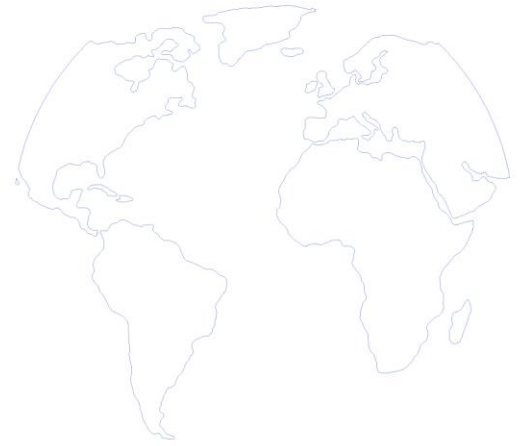




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Preface

Dear reader,

Silent Saturday

Today is silent Saturday. A day to become silent. To let you realize that our guilt is borne by our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Yesterday, during the Good Friday service, Psalm 69, in which the suffering of the Lord Jesus is so deeply described, was introduced with the '[Erbarme dich](#)' from the Matthaüs Passion. During the meeting in New Jersey on 'threats to religious freedom' on March 15, it was discussed WHY those threats exist. Our board member John Van Der Brink rightly notes that this is a consequence of our personal and national sins. We have no choice but cry out with Peter, who betrayed Jesus: 'Erbarme dich, mein Got' (Have mercy on me, my God).

Support base

In addition to the regular work at international organizations, the past quarter was also devoted to informing our supporters about the work of CCI. Various events took place in the US, Canada and the Netherlands. Thanks to Gerrit Rozendaal from Chilliwack, BC, we are investigating whether CCI can also be established in Canada.

UN Fellowship New York and Geneva

Since this year, CCI has something new: the opportunity for students and other interested parties to become acquainted with CCI's field of work. Our representative in the US, Mark den Hollander, organized a week for his fellow students from Hillsdale College (Michigan) in New York around the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW68). A parallel conference co-organized by CCI, the Conference on the State of Women and Families (CSWF), was also held there. Read more about the students' involved stories in the newsletter.



Peter Smith followed the CSW68 online for us, see his report.

A group of interested people from the Netherlands left for the UN in Geneva, which provided valuable insights. We were allowed to have one of the participants, Wilmer Hak, law student, speak during a hearing in Geneva(!).

Africa

Despite the ideological battle that prevails, CCI will continue to stand up for Life, Family and Freedom in the treaties between the EU and the African, Caribbean and Pacific countries. The team in Africa will soon be expanded.

Read this and more in our newsletter.

May 3 and 4 Päivi Räsänen

You are cordially invited to attend one of our events in Gouda and Urk regarding: the arrival of the persecuted Päivi Räsänen to the Netherlands.

Easter

Tomorrow we hope to remember that Jesus rose from the dead. This allows us to approach the future, which we sometimes view bleakly when we see what is coming our way, with hope.

We wish you Blessed Easter!

On behalf of the CCI team,

Henk Jan van Schothorst

Director Christian Council International



Fields of Work

News from Africa (ACP)




African Values are not to be exchanged for European Funding- Rt Hon. Thomas Tayebwa Deputy Speaker of the Ugandan parliament

2024 started with a hard to swallow truth. While almost half of the 79 African, Caribbean, and Pacific (ACP) countries did not sign the EU-ACP Agreement during the signing ceremony on 15 November 2023, by the time it was January 2024, most of those initially-refusing countries also signed; including Uganda and Malawi. While those two countries in particular had been quite vocal against the Agreement, the EU was able to convince them to sign by promising that they had the chance to make reservations within the first year after signing. The EU even appointed CCI's close friend and vocal opponent of the Agreement, Uganda's Deputy Speaker Hon. Tayebwa, to represent East Africa in the Organization of African, Caribbean, and Pacific States (OACPS). Luckily, Nigeria did not sign yet, partly thanks to the World Press Conference held by CCI's close allies in collaboration with CCI.

CCI will continue working with the National Parliaments of the ACP countries to help their governments (through a resolution) to request for an Amendment to the Agreement in relation to the violations against life, family and freedom.

