



Joint Learning Initiative  
on Faith & Local Communities

# Annual Report 2021



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## MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

JLI is pleased to have celebrated some key milestones in 2021. We made significant progress in establishing the foundation for regional hubs, as part of our Fair and Equitable Approach. These new learning platforms will seek to elevate the voices and experiences of local, national, and regional researchers, practitioners, and faith actors, by investing in evidence, research and new work that reflects their own priorities, as well as building skills in how to better understand and use evidence and research. Like JLI's global hubs, these networks include academic and secular partners.

As the organisation continues to grow, we shifted our governance structure to a smaller Board of Directors, and created a Leadership Council which offers a space for the leadership of our wider organisational and academic members to focus on peer learning, exchanges and discussions with key thought leaders. A smaller governance structure affords us the opportunity to focus on organisational work, resource mobilisation, and generative thinking. The idea of creating the Leadership Council was supported by a survey of our organisational and academic members which highlighted the importance of having a space to share and learn on topics specific to informing and improving religious engagement approaches.

Building on our track record as a leader in developing and sharing evidence of faith work in development, we began preparing what will be a biannual report of the State of the Evidence in our field, to be released in July 2022. This comprehensive introduction provides the essential information that a practitioner or policy maker should know about religion and development without the need to read through hundreds of other articles and reports.



**KIRSTEN LAURSEN MUTH**  
CEO

Our membership has increased from 800+ to over 1,000, which we believe is largely a result of our building platforms such as the regional hubs, and reaching out to local faith actors to lead our Fair and Equitable Dialogue Series.

Overall, we currently frame our work across a continuum of increasing what we refer to as evidence enabled leadership, and pursuing work to address current shortfalls in religious engagement approaches. We are grateful to our donors, members and partners for their support of this ongoing work, and to GHR for their continued support of our organisation.

We hope you will stay with us on the journey in 2022. As always, we are grateful to our member supporters and all those who participate in our research and learning activities.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'KLM'.

Kirsten Laursen Muth

## MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

I am delighted to write my first 'chair of board' letter as I pause to celebrate the huge bank of JLI's work around joint research, policy practice and recommendations that continue to inform good practices about local engagement, learning and leadership. Feedback from our partners across faith communities, institutions and governments tells us JLI continues to be a critical knowledge partner and ally. Our work is driven by a concern for the good of humanity in society, and a persuasion that religious belief and practice have immense contributions to make to the common good.

With Covid-19 now featuring as a permanent backdrop in our lives, JLI continues to develop a shared vision around building a collective understanding on the critical role faith actors play in the humanitarianism and development sector. At the moment, economic drivers and climate change are the primary drivers of extreme poverty, which is rising globally for the first time in decades. This means the value added of working with and through faith leaders to build sustainable communities is immense and goes beyond inter religious relations or dialogue.

Since coming into post in 2020, JLI's CEO, Kirsten Laursen, Muth has continued to develop a strong and high performing staff team. Although not being able to hold many face-to-face meetings, Kirsten has brought us through another successful year by securing new partnerships and funding contracts as well as kick starting an organisational strategy refresh.

In the autumn of 2021, after several months of reflection and conversation, we transitioned from a large board of over 30 to a smaller board of up to 15, with a specific remit of governance and strategic oversight. We are looking forward to working with the CEO and her team to finalise the strategy and board plan to help implement.



**DIONNE GRAVESANDE**  
BOARD CHAIR

Financially the operation is strong with ongoing plans to build diverse funding partnerships in 2022/23.

Over the past years, we have learnt and reflected on issues of racial injustice and the role that we must all play in dismantling colonial systems and structures. The Board of Trustees is committed to doing all that we can to tackle this injustice and will support decolonisation principles across the sector.

So, as we look to next year, JLI will continue to adapt to the external environment, and to find new and innovative ways to be in the world. Like my predecessor I am so grateful for the diversity, strength and support of JLI Members, whose vision for the future is forward thinking. JLI is building its legacy of contribution and I look forward to helping support the continued impact of JLI.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dionne Gravesande'.

Dionne Gravesande  
Board Chair

## ABOUT JLI

### JLI VISION

Full and appropriate evidence-based engagement of religious and faith-based groups, especially local faith actors, in the achievement of development and humanitarian goals through effective partnerships with academic, public sector, secular entities, and among religious groups themselves.

### JLI NETWORK

The JLI is a multi-sector and multi-faith network with members from faith-based and other development organizations, religious networks and academic institutions. The JLI network has more than 1100 members from over 106 countries.

### JLI STAFF



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CEO



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Project Manager



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**DR. JENNIFER PHILIPPA EGGERT**  
Senior Research Associate



**STEPHANIE KEMP**  
FPCC Coordinator

## JLI LEADERSHIP

In November 2021, JLI changed the Leadership Structure as part of the overall strategy to JLI's growth. The number of board seats is now maxed at 15 per new by laws. Previous board members will now be part of the Leadership Council, a space for interaction and engagement for peer to peer learning.

