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It is my privilege to present the Annual Report of the Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA). More than an accounting of how, in the year 2019, we directed our resources and energies, this is a testament to the love of Christ lived throughout the world — all because of your generosity, and the generosity of a family of friends and benefactors like you.

This report also stands as a tribute to the work of my predecessor, Msgr. John E. Kozar. The accounting of our projects and programs outlined here cover the last full year of his service to the church through this special agency of the Holy See.

What a legacy of dedication and love!

Behind the facts, figures and accompanying text in these pages are the stories of tens of thousands of people facing great challenges — poverty, war, disease, persecution — that can often seem insurmountable.

But they are not alone.

Because of you, CNEWA accompanies the people we are privileged to serve as they shoulder the burdens and take on the trials,



whether they are displaced families in the Middle East, hungry children in Ethiopia, orphaned pensioners in Georgia or neglected villagers in the forests of India.

CNEWA is there, and you are with us. Thank you for being a part of our mission. And thank you for giving of yourself, in whatever way you can, to make life better for our brothers and sisters in need.

Respectfully,

Msgr. Peter I. Vaccari
President
Catholic Near East Welfare Association

The Middle East — for all its current turmoil, political and civil strife, and economic disparity — forms the cradle of Christianity, and is home to some of the most dynamic Christian communities living the Gospel to the fullest. Throughout Iraq, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Palestine and Syria, religious sisters, priests, lay men and women go about their days rolling up their sleeves, feeding the poor, caring for the sick, listening to the broken-hearted and finding opportunities and solutions for families of all faiths seeking stability and security — and a place to call home.

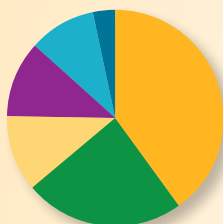
The coronavirus has hit the Middle East hard, devastating tourist-dependent economies, closing schools and social service programs, burdening weakened health care facilities, and prompting new surges in emigration from all sectors of the population. While economies may have slowed and activities halted, the churches of the Middle East plow on, responding to others — the vast majority of whom are not Christian. The churches work to address immediate existential needs of displaced families, such as medical care and food, and to more long-term investments in people's lives, including catechesis, counseling, education and health care. In 2019, CNEWA:

- Provided **\$20,500** to assist the education of seminarians at St. Peter's Seminary in Baghdad and the formation of novices as Dominican Sisters of St. Catherine of Siena in Iraqi Kurdistan.
- Assisted the Italian Hospital in Amman and the Mother of Mercy Clinic in Zerqa, Jordan, with **\$251,857** in funds for the medical needs of refugees, migrants and the poor, and **\$69,831** to the Italian Hospital in Kerak for updated medical equipment.



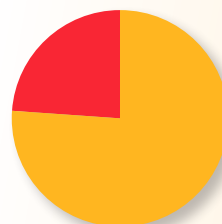
- Helped parishes in Haifa, Jerusalem, Nazareth and Tel Aviv, with **\$92,313**, to sponsor Bible summer camps and catechetical programs for their youth.
- Offered **\$4,500** to the Afro-Asian Migrant Center of the Jesuit community in Beirut for its pastoral support of African and Asian migrants in Lebanon.
- Gave **\$974,437** in support of health care initiatives for the displaced and the poor for clinics and dispensaries in Ainkawa, Dohuk, Kaznazan and Zakho, Iraqi Kurdistan, and St. Raphael Hospital in Baghdad.
- Rushed **\$183,216** in food and milk supplies for infants of Iraqi refugees in Jordan, and **\$24,364** for mattresses, blankets and kerosene heaters for their families.
- Assisted the Joint Christian Committee in Saida, southern Lebanon, with **\$168,782** in funds to support its educational program for Palestinian refugees fleeing the war in Syria.