One way in which CCI aims to strengthen its presence on the African continent is by hiring 1-2



interns to support in setting up a Pan-African Network of CCI allies in each African country in order to level up the lobbying and advocacy activities across the continent.

The newly hired intern(s) will be introduced in the next newsletter.

News from the UN New York

United Nations Fellowship New York great success



12 students mainly from Hillsdale College had a terrific week at CCI United Nations Fellowship New York. Because of increasing progressive dominance at #CSW68, CCI helped organize a really women and family friendly conference #CSWF concentrating on the State, not Status of them.

Read the article 'STUDENTS ATTEND UNITED NATIONS SUMMIT' on the Hillsdale Collegian: <https://hillsdalecollegian.com/2024/03/students-attend-united-nations-summit/>

Reports on CCI United Nation Fellowship, March 11-16, 2024

The students were asked the following: Please explain your thoughts on the UN, why conservatives should or should not be involved, what you have learned, and how this experience helped shape you. What should other young conservatives know about the UN?

Read here their stories:

<https://www.christiancouncilinternational.org/news/opinion/2024/united-nations-fellowship-new-york-great-success>



Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a disgrace to any people

By: Peter Smith

**Commission on the Status of Women - Sixty-eighth session - 11-22 March 2024
Accelerating the achievement of gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls by addressing poverty and strengthening institutions and financing with a gender perspective**



Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a disgrace to any people. Ref 1

For the past two weeks I have observed this meeting by webcam, and read the outcome document of 29 pages and fourteen and a half thousand words. Ref 2 As usual for a UN document there are 91 mentions of rights, but

only 4 for responsibility. In the Bible there are 18 references to “rights”, the remainder of the 1200 pages is about our responsibilities towards God and mankind.

There are no positive comments about men, nor is marriage promoted, nor sexual purity. However there is a good paragraph on the family, Ref 3. A group of countries speaks on behalf of the family, Ref. 4 In opposition to this group is UN Free and Equal – LGBTI + Ref. 5

There were 9 references to reproductive health in many variations. Fortunately there is a reference to the Cairo and Beijing documents, which means abortion is only allowed where legal, no international right to it. See Ref. 6. My Culture of Death award this year goes to France. Their delegate bragged about how they have included a right to abortion in their constitution. No doubt a reaction to the US supreme court voting down its federal right to abortion (Roe v. Wade). Of course the Holy See made the best pro-life statement as they always do.

There was much debate about the feminization of poverty. This will be prevented if a woman finds a good husband and they stick together, for better or for worse. Of course the UN does not like this kind of talk as it sheds a positive light on men. There was also a lot of reference to the gender pay gap, an excellent book has been written on this. Ref 7. One of my favorite speakers on YouTube is Dr. Thomas Sowell, he speaks about wealth and poverty brilliantly. Ref 8.

Diversity is mentioned in this document. However no pro-life/pro-family NGOs were permitted to hold side events. Also none of us were permitted to speak at the session. This is just one aspect of their hypocrisy and double dealing. At 5.50pm last Friday a facilitator’s text was released as there was no agreed document. The Chairman tried to ram through this document, however the delegate from Nigeria objected. I am certain a phone call was made to her Ambassador and she removed her objection. There was not even time to read this document, and no chance to put in

reservations, They will now claim this is an **agreed** text.

As I began to be involved with UN meetings back in 1995, I feel that I have a some experience at the UN. There is much talk about gender equality at the Commission on the Status of women. However I believe their plan is to impose **matriarchy** on the world. There is never a push for more lady bricklayers , or diesel mechanics, nor sewerage workers. However there is always a push for women to get high status occupations , be presidents and prime ministers. There is currently a push for the next Secretary General to be a woman.