### JLI BOARD

Andrea Kaufmann	World Vision International	
Anwar Khan	Islamic Relief USA	<b>Board Vice Chair</b>
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Somboon Chungprampree	International Network of Engaged Buddhists	

### LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

The Leadership Council consist of the current board and the members listed below:

Dr. Agnes Abuom	World Council of Churches
Ali Yusuf	Humanitarian Forum Indonesia
Dr. Amjad Mohamed-Saleem	Paths2People
Atallah FitzGibbon	Islamic Relief Worldwide
Dr. Benjamin Laniado	Cadena
Bram Bailey	The Salvation Army
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Dr. David Boan	World Evangelical Alliance
Deepika Singh	Religions for Peace
Floyd Lalwet	ECare & Anglican Alliance
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Thorsten Göbel	ACT Alliance
Vinya Ariyaratne	Sarvodaya

# FAIR AND EQUITABLE INITIATIVE

In 2021, JLI began a process to re-envision its joint learning and knowledge partnerships. The Fair and Equitable Initiative, launched in March 2021, seeks to shift power, resources, and leadership to local, national, and regional levels, by building inclusive and accessible Regional Joint Learning Hubs.



These new Regional Hubs bring together researchers, policy-makers, practitioners and local faith actors from their respective regions to define and lead their own learning and evidence agendas.

The initiative was inspired by JLI's Commitment to Action for Racial Justice and Solidarity, and ultimately aims to create safe, inclusive spaces to confront power inequalities in knowledge and evidence.

In 2021, the Fair & Equitable Initiative focused on three main strategies:

- 1) Faith Dialogues Group
- 2) Fair & Equitable Dialogues - Global Webinar Series
- 3) Regional Listening Dialogues & Regional Joint Learning Hubs

## 1) Faith Dialogues Group

The Faith Dialogues Group was an online collective of theologians, scholars, academics and development practitioners who met to share their different theologies, teachings, spiritual insights and lived experiences of relevance to decolonization, oppression, and power.

The Group convened for a series of online discussions between August and December 2021, and included 30 members representing 15 countries (Brazil, Cameroon, Ecuador, Ethiopia, Germany, India, Indonesia, Kenya, Lebanon, Nigeria, Rwanda, Senegal, South Africa, Switzerland, UK, USA, UK) and four faith traditions. It was co-chaired by John Blevins (Emory University, USA) and Esther Mombo (St Paul's University, Kenya).

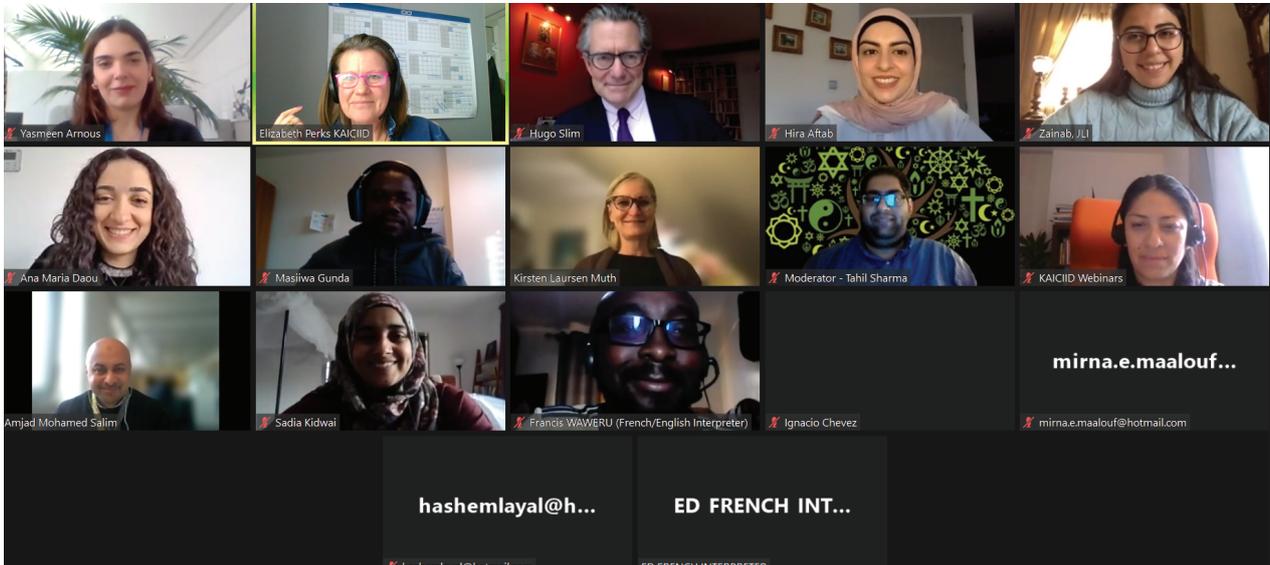
## 2) Fair & Equitable Dialogues - Global Webinar Series

In December 2021, the JLI launched its Fair and Equitable Dialogues Global Webinar Series to explore the experiences of local faith actors in challenging unequal power dynamics in the humanitarian and development sectors. It aimed to create space for challenging debate and prioritising new voices by examining some of the terminology often used in these discussions, such as decolonization or localization, as well as the history and context behind international and local faith partnerships.