\$ TOTAL BY COUNTRY



Lebanon	\$3,069,228
Palestine	\$2,051,544
Iraq	\$1,260,224
Syria	\$954,777
Jordan	\$899,998
Israel	\$292,263

\$ TOTAL BY PROGRAM



Humanitarian	\$6,507,154
Pastoral	\$2,020,880

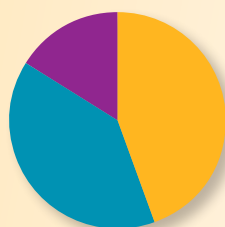
Northeast Africa

\$2,266,577

The northeastern African nations of Egypt, Eritrea and Ethiopia face formidable challenges — economic, environmental, political and social. Poverty, fear of the coronavirus, drought and other forms of climatic change are taking serious tolls on the most vulnerable. Ethnic strife and religious intolerance threaten to unravel the delicate fabric of functioning societies. Hunger is a daily fact of life for many. And yet, it is an area anxious for miracles, hungry for hope.

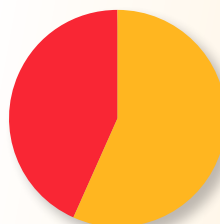
CNEWA's primary partners in the region, the Coptic, Eritrean and Ethiopian Catholic churches respectively, share in the Christian heritage that has been present there since the first century. While small communities of faith, each church plays a disproportionate role in helping to heal, teach and lift those most in need. From its beginnings, CNEWA has been there to accompany these churches, walking with them as they live the Gospel. CNEWA grants in 2019 included:

- **\$11,000** to help the Eucharistic Sisters in the Eparchy of Segheneity, Eritrea, establish a poultry farm.
- **\$233,459** to prepare seminarians and religious brothers and sisters in 27 houses of formation in Eritrea.
- **\$322,108** to provide care for children enrolled in 46 child care programs in Ethiopia, including children with special needs living in dormitories and those attending parish schools.
- **\$20,497** to assist the Coptic Catholic eparchies of Assiut and Ismailiya with parish lay leadership programs.
- **\$29,295** to help the pastoral commission of the Ethiopian Catholic Secretariat for chaplaincy programs in the country's universities.
- **\$13,886** to enable a parish dispensary in Touwa, Egypt, rehabilitate its facilities and purchase new medical equipment.
- **\$15,000** to assist the Hagaz Agrotechnical Institute in Eritrea to secure its water supply.



\$ TOTAL BY COUNTRY

Eritrea.....	\$1,012,970
Ethiopia.....	\$892,117
Egypt.....	\$361,490



\$ TOTAL BY PROGRAM

Humanitarian	\$1,289,918
Pastoral	\$976,659

Tremendous economic development in the subcontinent of India in the last few decades — especially in the Christian heartland of the southwestern state of Kerala — has lifted millions of people out of poverty. And yet, tens of millions live in a precarious state.

In the last few years, increasingly dramatic weather patterns have caused massive monsoons with devastating effects on the environment, washing away arable soil, livestock and homes. The results — economic, physical, emotional and spiritual — have devastated the most vulnerable. The relentless coronavirus epidemic has crushed those most susceptible, demanding a Christian response.

CNEWA partners with the Eastern churches rooted in the preaching of the apostle Thomas, who brought the Gospel to southwestern India in the first century. For generations, the Syro-Malabar and Syro-Malankara Catholic churches have reached out to the very margins of the continent, witnessing the Gospel among the poor, the blind, and the lame — the untouchables. In 2019, CNEWA:

- Provided the Eparchy of Chanda in Maharashtra with **\$19,506** to support faith formation programs in interior village parishes.
- Sent **\$538,366** to 104 houses of formation to prepare future priests and religious sisters and brothers.
- Rushed **\$54,845** to the Syro-Malabar Wayanad Social Service Society, the People's Service Society in Palakkad, and the Centre for Overall Development in Thamarassery to assist families repair their homes and reclaim livestock and land devastated by flash floods and mudslides.



- Sent **\$7,535** to the Seva Social Service Society in Pune to assist the education of impoverished children living in urban slums.
- Subsidized 159 child care programs throughout India, 12 of which focus on children with special needs, sending a total of **\$663,916** in funds.
- Gave the Eparchy of Thuckalay in Tamil Nadu **\$7,083** in funds for youth formation and training.
- Provided the Malankara Social Service Society with **\$16,002** for vocational courses for Dalit children.



