

Innovate – Care – Invest by Values-driven entrepreneurship



Geneva Agape Foundation
Annual Report 2024

### Turbulent Times Need Strong Values Message from the President

On global level, 2024 was a year of increased polarization, wars, volatile developments, shift of national budgets from development to military expenditures and more. Navigating a ship in stormy, turbulent weather conditions and times needs a clear compass, courage and commitment. This triple C is possible, when people and institutions are deeply rooted in values and follow a vision.

In 2024, the Geneva Agape Foundation (GAF) also navigated through difficult times. The funding situation is still precarious (as in thousands of NGOs), but the commitment, courage, wisdom and values of the Board and friends are strong. This report summarizes main activities:

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.

**Publication of books** could also be continued and will further continue in coming years.

The financial situation was still very tight as mentioned. The accounts ended almost balanced, thanks donations, mainly by Board members and the president.

The international **Board of GAF** (page 7) navigated this challenging year with diligence, perseverance and passion. A retreat in September 2024 deepened the exchange and vision of projects. Dr. Bruno Roche, an international expert on the economics of mutuality and familiar with China and Ezekiel Takam, PhD candidate on African AI Ethics, have been elected as new Board member. The GAF President continued exceptionally also as the Executive Director ad interim, until funds allow to hire again a person for this position.

The Board is committed to work in 2025 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

Cover Photo: GAF Side Event "Make Science Work for Human Rights" at UN in Geneva with Chinese Partner CNIE, 2 July 2024

## GAF Summary of Activities

Summary: Continued strong focus on cooperation between Chinese NGOs and GAF related to events at international UN-organizations. A focus was on online 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. Active Board and Volunteers. For the second year no employed staff for financial reasons, until new funding is found.

- 15-19 Jan 2024, World Economic Forum Davos, event series outside WEF on *Sustainable Development Goals and SDG cities* (Photo 5).
- 22 Jan 2024: Side Event at UN in Geneva with Chinese Organizations YouChange and Shaanxi Volunteers on *Economic Human Rights*
- 20 Feb 2024: International Bankers Forum in Frankfurt and Digisustain on *Artificial Intelligence AI and Values*. GAF President on Panel.
- 26 Feb 2024: GAF Board meeting, online.
- 12 Mar 2024: Panel Geneva CNIE, Amity Foundation and World Council of Churches, organized by GAF, on *SDGs and Human Rights*.

- 14 Mar 2024: Panel Geneva, China Society for Human Rights Studies, with GAF on Panel. *Right to Education of Minorities in China* (photos 8,9).
- 18-31 Mar 2024: GAF-President in China with encounters with universities and social services.
- April/May 2024: Preparation of office moves to a new place close by for reason of rebuilding the former WCC office complex.
- 29 May 2024: GAF with fAlnance for Good at the World Summit of the Information society Geneva, panel on *fAlnance for Good*, with robot Desdemona
- 2 July 2024: Side event GAF-CNIE China at UN Human Rights Council in Geneva on *Make Science Work for Human Rights* (Cover photo).
- 30 Aug 2024: Event at University of Zurich: presentation and discussion of the book of GAF Board member You Bin, Beijing, on the German edition of his book *The Ten Commandments*. A Chinese Catechism for Life (Photos 3,4).



- 31 Aug/1 Sept: GAF *Board Retreat* in Geneva, in person, for strategic planning of GAF activities (photos 1,2).
- Sept 2024: GAF President *in China for Research and Teaching*, with various meetings with GAF partners.
- 11-15 Nov 2024: GAF with FCL Law Brazil and Globethics: Advanced Study Program on international Negotiations, Compliance and AI, with Brazilian lawyers, continuation of past years. (photo 6,7).
- 16 Nov 2024: Seminar of National Council of Churches in India with their Association of Christian Entrepreneurs on *Corporate Social Responsibility of Entrepreneurs*. Trainer: GAF President. Exploration of cooperation.

#### During the year

- May-Sept 2024: Exploring various projects of cooperation between GAF and partners for Board Retreat in Sept.
- Whole year: GAF hosts the Geneva Office of Peaceland Foundation of China in its office, which creates good exchanges especially on UN-cooperation.
- Whole year: GAF hosts the Head Office of *OikosInvest Foundation* for green and social impact investing in the Global South
- Whole year: project development for *certification of SDG cities*, in cooperation with UNAOG and UNGSII.

# 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.

In 2024, 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 70 pages English summary), 650 pages. it is planned to be published in 2025.
- You Bin, Die Zehn Gebote. *Ein Chinesesischer Katechismus des Lebens*, 2024.
- In addition, Board members published several books in their own countries.

### Partners

#### https://gafoundation.world/partners/

The strategic partner remains the Amity Foundation in China

- Academy of Religion in Minzu University of China, Beijing
- Amity Foundation, Nanjing, 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
- Uzbekistan Association of Values-driven Entrepreneurs



# GAF Accounts 2024

Assets 2024 (in CHF)	
Current Assets	
Cash in Bank	4'390
Accrued Income	
Bad debt allowance	
Total Assets	4'390
Liabilities and Fund Balances (in CHF)	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	3'052
Total Liabilities	3'052
Fund Balances	
Foundation capital	
Foundation capital, beginning	50'000
Foundational Fund Balance, end	50'000
General Funds	
General funds, beginning	-47'213
add: Income during the period	-1'450
General Fund Balance, end	-48'662
Total Funds	1'338
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	4'390

Income 2024 (in CHF)	
Donations for GAF Programmes and Services	36'447
Donation for projects and conferences	
Total Income	36'447
Expenditures 2024 (in CHF)	
GAF Core Programmes	
Programme 1: Values-driven Entrepreneurship	8'000
Programme 2: Innovative Philanthropy	-
Programme 3: Values-driven Investments	-
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	3'243
GAF Governance and Administration	
GAF Other - Staff Costs	200
GAF Management and Administration	13'364
GAF Office and Infrastructure	13'089
Total Expenses	37'897
Income or deficit (-)	-1'450

# 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 2024, on 26 Feb. online and on 31 Aug/1 Sept in Geneva in person a planning retreat. Key topics were the staff and funding constraints, planning of webinars and other projects. In 2024, two new Board members have been elected: Dr. Bruno Roche, Geneva, economist, author, international speaker and PhD cand. Ezekiel Takam, Cameroon, a doctoral student on AI Ethics at the university of Geneva.



### GAF Board (as of Jan 2025)

#### Christoph Stückelberger,

Prof. Dr, President Ventz Sabev, PhD cand., Treasurer Cui Ruitong, PhD cand., Member Liu Baocheng, Prof. Dr., Member Roland Schatz, Member Christoph Sigrist, Prof. Dr., Member You Bin, Prof. Dr., Member Bruno Roche, Dr., Member Ezekiel Takam, Cameroun, PhD cand., member

### GAF Staff

Christoph Stückelberger, Prof. Dr., Executive Director ad interim (pro bono)





### 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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