



# Church of Norway Development Education Service

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Church of Norway Development Education Service (KUI) has existed since 1977 as one of the first frame agreement organizations with Norad.

**The main goal** for KUI is to strengthen the work for a more just world within Church of Norway and its congregations – through increased knowledge, awareness raising and concrete actions on peace, global justice, solidarity and integrity of creation.

**Our focus issues** 2011-2014 are:

**1. Environment, consumption and justice:**

- follow up Church of Norway National Synod decisions on these issues – eg. promote local congregations to be “Green Congregations”, to be part of Fair Trade communities, to develop “green” liturgies (on climate and global justice) network with other organizations on these issues (partners in the South and in Norway)

**2. Knowledge and reflection on other north/south issues:**

- HIV & AIDS: follow up Church of Norway National Synod decisions on this topic and cooperate with ecumenical partners on stigma, human sexuality and global justice related to HIV & AIDS
- develop and strengthen the cooperation with theological and diaconal educational institutions in Norway on north/south issues (eg through seminars on global justice, climate, hiv&aids..)
- strengthen the north/south dimension in new Church of Norway reforms: Faith education reform, Worship/liturgy reform and Plan for Diakonia.

**3. Global Worship:**

- exchange of songs, prayers and liturgies from sister churches in the South (Sing Hope-concept: songbook, CD, workshops, seminars etc)
- development of liturgical material for thematic worships like “Nord/South-Sunday” (in October), Day of Creation (June-September), Worlds Aids Day (December 1), Peace- and Human Rights’ Sunday (December)
- see our web site [www.kui.no](http://www.kui.no) , including a special database of liturgy

**4. Friendship relations, dialogue and cultural meetings:**

- facilitate mutual friendship relations between congregations in Norway and congregations within ecumenical sister churches in the South

- facilitate cultural visits from the South (on song/music, art, dance etc)
- arrange regional friendship seminars

#### **5. Financial support to local congregations who apply for north/south initiatives**

**The target group of KUI** is the 1300 local congregations within Church of Norway (Lutheran church) – with a special focus on

- volunteers and employees locally and regionally (dioceses)
- youth and young church leaders
- church educational institutions

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