

# THE CHURCH AND FAIR TRADE

Adanech Horgaso  
grows Fairtrade-labelled  
poinsettias, Ethiopia.

*Kyrka för Fairtrade*

Get your church involved in creating a just world.

Churches have always been a key force in the work for ethical consumption and fair trade. The Kyrka för Fairtrade (Church for Fairtrade) diploma is available as a tool in churches' activities.

Kyrka för Fairtrade is run by Swedish churches through the Christian Council of Sweden, in partnership with Fairtrade Sweden and the Swedish organisation Fair Trade Retailers.



® Fairtrade changes the way trade works through better prices, decent working conditions and a fairer deal for farmers and workers in developing countries.



WFTO Label products are made and traded by Guaranteed Fair Trade Organisations dedicated to the sustainable Fair Trade economy. Every purchase of products with the WFTO Label supports small producers and their communities.



PHOTO: SEAN HAWKEY, FAIRTRADE SWEDEN

## The Kyrka för Fairtrade Diploma covers:

### FAIRTRADE-LABELLED PRODUCTS

- The church or congregation uses Fairtrade-labelled coffee and tea in the contexts in which it runs activities, such as church coffee, meetings, get-togethers, camps and staff coffee breaks.
- The church or congregation also uses other products that are Fairtrade-labelled or fairly traded.

### INFORMATION

- The church or congregation passes on information on justice issues and on the importance of wielding your power as a consumer in your activities, e.g. at board meetings and in confirmation classes, newsletters and sermons.

### OPINION

- The church or congregation carries out certain activities or campaigns each year in relation to the wider world, with the aim of influencing public opinion in favour of fair trade, in connection for example with campaigns such as *World Fair Trade Day* (the second Saturday in May), the *Fairtrade Focus* campaign weeks or *the Global Week of Churches*.
- The church or congregation gets involved in *Fairtrade Focus* and the *Fairtrade Challenge* coffee day. All coffee breaks in congregations and churches can be registered with the "Kyrka för Fairtrade" team.

### PARTNERSHIP

- The church or congregation works with positive local forces on fair trade and ethical consumption, e.g. other congregations, churches and faith communities, NGOs, world shops and fair trade shops, the local authority, sports associations and the business community.
- The church or congregation works with the steering group of Fairtrade City if such a body exists in the local area.

### INFORMATION AND ORGANISATION

- The church or congregation shares its ideas, talks about its activities and reports at least once a year on its work as a Kyrka för Fairtrade to the coordinator at the Christian Council of Sweden.
- A church or congregation that applies for a diploma takes an official decision on becoming a Kyrka för Fairtrade.
- Each year during the diploma process, the congregation provides an update on Kyrka för Fairtrade in the Board of Directors, church council, church assembly or congregational meeting.
- Work on fair trade and ethical consumption in the church or congregation is organised by a steering group consisting of at least four people. The steering group may vary in its structure; it can either consist of all or part of the international group, mission council or congregation board, or be specifically designated for Kyrka för Fairtrade.

### THE KYRKA FÖR FAIRTRADE DIPLOMA IS AWARDED TO CHURCHES THAT:



- Use Fairtrade-labelled coffee, tea and other products in their organisation.
- Spread information on justice issues and opportunities for consumer influence.
- Encourage public opinion in favour of fair trade and get involved in campaigns and activities aimed at the wider community.

The diploma costs SEK 1,000 each year. If this fee presents a problem, we ask you to get in touch with us prior to making an application. See our website or contact us to apply or receive more information on the diploma.



PHOTO: IDA ARVEBRO



**There are around 180 churches in Sweden that have been awarded the diploma. Do as Tumba Church has done – let your church help ensure that people in countries with widespread poverty can improve their working and living conditions through fair trade.**



**SVERIGES  
KRISTNA RÅD**

**Kyrka för Fairtrade, Christian Council of Sweden**

+46 (0)8-453 68 00

info@skr.org

kyrkaforfairtrade.org

facebook.com/kyrkaforfairtrade

twitter.com/KyrkaFairtrade