



# Historical record

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Act Church of Sweden breaks new fundraising record. The July collection 2025 raised 60.8 million kronor, the highest amount in the campaign's history. The sharply increased result shows a strong commitment to people living in conflict and on the run around the world.



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Together, parishes, dioceses and donors across the country raised SEK 60,794,211. This is the largest Christmas fundraising amount ever and a historical record.

– Through the Christmas collection, we as a church contribute to a more peaceful world, both here at home and in places affected by war. Together we show that light shines in the darkness, says Susanna Olivin, project manager for the campaign at Act Swedish Church.

## Great commitment throughout the country

Almost all dioceses increased their fundraising during this year's campaign. Fundraising activities in parishes and pastorates contributed 13.8 million SEK.

– Through strong commitment and great creativity, gifts have been collected through Lucia concerts, Christmas markets, light demonstrations, collections, flea markets, craft meetings, candle sales and many other initiatives around the country, says Susanna Olivin.

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## More millions on the way

The result will grow further. Through a collaboration with the Akelius Foundation, December's donations will be doubled. These funds will be paid out in the spring of 2026 and will go to Act Church of Sweden's work for people affected by the war in Sudan.

## Fundraising is needed more than ever

Almost 200 armed conflicts are ongoing in the world and a quarter of the world's population lives in conflict-affected areas. Act The Church of Sweden's Christmas collection, which runs annually from the first day of Advent to the thirteenth day of Christmas, is carried out under the heading "Spread light in the darkness" and shows how the church and its partners stand up for peace.

Act The Church of Sweden works through approximately 250 projects in around 40 countries. The work for peace is carried out, among other things, through meeting places that prevent and resolve conflicts and by strengthening people's knowledge of their rights.

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