



The Confessional Evangelical Lutheran Conference Ninth Triennial Convention

GRIMMA, GERMANY
JUNE 29 – JULY 2, 2017

GEREJA LUTHERAN INDONESIA



History *GEREJA LUTHERAN INDONESIA*

1964 – Martinus Adam, an evangelist in the Christian Chinese Church who had become familiar with the teaching of confessional Lutheranism, organizes the Confessional Lutheran Church of Indonesia.



1968 – Martinus Adam writes to the Lutheran Free Churches in France, Belgium, and Germany. The information is forwarded to WELS Board for World Missions (WELS-BWM).

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1969 – Correspondence continues between WELS-BWM, Martinus Adam. A WELS team visits Indonesia. Anak Agung Dipa Pandji Tisna, a Balinese Hindu convert to Christianity is sent to Hong Kong to study there with WELS pastors.



Former Balinese prince Anak Agung Dipa Pandji Tisna helped bring the saving word to the people of Indonesia to the time of his death in 1991.

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1971 – Pastor A. B. Habben is sent by WELS Indonesia. After a month the WELS relationship with Martinus Adam was severed and Habben returned to the USA. A layman named Epiphanius continued the work in Sukabumi as an evangelist.



Evangelist J. E. Epiphanius “held the fort” at Sukabumi waiting for the day when WELS would again send missionaries to Indonesia.

WELS pastors
who served GLI
since 1979

Howard Festerling (5 years)

Bruce Ahlers (14 years)

Robert Sawall (8 years)

Gary Schult (8 years)

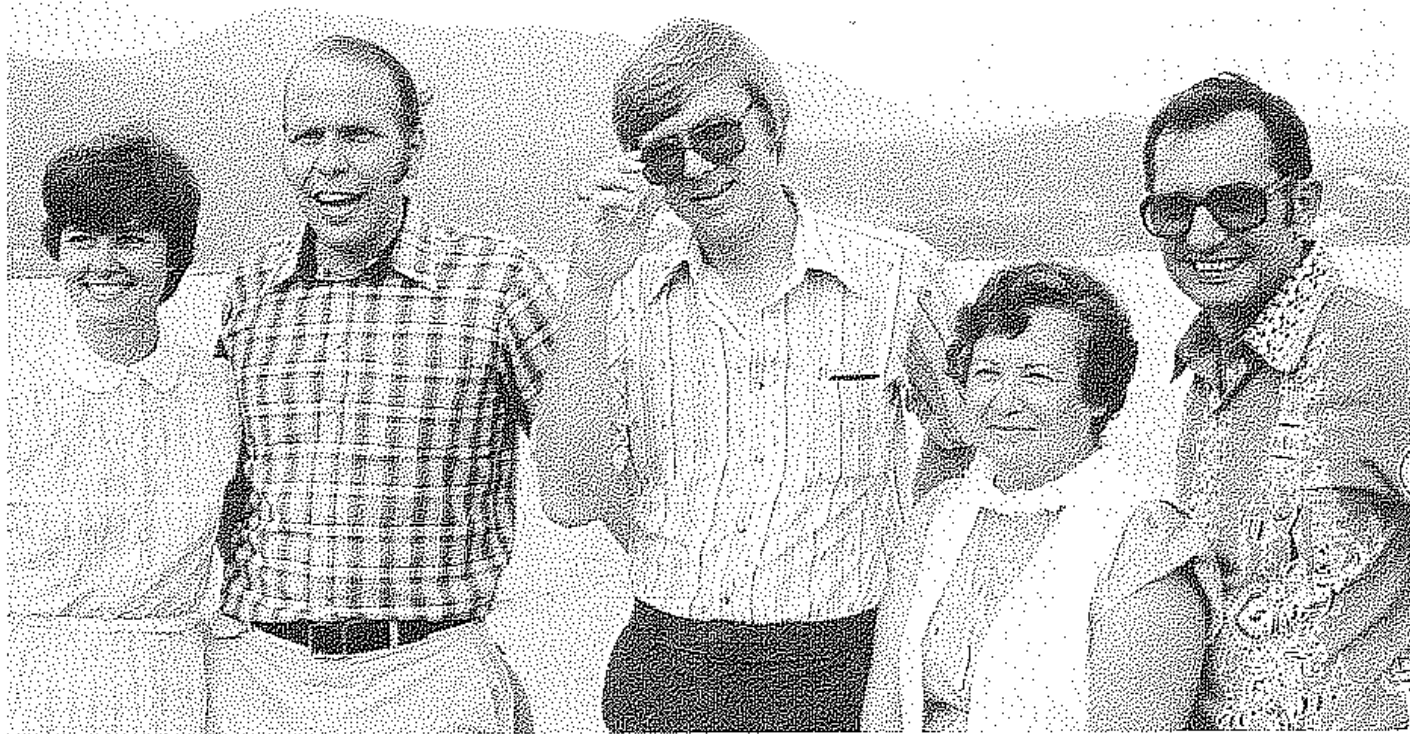
Gregory Bey (2 years)

Roger Schultz (2 years)

Pieter Reid (19 years)

Gregory Bey (2011)

1973 – Pandji returns to Indonesia to share the
gospel with others



Howard Festerling, Bruce Ahlers, and Robert Sawall formed the first missionary team for Indonesia. Also shown, Judy Festerling and Charlene Sawall.

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1984 – A seminary is organized to train evangelists and pastors. The various WELS pastors who worked in Indonesia served as theological instructors and advisors.

2003 – Gereja Lutheran Indonesia is accepted into fellowship by WELS as an independent church body.

2004 – Outreach efforts in Papua, Nusa Tenggara Timur (NTT), and East Java are begun.

