

I am Rev. Junita, a college student from School of Theology, has been invited by Evangelical Mission in Solidarity for the period of 8 November to 19 November 2024 in capacity as a delegate of one of overseas member churches to participate in the General Meeting and Exposure Programme taking place in Freiburg (Katholische Akademie Freiburg). My participation as a delegate of our overseas member churches is required. The Evangelical Mission in Solidarity is a community of Churches and Mission Societies in Africa, Asia, Europe and the Middle East. It is committed to worldwide mission and interfaith cooperation. Prior to and after the meeting, I also meet with people of our German member churches and institutions.

In the two days of the youth pre-meeting with more than 13 young people, we discussed and dialogued about various issues. Not only did we address these topics, but we also worked to strengthen our group to make a real impact in our regions. SDG-related issues were among the topics we talked about. The 13+ young people came from Ghana, Korea, South Africa, Indonesia, and Germany. Unfortunately, some young people from member churches were unable to attend due to important reasons. However, we had a great time together, sharing enriching ideas for the future of our organisation. We then brought those ideas and the results from the general meeting back to our group so that they could be understood by those who could not attend the meeting.

Our discussions emphasized that young people are not just the future generation; we are the present. We are ready to be part of all decision-making processes and actively contribute to shaping our world. We believe in the importance of working together with all generations, as it is through collaboration that real change happens. Young people, with our energy and fresh perspectives, have an important role to play in creating solutions alongside experienced generations. We are not waiting for the future to act — we are ready to make a difference today. That it was the most important feelings that I got in this meeting. The young people free to raise their voice.

After the pre-youth meeting, I participated in a women's pre-meeting, where we discussed women's issues and offered mutual support. On November 13th, we began the general meeting at 4:00 PM, with around 89 people in attendance at the EMS (Evangelical Mission in Solidarity) general meeting.

The EMS is an international association of Evangelical churches and mission societies, representing the concerns of roughly 25 million believers in Africa, Asia, the Middle East, and Europe. All the members of the EMS have equal rights and work together on an equal footing. They support and stand by each other in times of crisis, promoting partnerships, ecumenical learning, and joint missionary programs. The Presidium represents the EMS externally and presides over the committees of the international church fellowship.

During this General Meeting, the delegates elected an additional member of the Presidium, one of them was me/Rev. Junita from the Toraja Church in Indonesia, who is also a student member of School of Theology at CJCU. This marks the first time the EMS Presidium has been comprised of

four members, and also the first time that a young (32 years old), Asian woman has been elected as a member of the Presidium. This was made possible by an amendment to the EMS Constitution, which was previously discussed and adopted. The aim of this amendment is to ensure that the composition of the Presidium better reflects the international association. Other amendments adopted by the Presidium aim to ensure that more women and young EMS members will be represented on committees in the future. This organisation is non-profit organisation. During general meeting, we are really emphasized to strengthen our community through social issues that we face in our place. The feeling that we are not alone and together we are strong was very deep feeling on this organisation. And many times, I always said that this is not only partnership for business matters, but we are family. As family, we share the Goodnews to the others through mission and we build the connection to deeper solidarity.

After words, I would like to extend my gratitude to CJCUC school of Theology who I believe as a home preparation for me to having this such a blessed opportunity, where I have been nurtured, both spiritually and academically. I will not stop to dream that we are a present for the better world, and we have a future when we are working together. No body will lose their significant to build a peace and future generation when they are praying for it, work for it and hope for it. School of Theology bring these high hopes in me through the teachers, classes, time to pray each other's and how we support each other.

From Junita at CJCUC school of theology to the world and to the Glory of God.

Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam  
Your Sisters in Christ  
Rev. Junita



Youth pre-meeting



Women pre-meeting



After Presidium election



<https://ems-online.org/en/get-informed/news/mission-society-elects-anne-heitmann-as-new-chair>  
(link of the news from the office)



Pictures with all family members of EMS who joined the general meeting