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Values-driven entrepreneurship



Geneva Agape Foundation  
Annual Report 2023

# Agape-Love means: We do not give up.

## A Year of Continued Challenges and Preparing the Future

### Message from the President

2023 was a year of continued challenges, but also few successful activities and preparation for the future. 2021 was a year of crisis, since a very substantial large donation did not arrive as promised. The result was to terminate all staff positions in 2021 and first half of 2022. Formally since July 2022, de facto since April 2022, the GAF President is exceptionally also the Executive Director ad interim, until funds allow to hire again a person for this position.

However: The foundation shares the financial difficulty of thousands of foundations after Covid and of billions of people living below the poverty line. The vision and mission of GAF encourages us, not to give up, but to continue the

modest service for peace, sustainability, wellbeing and spiritual roots for values-driven private and professional behavior.

**Events:** Despite the financial difficulties of having almost no funds for activities, encouraging events could be implemented, thanks to the pro bono work of Board members and volunteers. They are summarized on page 3.

**Publications** could also be continued and will further continue in coming years.

**The financial situation** was very tight as mentioned. The accounts ended almost balanced, thanks to the transformation of loans into donations, mainly by Board members and the president.

The international *GAF Board of*

*Foundation* (page 7) navigated GAF in this challenging year with diligence and commitment. Dr. Bruno Roche, an international expert on the economics of mutuality and familiar with China, was elected in Feb 2024 as new Board member. The Board is committed to work in 2024 on implementing part of the strategy 2023-2027 and to continue and enlarge its commitments. A great thanks to the Board and all supporters of the Geneva Agape Foundation!



**Prof. Dr. Christoph Stückelberger**  
President of GAF



# GAF Summary of Activities

Keywords: No staff, but active Board and Volunteers! Strong focus on cooperation between Chinese NGOs and GAF related to event at international UN-organisations. A focus was on on-line webinars and events, but also physical meetings at the UN in Geneva. Topics related to values-driven entrepreneurship, Human Rights and peace in response to current polarization, and related research.

- | 25 Jan 2023, *Ecumenical Consultation on global Diaconia*, in Geneva, on invitation of GAF, with WCC, ACT Alliance, European Ecumenical Diaconia Network, Amity Foundation China (see cover Photo of this report)
- | 7 Mar 2023, *Safeguarding Human Rights for Global Development: the Role of CSO's*, UN Human Rights Council, Side Event of GAF with CNIE and China Foundation for Peace and Development, China Foundation for Rural Development and Peaceland Foundation.
- | Whole year: GAF hosts the Geneva Office of *Peaceland*

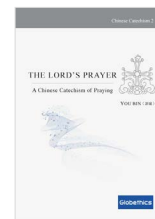
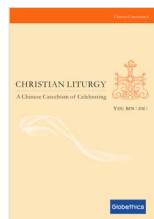
*Foundation of China* in its office, which creates good exchanges especially on UN.

- | Whole year: project development for *certification of SDG cities*, in cooperation with UNAOG and UNGSII (Board member Roland Schatz. The funding expected for 2023 is delayed and did not yet come in 2023.
- | Accompanying and supporting interns at GAF (3-6 months), with fruitful research results: Jiayu Xiao from China with a research on the role of Non-aligned Movement NAM to overcome polarization; Yaru Shan from India on Finance Ethics; since January 2024 already two new interns: Johana Kamgno from Cameroon on Global Health and women empowerment; Sandra Prathap from India on National Identities and Values.
- | 21 March in Geneva: consultation and 24 March side event at the *UN Human Rights Council* with China Ethnic Minorities' Association CEMEE and China's Social Entrepreneur Foundation CSET, organized by GAF



- | 15-19 March GAF President in Ethiopia, exploring cooperation China-Africa on cultural understanding along the Belt and Road Initiative.
- | Event with *Swiss Chinese Law Association SCLA* on aside event at the UN on law and ethics.
- | 22 June Meeting on the *future of the Non-aligned Movement* and the role of ecumenical partners.
- | 2-15 Sept visit of GAF President to China to *renew cooperation with various partners* on social entrepreneurship and others
- | Exploring projects related to *economics of mutuality*, with Dr. Buno Roche from Geneva.
- | 7-8 Nov Experts' workshop near Frankfurt on *SDG Cities*, related to above mentioned project on certification of SDG cities
- | Since Nov explorations on cooperation with AI initiative on finance and AI.

