

# The New York Times

## New York Times prints letter to the Editor by the Secretary General of WEA

### Divisions Among U.S. Evangelicals

Readers discuss how racial and sexual issues and Donald Trump have led to strife and whether and how evangelism should be saved.

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**To the Editor:**

David Brooks sensitively examines the struggles many U.S. evangelicals are facing today. I regret only that he limited his focus to the United States. The hopeful vision he depicts for evangelicals already exists, all over the world.

At the United Nations or the European Union, evangelicals are recognized as valuable partners on issues of human rights, religious freedom (for everyone, not just for Christians) and sustainable development.

The World Evangelical Alliance works hand in hand with the Vatican, Muslims, people of no faith and many others on matters of global justice and human rights.

Our U.S. affiliate, the National Association of Evangelicals, which Mr. Brooks mentions, has produced an excellent statement on Christian political engagement, including a call to pursue racial justice.

The current battles among U.S. evangelicals will pass. On the other hand, evangelicals in 143 national alliances worldwide have shown, ever since the World Evangelical Alliance's founding in 1846, their ability to bring Christ's love to a hurting world and to cooperate with all people of good will.

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