**The first webinar** was held on December 3, 2021 at a time when localization and power dynamics between northern and southern organisations were widely discussed.

The image shows two promotional posters for the webinar series. The top poster is for the first webinar on Friday, December 3, 2021, titled "WHO HOLDS THE POWER? Local Faith Actors in the Humanitarian and Development Sector". It features speakers Hira Altah, Dr. Masheh Gunda, Dr. Hugo Slim, and Ana Maria Doroz, moderated by Tabli Sharma. The bottom poster is for the launch event of the Fair and Equitable Dialogues, also on Friday, December 3, 2021, titled "WHO HOLDS THE POWER? Local Faith Actors in the Humanitarian and Development Sector". It features a graphic of diverse people and the text "Launch event of the Fair and Equitable Dialogues" and "Confronting asymmetries of power in the humanitarian and development sector".

The webinar was hosted in partnership with **KAICIID**, and brought together speakers from Zimbabwe, Lebanon, Pakistan, the UK, and the USA, from diverse faith and professional backgrounds.



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I don't think it's a question of "CAN" local faith actors influence the humanitarian and development sector; I think they already are. In a lot of the contexts I work in, the amount of access local faith actors had to networks and established players in the field is exceptional. You cannot ignore these relationships and start a project from scratch without involving them in a significant way [...] Sometimes, the involvement of local faith actors in the humanitarian and development sector is very muted and people do not acknowledge it as it should be.”

**HIRA AFTAB**

Co-Founder of Our World Too

You can watch a recording of the event [here](#).



KAICIID DIALOGUE CENTRE

### 3) Regional Hub Development Groups

One of the main priorities of the Fair & Equitable Initiative are the regional joint learning hubs. These hubs are open discussion spaces led by, and for, regionally-rooted researchers and practitioners, from faith and secular backgrounds, to critically reflect on the way evidence is generated and used in the region, and the extent to which international research and aid agendas align with local priorities.

Between July and December 2021, JLI invested in laying the ground for new regional joint learning hubs in East Africa and the Middle East, by identifying partners who shared our vision and supporting regional Hub Development Groups who could share responsibility for co-creating regionally-relevant joint learning hubs. This preparation period brought the JLI closer to launching its first regional joint learning hubs.

#### Middle East Hub on Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability and Learning (MEAL) and Faith

Research for the Compendium of Good Practices on Conducting MEAL in Partnerships with International Actors and Local Faith Actors in 2020 showed that there is a lack of evidence on MEAL and faith in the Middle East, a region that has been on the receiving end of collective international interest and significant funding over the past 20 years, and which is too often restricts to an agenda that does not align with the specificities and needs of the local context. The research showed that many international donors have strict MEAL requirements but little awareness of faith-sensitive MEAL approaches.

Convinced that a regional MEAL and Faith Hub would allow local researchers and practitioners to produce and disseminate evidence on the intersection of MEAL and faith in the context of development, humanitarian and peacebuilding work, JLI set up a group to develop the concept for such a shared learning community.

The Middle East Hub Development Group brought together 13 local and international organizations from Lebanon, Iraq, Syria, Turkey, and Jordan. This group of practitioners, researchers, and local faith actors was convened in September 2021 and worked collectively on mapping relevant actors in the region and existing evidence on MEAL and faith.

The group was mainly responsible for convening the Middle East Hub via planning and organizing three virtual listening dialogues in Syria, Lebanon, and Iraq scheduled to take place in early 2022. These listening dialogues were supposed to lay the foundations for the regional joint learning hubs, creating a platform for regional actors to define and lead their own evidence agendas and priorities.

#### East Africa Hub on Governance, Peacebuilding and Local Faith Actors

In East Africa, the JLI partnered with TAABCO, a regional research and development organization, to develop a regional joint learning hub on Governance, Peacebuilding and Local Faith Actors. The JLI worked closely with TAABCO to reach out to relevant actors in the region, inviting them to join the East Africa Hub Development Group which oversaw the scope, outreach, and initial activities of the Hub.

JLI and TAABCO convened the first meeting of the Hub Development Group in late November 2021, to create and incubate the East Africa Learning Hub on Governance, Peacebuilding, and Local Faith Actors. The Hub Development Group consisted of around 20 researchers and practitioners actors from Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania from diverse backgrounds, and is responsible for reaching out to potential Hub members, inviting them to participate in national listening dialogues in Kenya, Uganda, and Tanzania to share their experiences of evidence creation and use in the region.



## What is a Listening Dialogue?

A Listening Dialogue is the first step in a process of creating regionally/nationally-rooted and locally-led joint learning networks for advancing research and evidence on the roles of religions in humanitarianism, development, and peacebuilding. It provides shared space for a dialogue about experiences of developing and using evidence from the perspective of those who are directly involved in efforts to transform communities, specifically local and regional (faith) actors.