References

1. Proverbs 14:34
2. [Full document – Ref T129](#)
3. **Family paragraph** - The Commission acknowledges women’s and girls’ critical contributions to their **families**, and communities and societies. It recognizes the importance of implementing **family-friendly** and **family-oriented policies** aimed at, inter alia, achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls and their enjoyment of all human rights by addressing poverty in all its forms and dimensions, including extreme poverty and the feminization of poverty and strengthening institutions and financing with a gender perspective, and also recognizes the need to ensure that all poverty eradication policies and programs are responsive to the changing needs and expectations of **families** in fulfilling their numerous functions and that the rights, capabilities and responsibilities of **all family members** are respected.
4. **Group of the Friends of the Family** – Bangladesh, Comoros, Egypt, Indonesia, Iran , Iraq, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Libya, Malaysia, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Oman,

Pakistan, Qatar, Russian Fed., Saudi Arabia, Somalia, Sudan, Tajikistan, Yemen, Uganda & Zimbabwe. Total =25

5. **UN Free and Equal – LGBTI +** This group is co-chaired by Argentina and The Netherlands and also includes Albania, Australia, Belgium, Bolivia, Brazil, Cabo Verde, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Croatia, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Finland, France, Germany,

Honduras, Iceland, Ireland, Israel. Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Malta, Mexico, Montenegro, Nepal, Peru, New Zealand, North Macedonia, Norway, Portugal, South Africa, Spain , Sweden, Timor Leste, UK, USA, & Uruguay, Total = 43

6. Ensure universal access to sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights, **in accordance with the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development and the Beijing Platform for Action** and the outcome documents of their review conferences, including universal access to sexual and reproductive health-care services, including for family planning, information and education and the integration of reproductive health into national strategies and programs, and recognizing that the human rights of women include their right to have control over and decide freely and responsibly on all matters related to their sexuality, including sexual and reproductive health, free of coercion, discrimination and violence, as a contribution to the achievement of gender equality and the empowerment of women and the realization of their human rights, including in addressing poverty and strengthening institutions and financing with a gender perspective.
7. A book called , “ The startling truth behind the pay gap – and what women can do



about it. **Why men earn more than women** by Warren Farrell Ph.D.

- 8. Hoover Institution : Wealth, Poverty & Politics <https://youtu.be/sGYl17DiEwo>

Peter Smith represents CCI at the UN in New York

News from America

Good interest in CCI's message in North America From January 18 until February 2, 2024, CCI had the opportunity to present itself at various locations in North America: Sunnyside WA, Chilliwack BC, Monarch AB and Hillsdale MI. The message of Life, Family and Freedom (of religion and education) was well received. The first week of this fruitful journey, Henk Jan van Schothorst was accompanied by Riekelt Pasterkamp.

Sunnyside WA, USA

January 19, 2024



A presentation was scheduled to be given on [January 18 in Sunnyside](#). However, due to heavy snowfall, this was postponed a day. Despite this, there was good attention for CCI's work. The visit and presentation in Sunnyside was very much appreciated. One of the visitors: "We are happy to see that there is someone at the table presenting the Christian view point. We are living in troubled times with many false and demonic philosophies especially among the elites of the world."

Chilliwack BC, Canada

January 23, 2024



On [January 23, a fundraising dinner](#) was held, well organized by Gerrit Rozendaal, CCI representative Canada. The evening in Chilliwack was well attended with more than 100 people. Before the CCI presentation there was a dinner. One of the visitors afterwards: "It was a good evening. Henk Jan is a hero and his organization inspires many people for a good cause."

Moderator was [Riekelt Pasterkamp](#).

Monarch AB, Canada

January 30, 2024



On [January 30 a meeting was held in Monarch AB](#). It was also an encouraging get-together here.

Hillsdale MI, USA




February 1, 2024

In preparation to the [United Nations Fellowship](#), Henk Jan van Schothorst held a talk at Hillsdale College on February the 1st. Mission of the United Nations Fellowship: To provide a first-hand experience to students about the work of the United Nations from a broad Christian

perspective at the 68th Commission on the Status of Women.

Threats to Religious Freedom at the EU and the UN

Date: February 1, 2024 **Location:** Formal Lounge
Time: 5 pm **Format:** Interview

Topics being addressed:

- International organizations and their influence on religious liberty
- Current trends to look out for in the undermining of religious ideals
- Why conservatives should understand what is at stake
- How the EU and the UN target religious issues
- Working together with different people of faith around religious issues

About Henk Jan van Schothorst:

Henk Jan Van Schothorst is the founder of Christian Council International (CCI), an organization that raises awareness on cultural and religious issues. Van Schothorst brings a Christian voice and perspective to international organizations including the United Nations (UN), the European Union (EU), the African Union (AU), the Organization for Security and Cooperation (OSCE), and their member states.

