Our work

The Cambridge Centre for Christianity Worldwide is a research and teaching centre – a member of the Cambridge Theological Federation. We equip future leaders to engage practically with and reflect upon the global nature of Christianity in the twenty-first century.

‘CCCW is a vital presence in Cambridge and the UK that keeps focus on our global and worldwide church. Its programs and research are a great gift to all who are devote to mission studies and witness to the gospel.’
Prof. Stephen Bevans SVD, Catholic Theological Union, Chicago

Research programmes and doctoral degrees:
We support scholars from around the world looking for a place to deepen their knowledge and reflect critically on Christianity in its many forms.

Intercultural Encounter programme: We encourage and support students and others in Cambridge to experience diverse Christian cultures across the globe.

World-class mission library and archives: We encourage students and visitors to delve deep into the history, theology, and contemporary manifestations of global Christianity.

Seminars, lectures, and events: Seminars on world Christianity and mission are organised in collaboration with the Faculty of Divinity, as well as the biennial Henry Martyn Lecture series.

Our history

2021 marks the Silver Jubilee of CCCW and 140 years of the Henry Martyn Trust that runs CCCW. The Trust, named in honour of the nineteenth century missionary and Bible translator, was founded to encourage University of Cambridge students to be involved in the church overseas. The Henry Martyn Hall was built as a meeting place where generations of Cambridge students gathered for fellowship, prayer and study. It has remained as a place in which many have first heard the call to greater involvement in the life of the global church, and the Library there has provided resources for the study of world mission.

‘What a special gift the CCCW is to God’s world! You provide a fount of knowledge, a symbol of unity across cultures, and a focus for integrated mission.’
Revd. Dr. Lydia Mwaniki, All Africa Conference of Churches, Nairobi

Since early days, strong connections have been developed with the University of Cambridge and with the Cambridge Theological Federation. In 1996, the Henry Martyn Library celebrated its move to a new location at Westminster College and has since been the heart of the Henry Martyn Centre (later CCCW). We are now a full member in the Federation, and the CCCW Director teaches and supervises in the University of Cambridge’s Faculty of Divinity.

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‘The CCCW is of eminent importance for the subject of World Christianities in the Faculty of Divinity: its library is an essential asset to our students; Dr. Muthuraj Swamy makes valuable contributions to Faculty lectures; and its seminar, run jointly with the Faculty, facilitates crucial knowledge exchange.’

Dr. Jörg Haustein, Lecturer in World Christianities, University of Cambridge
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As well as offering an opportunity to contribute to research in Christianity Worldwide and to encourage people in cross-cultural mission, becoming a Friend of CCCW means being part of a lively, articulate, well-connected fellowship of supporters and scholars.

‘Through its archives and its global connections, CCCW effectively links world mission with the local church. At the same time, in a post-Christendom era, it also relates local mission initiatives to the wider world church.’
Prof. Kirsteen Kim,
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- Regular prayer
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- Support for postgraduate research will enable MPhil and PhD students from the global south to undertake research in World Christianity and mission.

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‘For 25 years the Cambridge Centre for Christianity Worldwide has consistently reminded church and academic communities in Cambridge of the vital significance of world Christianity and its missionary emphasis for the understanding of the Christian faith.’
Prof. Brian Stanley,
University of Edinburgh

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Bishop Guli Francis-Dehqani presenting CCCW with Henry Martyn’s Persian translation of the New Testament