## RESEARCH, LEARNING AND KNOWLEDGE PARTNERSHIPS

### Donor's Perspectives of MEAL in Initiatives involving Local Faith Actors

Following up from the work on the MEAL and Faith compendium, JLI and Alliance for Peacebuilding (AfP) started a small research project on donors' attitudes towards MEAL and faith. The JLI and AfP teams conducted interviews with various donors funding development, humanitarian and peacebuilding work, to get an understanding of their expectations and experience working with local faith actors. Findings from the research are expected to be published in 2022.

### Faith and COVID-19 Learning Engagement Process

The Faith and COVID learning engagement process, led by the JLI research team, was an observational and documentation process, looking at the discussions, innovations and adaptations in faith networks regarding their Covid response work, particularly Covid vaccines rollout, delivery, uptake, hesitancy, and engagement in 2020 and 2021. This collaborative learning engagement process among a number of networks and coordinated by JLI has helped us understand the diverse and contextualized ways in which faith engagement is happening around the world during this period of the first wave of vaccine roll out and how faith actors discuss COVID-19 responses and the vaccines.

### Faith and COVID-19 Repository of Resources

In collaboration with the Berkley Center for Religion, Peace and World Affairs at Georgetown University and the World Faiths Development Dialogue (WFDD), and with the support of PaRD, the JLI continued working on a [repository of resources on Faith and COVID-19](#), which had been started in March 2020. The repository is a living platform, which aims to provide information and links to resources on the roles of faith actors in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic. As part of this project, a weekly highlight of resources is sent to mailing list subscribers. In 2021, we also started planning for a series of webinars on Faith and COVID-19 in early 2022, co-organised with the Berkley Center and WFDD.

## FPCC National Mind-Heart Dialogue Team Training and M&E Pilot

As part of JLI's ongoing work on the **Faith and Positive Change for Children (FPCC)** Initiative, in November and December 2021, over 80 Inter-Religious Council and faith-based organisation nominees from 8 countries (Kenya, Malawi, South Sudan, Zambia, Nigeria, Burkina Faso, Mali and Sierra Leone) were trained as national Mind-Heart Dialogue teams and equipped to support the FPCC initiative in their country. The training was led by CORAT, a Nairobi based organisation who has been tapped to manage the training of Mind Heart Facilitators, with input from Steffie Kemp (JLI FPCC Coordinator at the time).

In addition to supporting the rollout of the community Mind Heart dialogues, national training teams will support the Multi-Faith Advisory Committees on Children (MFACCs).

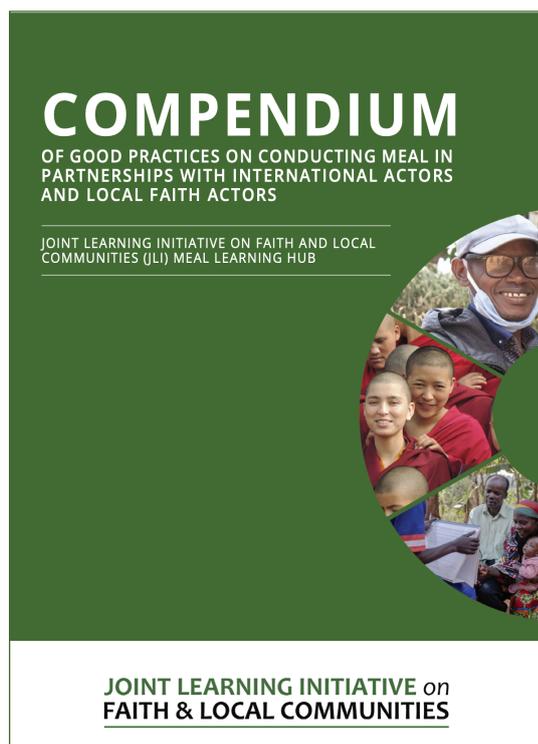
These tripartite coordinating mechanisms will bring together faith leaders, national and international FBOs and UNICEF representatives together to share priorities and deepen partnerships to support positive change for children. The report is available [here](#). In the spring and summer of 2021, JLI implemented the piloting of the new M&E plan in East Africa, in collaboration with Religions for Peace (RfP), the African Council of Religious Leaders (ACRL) and UNICEF.



## PUBLICATIONS

### Compendium of Good Practices on Conducting Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability and Learning (MEAL) in Partnerships with International Actors and Local Faith Actors.

JLI published a [compendium](#) on MEAL and faith, authored by Jennifer Philippa Eggert. It aims to bridge the knowledge gap on how international and local faith actors practice MEAL in a diverse range of development and humanitarian contexts. It seeks to help overcome some of the tensions that can occur in international-local faith partnerships due to conflicting aims, priorities and capacities in the area of MEAL. Based on over 30 interviews, the compendium discusses challenges and opportunities and highlights the experiences of 10 organisations from across the globe. A summary brief can be found [here](#).



