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32 Years Since the Genocide in Rwanda

“Remember. Unite. Renew.”

(Wuppertal/Kigali, April 9, 2026) April 7, 2026, marked the 32nd commemoration of the genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda. In 1994, more than one million people were murdered within 100 days. The international community didn’t intervene—the genocide took place before the eyes of the global public.

During the 100-day period of national mourning, the victims are being commemorated across Rwanda. Under the motto “Remember, Unite, Renew”—survivors are provided with spiritual and emotional support. The nationwide commemorative events also serve as a call to decisively condemn current manifestations of crimes against humanity, such as genocidal ideologies and genocide denial, and to continue the international commitment to combating mass killings worldwide.

“Never Again!”

“During this time of remembrance, I join my Rwandan compatriots with all my heart. We remember with respect and dignity the more than one million innocent lives that were lost. We honor their memory and express our solidarity with the survivors. May this commemoration be a call for unity, truth, justice, and reconciliation. Never again!”, says Rev. Dr. Emmanuel Muhozi, Executive Secretary of the Africa Division and Board Member of the United Evangelical Mission (UEM)—and a Rwandan himself.

Local churches are committed to reconciliation and healing

With the Presbyterian Church in Rwanda (EPR) and the Anglican Church of Rwanda (EAR), two member churches from Rwanda are part of the UEM. Both churches actively promote the process of reconciliation and healing in their congregations. They offer psychosocial support and assist with moral rehabilitation—with the goal of overcoming the national trauma together with perpetrators and victims and promoting lasting peace.

UEM supports this work as an international communion of churches in Africa, Asia, and Germany. Since 2008, the church-based peace network APRED—supported by the EPR, EAR, and the Baptist Church (CBCA) in DR Congo—has

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been strengthening cohesion in the region and training people to live together peacefully across borders.

About „UEM“

The United Evangelical Mission (UEM) with offices in Germany, Indonesia and Tanzania is an international, equal communion of 39 members. The UEM consistently pursues a holistic understanding of mission. This includes improving the living conditions of suffering and disadvantaged people while respecting their personal dignity and taking their cultural context into account.