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way of life that we hold dear. Reflections were also shared about WHY these things are happening – it is because of our personal and national sins that God withdraws Himself from us and our society. So there is a need for personal and national repentance for God to show mercy.

The speakers also shared some encouraging news. When people become involved and make their voices heard, politicians listen, and the Lord can bless the smallest efforts put forth. It is our desire that the seemingly insignificant means we use may receive His blessing and that the freedoms we have may be preserved for a future generation.

Each of the three speakers spoke for 20 minutes about threats to religious freedoms faced by the organizations they represent – Mr Wright on the state level, Ms. Dulin on the national level, and Mr. Van Schothorst on the international level. They then participated in a panel discussion and a question-and-answer session about various interrelated issues.

Threats to Religious Freedom




By: John Van Der Brink

There was a very great turnout for the Information Evening on March 15 sponsored by the Religious Freedom Group. The speakers from each of the three organizations provided informative insights to the threats to religious freedoms on at the state, national and international level. The common theme throughout the evening was that there is a coordinated attack on the values, beliefs, and

Threats to Religious Freedoms

March 15, 2024 - 7:45 PM



Sponsored by Religious Freedom Group

Location: Netherlands Reformed Christian School
 164 Jacksonville Road, Pompton Plains, NJ 07444

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Threats to Religious Freedoms

March 15, 2024 - 7:45 PM
 NRCS, Pompton Plains, NJ

What is happening to religious freedoms in New Jersey, in the United States, and in the World?

The threat to religious freedoms in our state, country, and world has never been more real than it is today. Leftist policies and liberal legislation are constantly being produced, and in many cases go unnoticed until they reach levels that are difficult to resist. However, some organizations and people have dedicated their lives to exposing these dangerous trends. We are privileged to have three such people who are willing to come to our school on March 15 to present and answer your questions.

Each speaker will present for 20 minutes followed by a discussion panel to answer your questions. Literature is available from each organization, and you will have an opportunity to support them if you choose. They will also explain what you can do to get involved in helping us preserve the religious freedoms we hold dear. Please join us for an evening of information sharing and mutual support.



Alan Wright , New Jersey Family Policy Council

Allan F. Wright is resident of New Jersey, the executive director of NJ Family Policy Alliance, and has been involved in education in various roles for over thirty years. He is a popular speaker and is the author of twenty books. He is well-informed about the threat to religious freedoms in our state.



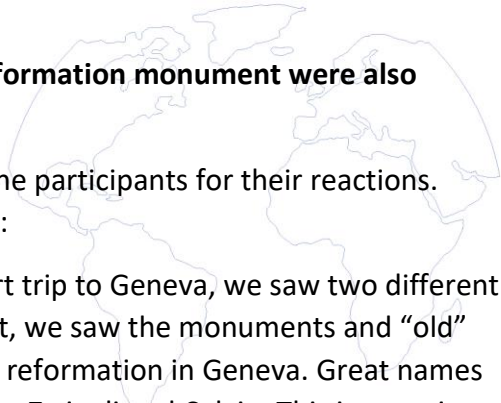
Kassie Dulin, First Liberty

Kassie Dulin serves as Director of Government Affairs and Counsel with First Liberty Institute, focusing on appellate litigation and legislative affairs in Washington DC and throughout the United States. Before law school, Dulin served as Chief Communications Officer for First Liberty Institute. She previously worked on local, state, and national political campaigns and consulted for several non-profit organizations.



Henk Jan Van Schothorst, Christian Council International

Henk Jan Van Schothorst is the founder and executive director of Christian Council International which is dedicated to confronting unbiblical legislation at the international level. He has traveled to many countries, is a regular advocate for religious freedom at the United Nations, and regularly visits lawmakers personally to provide direction and support.



and the Reformation monument were also visited.