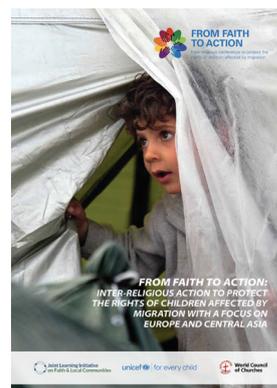
### Faith-Sensitive MHPSS for Humanitarian Practitioners

Olivia Wilkinson, together with former JLI Visiting Fellow Leonie Harsch, and Corrie van der Ven, published a short [paper](#) on MHPSS and faith in the humanitarian sector. The paper argues that faith and spirituality are part of many people's identities and everyday lives, and faith sensitivity is integral to providing holistic, people-centred MHPSS in humanitarian situations. It offers recommendations for practitioners and policymakers working in humanitarian settings.

### From Faith to Action

In early 2021, the JLI co-authored a [conference report](#) and [UNICEF paper](#) on "From Faith to Action: Inter-Religious Action to Protect the Rights of Children Affected By Migration with A Focus On Europe And Central Asia". The report and paper were based on the "From Faith to Action" conference, which JLI co-organised with UNICEF Europe and Central Asia, the World Council of Churches, the European Council of Religious Leaders - Religions for Peace, and in collaboration with Islamic Relief Worldwide, the Lutheran World Federation, A World of Neighbours and World Vision International in December 2020.

The resources highlight the roles of faith actors in responding to child displacement, including through three promising practice case studies from Germany, Greece, and Serbia.



### Inaugural Editorial. A New Journal for a New Space: Introducing Religion & Development.

Olivia Wilkinson and Jennifer Philippa co-authored the [inaugural editorial](#) for the new Religion & Development Journal, with the other members of the Editorial Committee. The editorial lays out the rationale for Religion & Development, which is informed by three central themes: the move towards sustainable development as the present dominant paradigm; the reinvigoration of the post-development debate; and the emerging academic, policy and practice field of religion and development. Against this background, the second section of the editorial outlines the task of the journal. The third section introduces Religion & Development's disciplinary and collaborative span, while the fourth section spotlights key elements of its editorial policy. Lastly, the fifth section sets the scene for the articles to follow this editorial, which constitute the inaugural issue of Religion & Development.

## Putting the “Strategic” into Strategic Religious Engagement

Olivia Wilkinson published an [essay](#) in the Review of Faith and International Affairs, in a special issue on strategic religious engagement in international development. In light of the lessons learned both from COVID-19 response and now over 20 years of research on religious engagement, this essay lays out the flaws in current religious engagement in humanitarian and development work. Religious engagement can be seen as unknown, unevidenced, and unacknowledged by development agencies. Now knowing more than ever about religious engagement, there are mistakes that can be avoided by understanding the previous religious engagements, challenging secular-religious dynamics, and purposefully using the evidence. Overall, the essay argues that current religious engagement is not strategic, but suggests how each of these flaws can be counteracted.

## Religion and Gender in Donor Policies and Practice

JLI published a [report](#) on religion and gender in donor policies and practice, authored by Lisa le Roux. The report was based on a research project exploring the stances (both formal and informal) of government ministries, intergovernmental agencies (IGAs) and donors towards engaging with religious actors on gender justice, gender equality and/or ending gender-based violence (GBV). The work was commissioned by DanChurchAid, Side by Side Faith Movement for Gender Justice, Act Church of Sweden and Christian Aid, and managed by the JLI research team, which also helped develop the methodology.

## State of the Evidence in Religions and Development

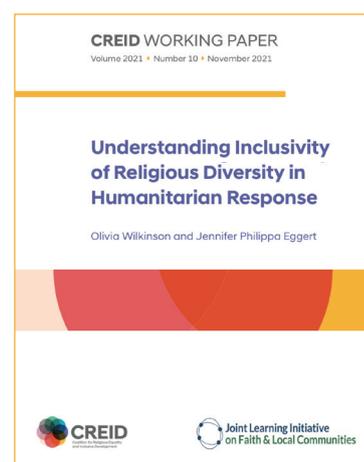
The JLI is frequently asked for evidence recommendations and, while we often send tailored packages of information that include the relevant JLI scoping studies and other resources of interest, we have identified a clear need for a single document to introduce people to religions and development research as a whole. In 2021, the JLI started working on a new report called the

re-framing our long-standing evidence work to bring it in one place and to make it concise and accessible to non-academic audiences. It includes an introductory chapter on past and current trans in religions and development evidence, and six thematic chapters on specific aspects of development – health, violence against children, gender, environment, peace and conflict, and forced migration – co-authored by leading academics and practitioners.

This flagship report will be published in 2022 and will become the go-to place for all initial engagements with those that are less familiar or completely unfamiliar with religions and development. Moreover, it will serve as a resource and background document for a variety of knowledge products that the JLI develops as part of our projects. We plan to publish a new edition every two years to keep the report up to date.

