

UEM Council Appoints Robert Meyer as New Executive Secretary for Finance and Administration

Experienced manager with an international profile to take over as managing director on October 1

(Wuppertal, March 26, 2026) At its most recent meeting in West Papua, the Council of the United Evangelical Mission (UEM) appointed Robert Simon Meyer as its new Executive Secretary for Finance and Administration. The 38-year-old German will assume his new role on October 1, 2026, and, according to the constitution, will also serve as one of two deputy general secretaries of UEM. He currently works as a project manager at the University of Leipzig.

Robert Meyer holds a Master of Business Administration with a focus on the development of small and medium-sized enterprises. He thus brings entrepreneurial thinking as well as experience in project management to the international community of UEM.

Meyer sees the 30th anniversary, which UEM is celebrating this year, as a special beginning: "I am very pleased to be able to contribute to the work of UEM's international Management Team. Here I can help shape the future of a credible international community that looks back on 30 years of development and partnership on equal terms."

As someone who has gotten to know churches of various traditions in different places, Meyer is convinced of the power of diversity and the possibilities of UEM: "I am deeply impressed by the enormous potential of this vibrant communion of churches spanning three continents. The diversity of UEM and the mutual appreciation for different perspectives offer the best possible environment for shaping the church together."

The UEM looks forward to working with Robert Meyer and is confident that he will lead the community into its next 30 years with a fresh perspective, entrepreneurial thinking, and Christian conviction.

About „UEM“

The United Evangelical Mission (UEM) with offices in Germany, Indonesia and Tanzania is an international, equal communion of 39 members, including 32 Protestant churches in Africa and Asia as well as six Protestant churches and the v. Bodelschwingh Foundations Bethel in Germany. 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.