We asked the participants for their reactions. Please read:

"In our short trip to Geneva, we saw two different worlds. First, we saw the monuments and "old" glory of the reformation in Geneva. Great names such as Beza, Zwingli and Calvin. This impressive city holds memories of these people who have mended so much for our faith. However, we also saw a different world. A world where a political agenda, that contradicts our faith, is pushed into the legislation of the nations. We met people who try to combat this practice, we saw the need for more warriors in this battle. To put it in other words, we saw that the work of the CCI is necessary, but also rewarding!"

"The importance of the presence of CCI and its voice was further underlined for me by the fact that a legal officer from Alliance Defending Freedom (ADF) told us that there were more than enough left-wing NGOs represented at the HRC, but unfortunately this does not apply to conservative NGOs. It is therefore important that (more) conservative NGOs are also physically present, so that our voice is not only audible but also given extra strength with literal visibility. In order to create more balance in influencing and to send a signal that in this day and age many people still support the conservative Christian voice."

"The visit to Geneva was a very cool experience. Sometimes you felt like you were in the lion's den. That is why it was so nice to see that there is still an NGO that, with His leadership, makes a conservative Christian voice heard."

A week after the visit to Geneva, we were able to send one of the participants, Wilmer Hak, back to Geneva on behalf of CCI and he spoke during the discussion of the resolution against violence, discrimination and harmful acts against intersex people at the [55th session of the Human Rights Council](#).

News From Europe

Two different worlds in Geneva - report from UN Fellowship Geneva



The first activity took place on February 26, 2024 in the context of the 'United Nations Fellowship Geneva'. A group of interested people from CCI's supporters had the opportunity to meet the UN Human Rights Council in Geneva, where the opening of the 55th session of the Human Rights Council took place. The church of John Calvin



The family, care or blessing? Good turnout at CCI meeting in Kesteren



During a CCI meeting in Kesteren, the value of the family was emphasized from politics with Diederik van Dijk of the SGP, education with Pieter Moens of the VGS and the business community with Henk Timmer of Babypark led by Riekelt Pasterkamp. "A watchful eye is necessary!"

Kesteren, February 29, 2024

Diederik van Dijk, member of the SGP faction, received this from CCI director Henk Jan van Schothorst towards the House of Representatives. Van Dijk explained that certain bills are guided silently through the chamber. For example, the word 'mother' on the birth certificate should be replaced by 'parent', so that transgender people can register as a parent instead of a mother. He also gave the example of social freezing, the freezing of eggs so that women can become pregnant at a later time.

“These are matters that have a high 'I' content; a free choice at the expense of the child”. A vigilant eye on the themes of life, family and freedom is needed not only in the House of Representatives, but also at the UN, the EU and other international institutions. This was argued by Henk Jan van Schothorst. He showed his heart when he told how he and his organization obtained accreditation with the United Nations. “It was no longer my business, but I could leave it in God's hands.” Pieter Moens, director of VGS, emphasized that we must stand up against too much government interference, such as the wish of the education inspectorate to speak to students at school privately. “We must speak out against gender ideology and raise our children ourselves.” And: “Stand firm for the order of creation.” Henk Timmer, owner of Babypark, is increasingly confronted with differently composed families that deviate from this order. It can also sometimes be seen in the range of products that they are no longer for boys or girls, but gender neutral. Timmer is still able to make his own choices here, but “this becomes difficult for a small self-employed person”. He sees the declining birth rate mainly reflected in the workforce. “There is a shortage of young people entering the business community.” The evening, which was opened and closed by Rev. Al-Chalabi, was preceded by an entrepreneurial dinner where the importance of the work of Christian Council International was underlined. “What's the problem?” van Schothorst quoted a Canadian donor. “The problem is that there are too few people in front positions where there is insufficient parliamentary control and we want to change that with your help.”

Family Seen?! CCI meeting March 28 in Leerbroek



We gathered on March 28 at Den Hartog Riet with well over 100 people in Leerbroek: Family Seen! The Endangered Cornerstone highlighted by Kees van der Staaij from a Dutch perspective, by their deputy ambassador Dr. Krisztina GOSZTONYI, Deputy Head of Mission Hungary, from a Hungarian perspective, by Bert-Jan Ruissen from Europe and by Henk Jan van Schothorst internationally.

