

"ESD in the context of global church partnerships: the Summer School 2024 at Mission EineWelt"

Although there has been something of a holistic approach to mission since its beginnings, the challenges for global cooperation have risen to an unprecedented level, both in terms of the urgency and the complexity of the problem.

As an internationally committed organization, Mission EineWelt (“Mission One World – a charity located in Neuendettelsau, Germany) has always been a link between the Global South and the Global North. This year, the summer school, which will be attended by delegates from more than a dozen nations, will address the issue of “climate justice” for the first time.

As explicitly mentioned in the invitation letter sent upfront, this issue concerns both the political and the spiritual community: “In our 2024 Summer School, we will work to gain a deeper understanding of the political, economic and ethical aspects of climate change and related justice issues. The aim is for the churches to raise their profile as social advocates, to put their visions for an appropriate treatment of creation into practice and to develop concepts for responsible action in society in the light of the biblical vision of justice, peace and the integrity of creation.”

In this paper we will show:

1. how sharing expertise from different contexts contributes to shared learning
2. what role the use of digital media can play in ESD
3. to what extent the understanding of “spiritual community” is related to this