2005 – Gereja Lutheran Indonesia joins the Confessional Evangelical Lutheran Conference.

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2011 – Rev. Gregory Bey, called by WELS to serve as a seminary professor at Sekolah Tinggi Teologi Lutheran (STTL), with his wife Connie.



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Training

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STTL - Yogyakarta



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STTL STUDENTS & RECENT GRADUATES



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2012 – Initial outreach in Kalimantan is begun.

2014 – Four young men complete their theological studies at STTL and are assigned as vicars.

Kingdom Workers (KW) commits manpower to help GLI in its efforts to build bridges into communities via humanitarian aid.

2015 – Ten evangelists are ordained as pastors.

Representatives from GLI attend the first regional CELC convention including one man who presents a paper on baptism.

The First Generation of Pastors

(L-R: Rev. Hardono, Rev. Sutarno, Rev. Bambang,
and Rev. Warsito (GLI chairman))



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Gereja Lutheran Indonesia

Regions with Posts or Congregations



Exploratory Efforts



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Kaum Wanita in Central Java



Seminars for Called Worker & Students



Preaching Post in West Timor



A Humble Facility with a Glorious Message



Celebrating Christmas in Yogyakarta



Songs and Study at Bible Camp



The purpose of Gereja Lutheran Indonesia is to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ and testify to the truth of the Bible, to guide people in the path of righteousness and save the souls of men, as taught in the Old and New Testaments of the Bible, as well as to gather people together as a church and serve the people who believe in the Triune God in love and to the glory of God.

GLI TODAY – DECEMBER 2015

Membership

Baptized Souls 1,334

Communicants 855

Congregations 5

Preaching Posts 25

Average Attendance

Weekly Worship 790

Sunday School 304

National Pastors 15

National Evangelists 6

National Vicars 15

Bible Classes

454

Seminary Students 9

Expatriate Advisor 1

Expatriate Volunteer 1

Membership Classes

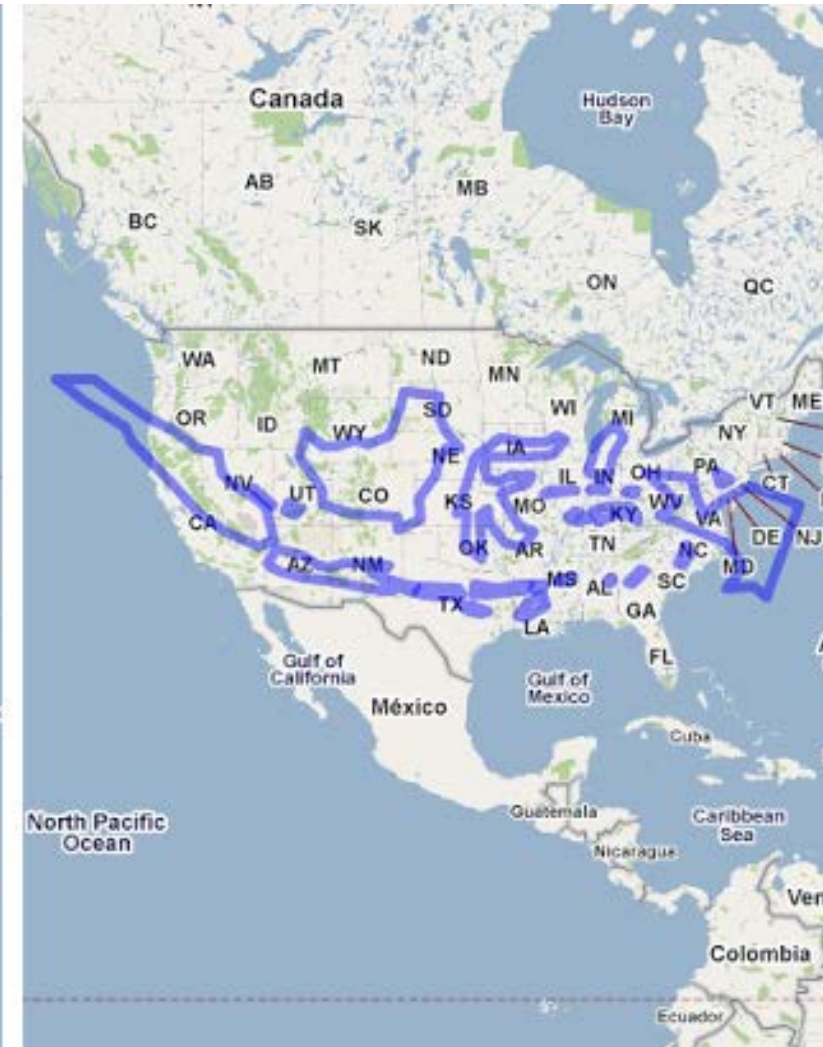
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LINGUISTICS & ETHNICITIES

Global Recordings Network

- 500 tribes-1000 languages

travel-indonesia.com

- 583 spoken languages & ethnic groups

University of Washington

- over 300 spoken languages



GOVERNMENT AND RELIGION

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Muslim – 87%

Protestant – 7%

Catholic – 3%

Hindu – 2%

Buddhist: 0.75%

Confucianism: 0.05%

Unknown: 0.20%

Prayer Requests

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Please pray for outreach opportunities in Nusa Tenggara Timur



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Please pray for stability in Papua



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Please Pray For

- *GLI's commitment to doctrinal purity as a confessional, evangelical Lutheran church.*
- *GLI's desire to grow in the grace of giving and its understanding of the doctrines of Christian stewardship.*
- *STTL's efforts to improve its worker training program.*
- *For faithful leaders, ministers, and members.*
- *For more opportunities to share the gospel with lost souls.*

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Please Pray For

*STTL's efforts to improve its worker training
program and build a new campus.*



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