Bert-Jan Ruissen: "The family must again become the cornerstone of society. And the tendency of Brussels to interfere in family law with a progressive-liberal agenda must be stopped. I was able to speak about this on Thursday evening at the invitation of [Christian Council International](http://www.christiancouncilinternational.org) and [SGP Vijfheerenlanden](http://www.sgp.nl) at [Den Hartog Riet](http://www.denhartogriet.nl) in Leerbroek.

D.V. May 3 and 4: Päivi Räsänen in the Netherlands



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Päivi Räsänen

Vervolgd politica, lid
 Christen Democratische
 partij Finland



Waarover: Bijbel in de beklagdenbank?
 Wat: Publieke bijeenkomst

Wanneer: D.V. vrijdag 3 mei, 20:00 uur, inloop vanaf 19:30 uur
 Waar: Sint-Janskerk Gouda, Achter de Kerk 2, Gouda
 Wie: Päivi Räsänen, Bert-Jan Ruissen, Chris Stoffer, Henk Jan van Schothorst, Riekelt Pasterkamp
 Muzikaal intermezzo door Vocaal Ensemble Lobet den Herrn o.l.v. Marijn Valk - Orgel/piano Leendert Verduijn

Wanneer: D.V. zaterdag 4 mei, 15:30 uur
 Waar: Ichthuskerk Urk, Richel 2, Urk
 Wie: Päivi Räsänen, Ds. R. de Jong, Nathanaël Middelkoop, Henk Jan van Schothorst, Riekelt Pasterkamp
 Muzikaal intermezzo

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Christian Council International in a nutshell



LIFE

What's at stake:

The EU wants to standardize abortion laws, LGBT promotion and sexualizing education internationally, here in a binding trade treaty with a group of 79 African, Caribbean, and Pacific (ACP) countries, more than 1 billion people. But education and health are matters which belong to national competencies. By pressuring these nations, the EU is subverting sovereignty and Christian values.

What we do:

We alert key leaders in ACP countries and in the EU so that complying with this pressure is prevented. Freedom to enact own legislation must be preserved.

FAMILY

What's at stake:

Western countries are trying to use the UN to add a new term to categories protected by nondiscrimination policies. This term is "sexual orientation and gender identity" (SOGI). Proponents would like to define gender as a feeling, a self-chosen identity, and not as a biological distinction. This new gender ideology denies the Biblical creation order.

What we do:

We participate in public discussions at the UN and lobby for worldwide respect for Biblical directives on marriage and the family.

FREEDOM

What's at stake:

Freedom of education, of religion, and of speech is under increasing international pressure, especially in the EU and the United States. Finnish Christian politician Päivi Räsänen is on trial for inciting hatred because of her expressed Biblical views on homosexuality and marriage. In a similar vein, Hungary is also under attack over its child protection laws.

What we do:

We stand up and publicly defend these freedoms. We provide moral and informational support to individuals and countries under attack for their Christian beliefs and culture.

What we achieve:

ACP-EU Treaty

National Sovereignty Secured

1. Due partly to our efforts to alert EU and ACP member states about serious content problems, the signing of the EU-ACP Treaty has been delayed, already for 2 years.
2. We spoke in the European Parliament to identify problems that would result from passing the Treaty. We also drafted written questions for the European Commission to answer.
3. Through our African office, we supported ACP Members of Parliament by asking critical questions during the EU-ACP Parliamentary Assembly.



President of Malawi with Henk Jan van Schothorst

United Nations

Norm Creation Order Maintained

1. Through our consultative status, we bring a Christian voice to the United Nations meeting rooms and actively monitor the ongoing agenda.
2. We managed to work with supporters to keep sexual orientation, gender identity, sexualizing education, and LGBT promotion out of norm-setting resolutions.
3. We help to prevent abortion from becoming an international human right.



