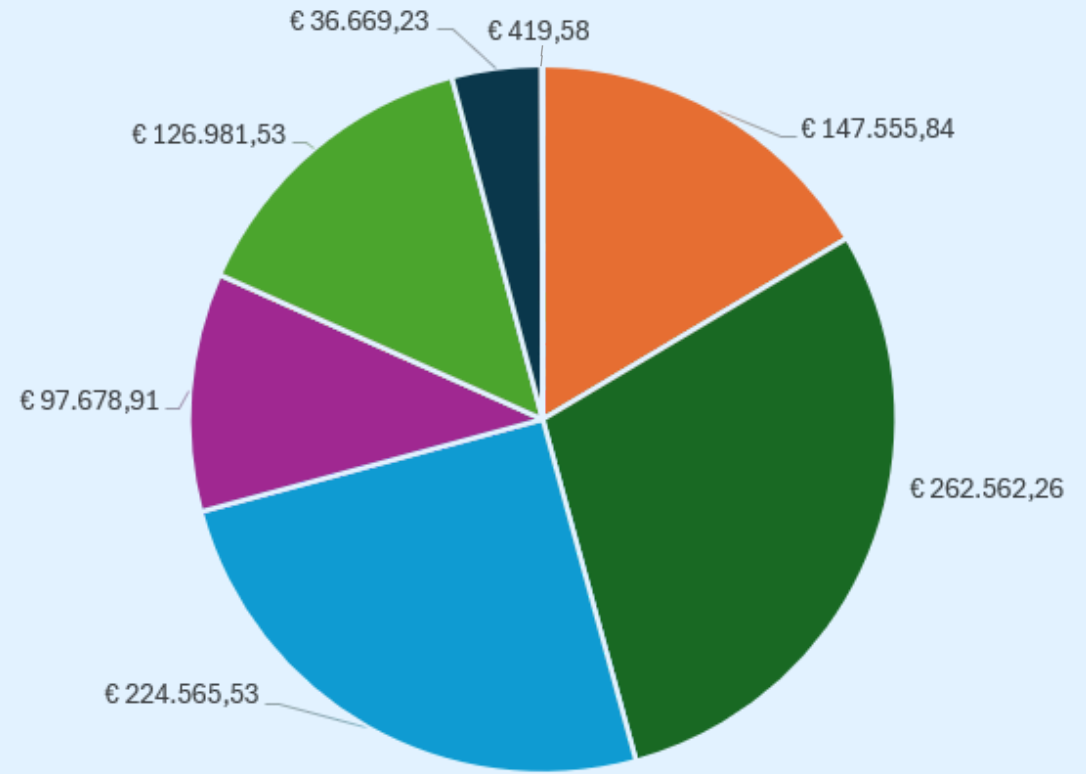
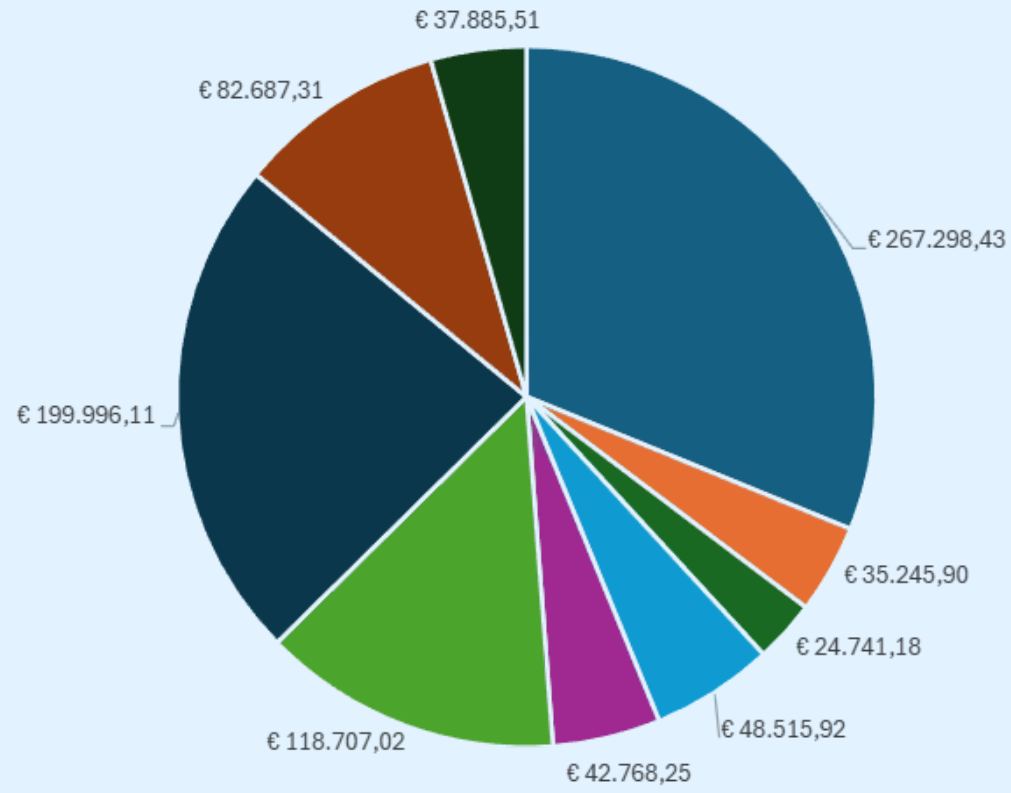
## FINANCIAL RESULT YEAR

€ 38.587,24

\$45.326,89

# Expenses 2025

# Income 2025



- Administration & Organisation
- Housing & Utility
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- Catholic Nonviolence Initiative
- Regional Programmes
- Pax Christi International's 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
- Financial & Investment Costs

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