## Publications



The Geneva Agape Foundation has its own publication series called “Agape Series”. Since 2014, GAF published 6 volumes in this series and 10 volumes in the former series called China Christian. <https://gafoundation.world/publications/>

In 2023, the following books have been prepared or published:

- | The preparation of the English edition of Liu Baocheng, *Chinese Values, Conception and Practice* (in Chinese, with 70pages English summary), 650 pages. it will be published in 2024.
- | You Bin, *Liturgy. A Chinese Catechism of Living* (second of four volumes),
- | You Bin, *The Lord's Prayer. A Chinese Catechism of Living* (third of four volumes), 171 pages
- | Christoph Stückelberger, *Globalance towards a New World Order. Ethics Matters and Motivates*, 870 pages. ([www.globethics.net/globalance](http://www.globethics.net/globalance))
- | manifold articles of GAF Board members on business ethics, diakonia etc.

<http://gafoundation.world/publications/>

# Partners

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- | Academy of Religion in Minzu University of China, Beijing
- | Amity Foundation, Nanjing, China
- | Bringspring Science and Technology Co., Ltd., Shenyang, China
- | Center for Religion and Society in East China Normal University, Shanghai, China
- | Center for Study of Religion and Business Ethics of Renmin University of China, Beijing
- | Christian Art and Literature Study Center of Beijing Normal University, China
- | Faith and Business, Oxford, United Kingdom
- | FaithInvest, Bristol, United Kingdom
- | Globethics Foundation, Geneva, Switzerland
- | Institute of Sino-Christian Studies, Hongkong
- | Kingdom Business College, Beijing, China
- | Lavington United Church, Kenya
- | Love Harmony and Trust Investment Company, Shenyang, China
- | Uzbekistan Association of Values-driven Entrepreneurs



# GAF Accounts 2023

<b>Assets 2023 (in CHF)</b>	
Current Assets	
Cash in Bank	15'881
Accrued Income	
Bad debt allowance	
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>15'881</b>
<b>Liabilities and Fund Balances (in CHF)</b>	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	13'094
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>13'094</b>
Fund Balances	
<b>Foundation capital</b>	
Foundation capital, beginning	50'000
Foundational Fund Balance, end	50'000
<b>General Funds</b>	
General funds, beginning	-83448
add: Income during the period	36'235
General Fund Balance, end	-47'213
Total Funds	2'787
<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Balances</b>	<b>15'881</b>

<b>Income 2023 (in CHF)</b>	
Donations for GAF Programmes and Services	106'919
Donation for projects and conferences	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>106'919</b>
<b>Expenditures 2023 (in CHF)</b>	
GAF Core Programmes	
Programme 1: Values-driven Entrepreneurship	38'390
Programme 2: Innovative Philanthropy	-
Programme 3: Values-driven Investments	10'000
GAF Partner Programmes International	
2.1 Programs in Asia	-
GAF Partner Programmes China	
3.1 GAF China	-
GAF Communication, Marketing, Fundraising	
4.1 Communications, website and fundraising	9'179
GAF Governance and Administration	
GAF Other - Staff Costs	-
GAF Management and Administration	-
GAF Office and Infrastructure	13'116
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>70'684</b>
<b>Income or deficit (-)</b>	<b>36'235</b>

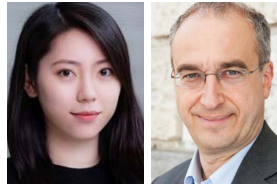


# Board of the Foundation

The Board is the supreme governing body of the Geneva Agape Foundation. As a foundation under Swiss law, it is supervised by the Swiss Federal Authorities in the Ministry of Interior Affairs, which ensures transparency, accountability and sustainability.

The international Board is composed of 9 members from Europe and China. As the Foundation was initiated and at the beginning, to a substantial extent, funded by the Chinese entrepreneur and professor of economics Cui Wantian, China-Europe cooperation is still key and reflected in the composition of the Board.

The Board held two meetings in 2023, both of them online. Key topics were the staff and funding constraints, planning of webinars and other projects. In early 2024, the new Board member could be added: Dr. Bruno Roche, Geneva, economist, author, international speaker.



# GAF Board

(as of Feb 2024)

**Christoph Stückelberger,**

Prof. Dr. President

**Vents Sabev,** Treasurer

**Cui Ruitong,** Member

**Liu Baocheng,** Prof. Dr., Member

**Roland Schatz,** Member

**Christoph Sigrist,** Prof. Dr., Member

**You Bin,** Prof. Dr., Member

**Bruno Roche,** Dr., Member

# GAF Staff

**Christoph Stückelberger,**

Prof. Dr.,

Executive Director ad interim

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## Agape: Works of Love

“You gave me to eat”

“You gave me to drink”

“You invited me as a stranger”

“You clothed me”

“You cared for me when sick”

“You visited me when in prison”

Summary of the Bible (Matthew 25:35-40)

Agape/Love comes true by working for the SDGs



The Geneva Agape Foundation is committed to the UN Sustainable Development Goals SDGs 2015-2030, especially goals 1, 3, 4, 5, 8, 12, 17.

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