## Understanding Inclusivity of Religious Diversity in Humanitarian Response

Based on a research collaboration between JLI and the Coalition for Religious Equality and Inclusive Development (CREID), Olivia Wilkinson and Jennifer Philippa Eggert published a [practice paper](#) on understanding inclusivity of religious diversity in humanitarian action. This paper comes from a review of tools and guidance materials applicable to humanitarian response with regard to their inclusion or exclusion of questions on religious minorities and religious diversity. The authors find that there are a lack of questions tailored for humanitarians to use throughout the programme cycle that will help them analyse when and how to pay specific attention to religious diversity in their response. A [blog post](#) summarising findings of the paper was jointly published by JLI and CREID.

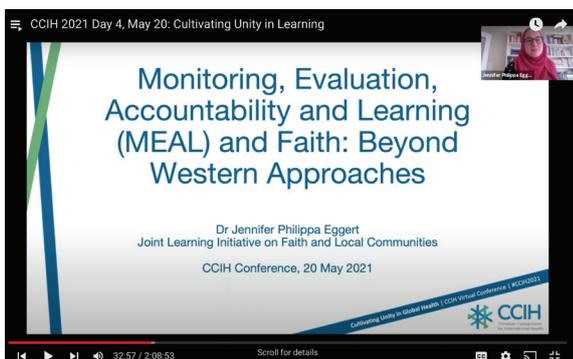


# CONFERENCES, PANELS AND TALKS

- 4 March 2021 - IDove: Jennifer Philippa Eggert presented from the MEAL Compendium
- 16 March 2021 - JLI mentioned at the [Washington National Cathedral vaccine 'confidence event'](#).
- 22 March 2021 - [Faith and Anticorruption webinar](#) hosted by JLI and The Faith + Public Integrity Network.



- 25 March 2021 - Berkley Center for Religion, Peace and World Affairs: JLI participated in [Looking through Gender Lenses at COVID-19's Impact: Religious and Ethical Perspectives](#) and Faith and COVID Vaccination Challenges: The Global Perspective
- 14 April 2021 - MEAL Peer Learning Community facilitated by AfP: Jennifer Philippa Eggert presented the MEAL Compendium
- 28 April 2021 - FriEnt PeaceBuilding Forum: Jennifer Philippa Eggert chaired panel discussion on [Youth Empowerment and the Prevention of Violent Extremism](#).
- 20 May 2021 - CCIH Conference: Jennifer Philippa Eggert presented [Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability and Learning \(MEAL\) and Faith: Beyond Western Approaches](#).



- 8 - 11 June 2021 - [International Conference: Religious Communities and Sustainable Development - Points of Departure for a Post-2030 Development Agenda](#) : Olivia Wilkinson and Jennifer Philippa Eggert co-chaired the 'Policy & Practice Plenary'.
- 9 June 2021 - International Conference - Religious Communities and Sustainable Development: Olivia Wilkinson and Jennifer Philippa Eggert chaired a roundtable on [Tensions of Transdisciplinary knowledge exchange between development practice & research](#).
- 28 - 30 June - Annual DSA Conference: Jennifer Philippa Eggert and board member Emma Tomalin co-convened three [DSA roundtables on decolonisation, development and faith](#).
- 28 July 2021 - Accord webinar: Jennifer Philippa Eggert presented the MEAL Compendium.



- 24 August 2021 - Berkley Center for Religion, Peace and World Affairs: JLI co-sponsored a [Webinar on Poverty and COVID-19 Challenges and Solutions](#).



- 6-7 September 2021- **BASR Annual Conference:** Jennifer Philippa Eggert participated in the 'Decolonising the Study of Religion' panel where she talked about 'Beyond Western Approaches: Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability and Learning (MEAL) and Faith in the Development & Humanitarian Sector'.
- 11-14 September 2021 - **IFG20 Interfaith Forum - Bologna, Italy:** Kirsten Laursen Muth participated as a panellist in a Thematic session on **Religious Commitments to SDGs.**



- 15 September 2021- **AidEX East Africa Webinar Series:** Jennifer Philippa Eggert organised panel discussion on **Meal and Faith - Beyond the Western Approaches.**

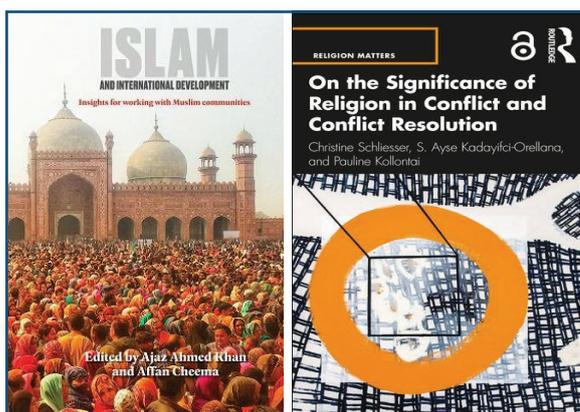


- 11 November 2021 - **PaRD Annual Forum:** Kirsten Laursen Muth moderated presentation of JLI Report: Religion and Gender in Donor Policy and Practice.
- 8-10 December 2021 - **The Generating Respect Project Conference,** Olivia Wilkinson, Jennifer Philippa Eggert and our Board member Emma Tomalin participated in the 'Religious Actors & Humanitarian Norms Compliance in Armed Conflict: Roles, Influence, Engagement' conference.