\$ TOTAL BY PROGRAM

Humanitarian	\$1,044,943
Pastoral	\$1,086,439

Eastern Europe

\$1,227,515

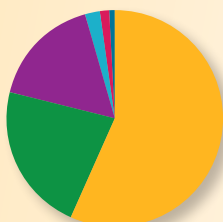
CNEWA focuses its Eastern European activities in Armenia, Georgia and Ukraine, nations that continue their struggle to rebuild after decades of Soviet occupation, economic collapse, political instability, corruption, war and now the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Deeply rooted Christian cultures, Armenia and Georgia's small Catholic communities reach out to the most marginalized despite modest human and financial resources. Ukraine's Greek Catholic churches have reinvigorated parishes and communities. CNEWA works closely with these communities of faith, focusing its activities on caring for isolated and marginalized peoples. CNEWA grants in 2019 included:

- **\$17,000** to support the formation of men at the Greek Catholic Theological Seminary in Oradea, Romania.
- **\$45,000** to help the Armenian Ordinariate and the Armenian Sisters in their summer camp programs for children living in remote areas of Armenia and Georgia.
- **\$25,000** to enable Blagovest Media, based in St. Petersburg, Russia, to purchase updated production equipment for its catechetical programming.
- **\$129,992** to assist Caritas Armenia feed 500 vulnerable families in 15 villages, as well as provide heating supplies for the elderly.
- **\$13,800** to help the Daughters of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Novoiavorivsk, Ukraine, with their family ministry program, which focuses on women in crisis.
- **\$36,820** to fund the Caritas Georgia soup kitchen in Tbilisi, which provides hot meals to the elderly, people with special needs and vulnerable children.
- **\$10,031** to assist Caritas in Mariupol, in southeastern Ukraine, feed those displaced by fighting between Ukrainians and pro-Russian separatists.

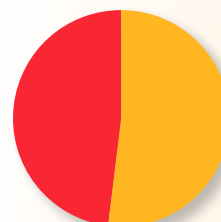


\$ TOTAL BY COUNTRY



Ukraine	\$697,809
Armenia	\$272,337
Georgia	\$205,369
Russia	\$25,000
Romania	\$17,000
Belarus	\$10,000

\$ TOTAL BY PROGRAM



Humanitarian	\$638,482
Pastoral	\$589,033

Other Regions

\$1,547,760

CNEWA's primary partner in Rome is the Congregation for Eastern Churches. It receives CNEWA's portion of the annual World Mission Sunday collection, taken up in parishes in the United States. Mass stipends received by CNEWA for the celebrations of Masses are sent to the congregation, too, which distributes them to the bishops and priests of the Eastern churches.

CNEWA also funds special activities and scholarships of the congregation and of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity.

On occasion, CNEWA is asked for support for an initiative outside its traditional area of support, especially for pastoral purposes.

\$ TOTAL BY COUNTRY

Holy See \$1,486,309
Switzerland \$30,000

Canada \$21,936
Italy \$7,440
United States \$2,075

\$ TOTAL BY PROGRAM

Humanitarian \$0
Pastoral \$1,547,760

2019 CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Revenue	Without Restrictions	With Restrictions	2019 Total
Contributions	\$6,315,732	\$4,515,121	\$10,830,853
Grants from funding agencies	38,162	6,977,659	7,015,812
Collections	1,603,522	—	1,603,522
Legacies and bequests	3,678,964	1,595,428	5,274,392
Investment return	1,098,405	266,624	1,365,029
Contributed services	185,394	—	185,394
Net assets released from restrictions	13,377,040	(13,377,040)	—
Total Revenue	\$26,297,219	(22,208)	\$26,275,011
Expenses	Without Restrictions	With Restrictions	2019 Total
<i>Program services</i>			
Accompanying the church	\$7,366,846	—	\$7,366,846
Responding to human needs	12,066,984	—	12,066,984
Public awareness	1,497,456	—	1,497,456
Total program services	20,931,286	—	20,931,286
<i>Support service</i>			
Management and general	2,782,669	—	2,782,669
Fund-raising	2,062,624	—	2,062,624
Total support services	4,845,293	—	4,845,293
Total Expenses	\$25,776,579	—	\$25,776,579
Net Assets			2019 Total
Undesignated			\$18,202,636
Board designated			8,101,081
Plant			3,638,229
Without donor restrictions			29,941,946
With donor restrictions			33,174,270
Total Net Assets			\$63,116,216

To see the 2019 audited financial statements, please visit cnewa.org/financials

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