



Evangelical Christian Church in the Land of Papua

History:

The Evangelical Christian Church in the Land of Papua developed from Gossner Mission which started in 1855, and of the mission of the Netherlands Reformed Church which began in 1870. The church became autonomous in 1956. Its motto is from Ephesians 5:8 "for once you were darkness but now you are light in the Lord; walk as children of light." The GKIP is organized according to the presbyterian-synodal model. The synod is the highest governing body.

Activities:

The Evangelical Christian Church in the Land of Papua has four main programs. These include public services in the area of human rights, legal support, politics and human security; theology, evangelism and mission; education, from elementary to tertiary levels; and awareness building for financial self-reliance. The church has its own theological seminary for the training of pastors. Through the campaign "Papua as Land of Peace" the church is involved in the resolution of conflicts in the community, in cooperation with the Roman Catholic Church, other Protestant churches and other faith groups in the region.



The Evangelical Christian Church in Tanah Papua currently has over 600,000 members.

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