- 13 - 15 December 2021 - **Faith in the story Inaugural Workshop: Hindsight is 2020** : Olivia Wilkinson participated as a guest at the Ansari Institute's Faith in the Story: Hindsight is 2020 Workshop. On Day 1: Religious Responses to Coronavirus, Olivia spoke about "Communicating on COVID-19 between Global Religion and Development Actors."



- **Ongoing:** JLI continued to host monthly meetings of the **Religions, Humanitarian Action and Development Reading Group** throughout the year.



- **Ongoing:** JLI hosted shared learning sessions of the MEAL Hub throughout the year



# COMMUNICATION

Media	Progress in 2021
 Newsletters	1956 subscribed 18% increase
 Twitter <a href="https://twitter.com/JLIFLC">@JLIFLC</a>   Facebook <a href="https://www.facebook.com/JLIFLC.CONNECT">@JLIFLC.CONNECT</a>   Youtube <a href="https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...">JLI Faith &amp; Local Communities</a>	35% increase in followers to 1350  24% increase in followers to 362  15 webinars conducted
 Website <a href="https://jliflc.com/">https://jliflc.com/</a>	14% increase in users

View the JLI resource library at [jliflc.com/resources](https://jliflc.com/resources)

## BECOME A MEMBER

Join more than 1100 JLI members working in the area of development, humanitarian action, peacebuilding and social change, who collaboratively build the research and evidence base on the role of faith and faith actors to inform policy and practice. **Become a member [here](#).**

# FINANCE

Thanks to our 2021 partners and donors: GHR Foundation, UNICEF, Trinity Church Wall Street, Islamic Relief USA, Institute of Development Studies, Church of Sweden, Anglican Alliance, Tzu Chi, IMA World Health, Soka Gakkai, Alliance for Peacebuilding, and the World Resources Institute.

We gratefully received membership contributions from ACT Alliance, Adventist Development & Relief Agency, American Jewish World Service, Anglican Alliance, Arigatou International, Cadena, Crhistian Aid, Episcopal Relief and Development, Food for the Hungry, Humanitarian Forum Indonesia, International Interfaith Peace Corps, IRUSA, KAICIID, Sarvodaya, Soka Gakkai, Tearfund, The Salvation Army, World Evangelical Alliance, World Vision International.

Audited financials for 2021 are available on request.

## Revenue Streams

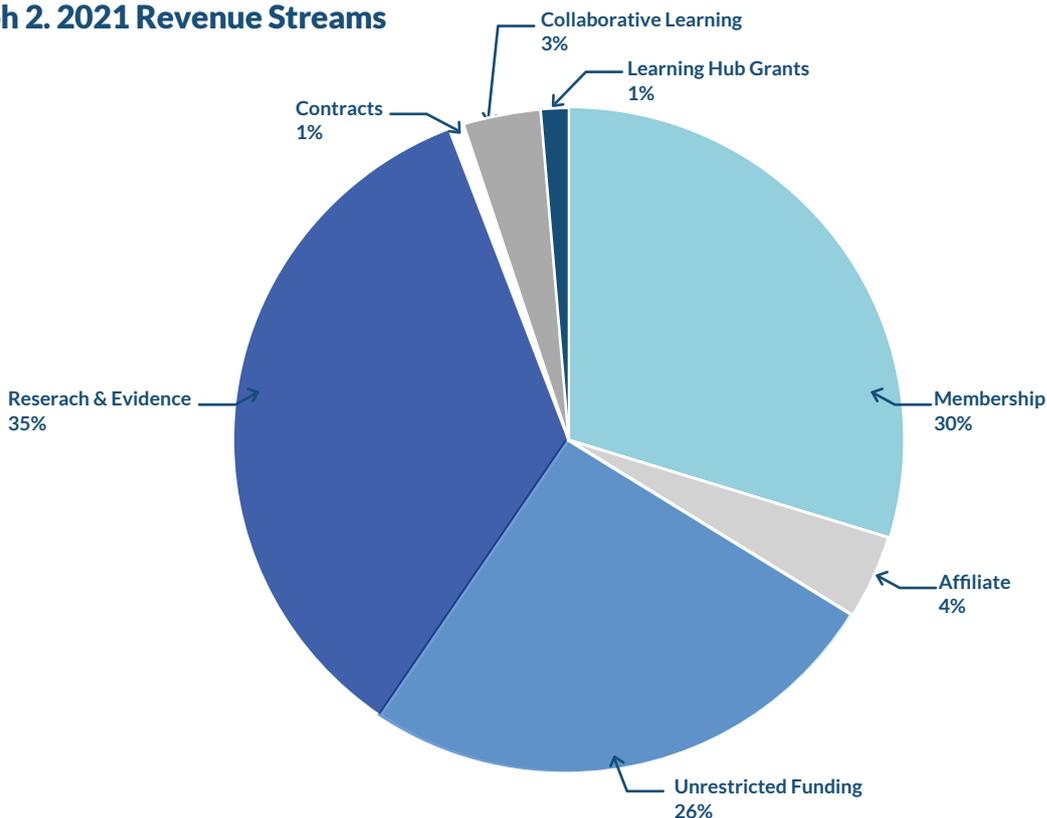
JLI is supported financially by board member contributions, foundations and grants. The most significant area of revenue last year came from grants for research and evidence.