Mark Den Hollander
CCI US representative to UN

Hungary - Finland - USA

Defense of Christian Freedom Supported

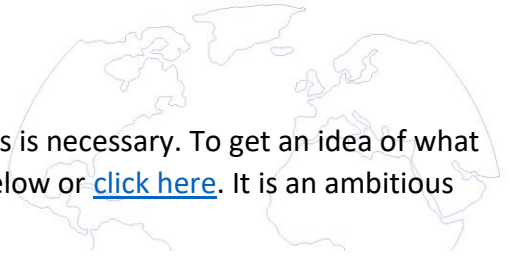
1. By supporting Hungary's defense of Christian values, we help to prevent the EU from reaching European and international consensus on pro LGBTQ+ and gender ideology.
2. Through our support of the Finnish politician Päivi Räsänen, awareness has been raised in the EU and member states that the Bible is on trial.
3. With our CCI branch in the US, a policymaker network is being formed for the defense of freedom of education and of religion.



CCI in Finland at Päivi Räsänen's court case

Financial support needed for CCI

In order for CCI's work to continue and expand, a steady flow of funds is necessary. To get an idea of what the project plan looks like for the next three years, see the picture below or [click here](#). It is an ambitious plan, but every contribution helps us!



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\$700,000 per year (Alternative plan B at least \$300,000 per year)



CCI PROGRAM JANUARY 2024 - DECEMBER 2026

Ambitious three-year program aiming to return Christian perspectives to the very center of public debate and policy in North America, Europe and worldwide.

The Program "For Life, Family and Freedom at UN, EU, AU, US and its Member States" protects Christian values and fundamental freedoms at a time when the Christian basis for these achievements is crumbling.

How?

- By using the powers provided by CCI's Consultative Status at the UN and EU, as well as high-level entrances in Africa and the US, to protect Christian values and freedoms and national sovereignty.
- By mobilizing an international network, such as from governments, NGOs, parliaments, churches, schools and media, to protect and defend life, family and freedom to policy makers.



**220,000
CAD per
year**

1. Project North-America

- Location: Washington DC/ Ottawa
- Permanent monitoring and action on the day-to-day affairs in US and Canadian politics.
- Supporting politically persecuted states and Christians.



**220,000
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year**

3. Project Europe

- Locations: Brussels, Strasbourg, Warsaw, Vienna
- Permanent monitoring and action on the day-to-day affairs at the EU Institutions and the OSCE.
- Supporting politically persecuted states and Christians.



**220,000
CAD per
year**

2. Project United Nations

- Locations: New York, Geneva
- Permanent monitoring and action on the day-to-day affairs at the UN Headquarters, the UN Human Rights Council, and WHO Office.
- Defending National Sovereignty



**365,000
CAD per
year**

4. Project ACP

- Location: Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)
- Permanent monitoring and action on the day-to-day affairs at the African Union (AU) and its member states, and the Caribbean and Pacific countries (with voting rights at the UN).



CCI's main activities across the four different project locations

- Contribute with oral and written statements to influence strategic policy- and decision-making meetings that threaten national sovereignty and Christian values and freedoms regarding life, family and freedom.
- Organize strategic side-events and awareness raising conferences.
- Maintain strong partnership relations with like-minded policy influencers.
- Organize regular online planning sessions to develop joint intervention strategies with key allies.
- Conduct research, gather and share information on concerning international policies / treaties, and write policy briefs and media articles.
- Supporting politically persecuted states and Christians.

Key policy focus areas

- **Dangerous policy key words** threatening life, family and freedom:
 - Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CSE) - sexualizing children
 - Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) - abortion rights
 - Sexual Orientation & Gender Identity (SOGI) - LGBT promotion
 - Safe Abortion - in relation to the rights of women as victims
- **Current international policies** that contain the above-stated dangerous keywords:
 - The new 20-year binding EU - ACP Agreement
 - Eastern and Southern Africa Ministerial Commitment
 - Communication European Commission on Hate Speech
 - WHO Treaty
 - Among others, and no doubt there is much more to come...

Expected Results

- Harmful policies / treaties blocked or amended in favor of life, family and freedom.
- A high-level international policy network established and effective in influencing policy at the US, UN, EU, and ACP level.

Use this sponsorship opportunity to showcase your stand for our shared Christian values and freedoms!

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