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# from the president & ceo



The children on the cover of this year's annual report are playing, even though their situation is anything but a game. Their families have fled violence in Syria for safety in Zaatari Refugee Camp, near Mafraq, Jordan. Now several years into the conflict, our global community still struggles with how to meet the immense needs of those forced from home around the globe.

There are now more people displaced from their homes by violence and strife than at any other time since World War II. That conflict gave birth to Church World Service. As we mark our 70th anniversary in 2016, there are a number of ways we can look at our work over the years. I am mindful of the millions of lives we have impacted in pursuit of our mission to eradicate hunger and poverty, and in promoting peace and justice. I think of the tons of material goods moved around the world — the trains, ships, cargo nets and sacks of grain that were early tools of our trade and gave rise to our work, straining under the bounty of generosity. I see caring communities who have opened their doors to more than half a million people fleeing danger and plight as refugees.

The black and white still photos, the celluloid film spooled in cardboard boxes and the scratchy radio reports that make up our rich archives are fascinating. One can feel the mud and grit of hard work our staff have endured for decades in accompanying communities to a better, brighter future. The battle against sand and dust faced by a refugee caseworker in Africa. The conviction in the eyes and hearts of those who advocate for change and walk alongside a community discovering its political voice. It is all there to be seen, felt and heard.

Yet for me, what is most interesting — and revealing about who we are — is in what is not seen. It is the force of our movement, built on connecting communities of means with communities of great need. Right now, the needs of those facing hunger, poverty and displacement are incredible. I believe they are nothing compared to the incredible force of generosity inherent to humankind. It is a source of energy and verve that shaped CWS first through the Friendship movement seven decades ago. It is the fuel of a movement that continues to burn all these years later, connecting us to our past better than any photo or reel of film.

These pages bear the fruit of our generous movement. It is our report on what we have been able to accomplish in the last year when like hearts and minds join to make a better world. It is but a snapshot in time of the needs found in our world and our shared commitment to make things better for so many who wrestle with so much.

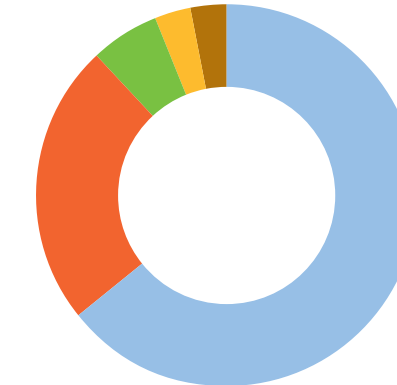
It is for those we serve that we exist, and in response to their needs that we evolve. We are changing, and this is nothing new. For example, late in the 1960s we recognized that collecting and shipping clothes and food was becoming financially prohibitive. Our supporters helped us to shape new ways of building on goodwill by fostering more sustainable methods to help people have enough food to eat, clean water to drink and a safe place to call home.

So, we will continue to evolve, to adapt to new realities with hope for new opportunities that are possible when generosity and willingness to change meet. What will not change is the core of the generous movement that gave rise to those trains, cargo nets and ships nearly 70 years ago. This generous movement, and our commitment to shaping a world free of hunger, poverty and displacement, endures so that all children may know the joy of play, free from the threat of violence and the blight of poverty.

In Friendship,

Rev. John L. McCullough  
President and CEO





**REVENUE**  
\$77,742,927

**U.S. GOVERNMENT SUPPORT**

\$50,116,190 / 64.4%

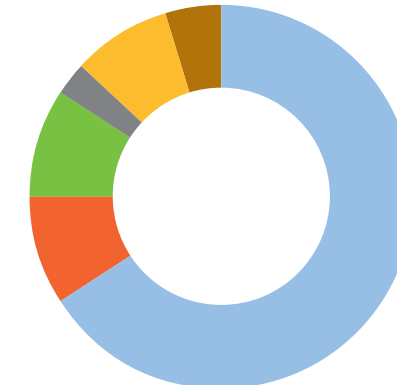
**PUBLIC & COMMUNITY APPEALS**

Including individual giving, congregations, events and foundations.  
\$18,405,236 / 23.7%

**MEMBER COMMUNIONS & OTHER ORGANIZATIONS**  
\$4,557,778 / 5.9%

**INVESTMENT & OTHER INCOME**  
\$2,501,825 / 3.2%

**DONATED MATERIALS**  
\$2,161,898 / 2.8%



**EXPENSES**  
\$78,212,192

**SERVICES FOR DISPLACED PEOPLE**

\$51,635,909 / 66%

**GLOBAL RELIEF & DEVELOPMENT**  
\$7,233,989 / 9.2%

**EMERGENCY RESPONSE**  
\$7,139,118 / 9.1%

**ADVOCACY**  
\$2,081,309 / 2.7%

**FUNDRAISING**  
\$6,552,086 / 8.4%

**MANAGEMENT & GENERAL**  
\$3,569,781 / 4.6%

## NET ASSETS

**NET CHANGE** / (\$469,265)

**NET AT JULY 1, 2014** / \$10,199,511

**NET AT JUNE 30, 2015** / \$9,730,246

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