## Graph 1. 2021 Actuals

REVENUES	Jan - Dec Actual (\$)
Member Institutions	145,700
Affiliate Network	20,000
Grants/Contracts	322,891
<b>Income Total</b>	<b>488,591</b>

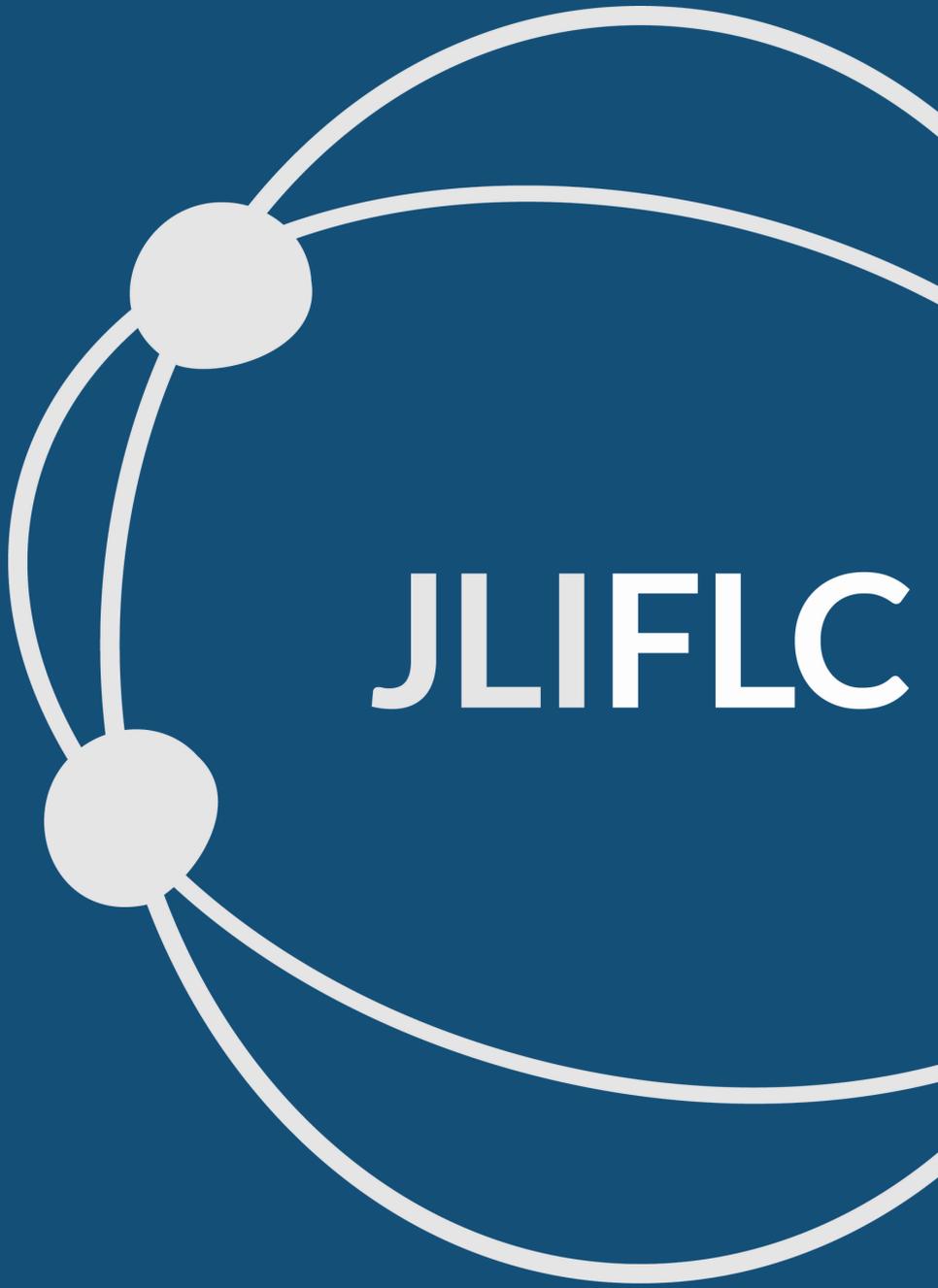
EXPENSES	
Personnel	284,911
Professional Fees	88,733
Management Consulting	122,453
Evidence	112,522
Event	0
Gen Operating Expenses	22,615
Travel	43,969
<b>Total</b>	<b>675,203</b>

## Graph 2. 2021 Revenue Streams



\*This graph is based on Cash Basis Accounting

\*During 2021, JLI incurred expenses for the grants received during 2020. Those expenses do not have matching revenue in 2021.



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