

# CATALYST CALENDAR 2021

**MARCH** | End COVID for All

**APRIL** | Easter – Child Exploitation in Chocolate Industry

**MAY** | Ethical Consumerism

**MID-YEAR** | 'Who's My Neighbour?' Report

**OCTOBER** | Ethical Fashion Report Launch

**DECEMBER** | Christmas

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As well as these key milestone campaigns, throughout the year we'll also be pointing you towards resources from our sister agencies addressing local issues.

We'll send you monthly updates, provide downloadable resources and host a variety of [events](#) to help you and your church to engage in these campaigns!

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## **End COVID For All**

Great news- last year the government aid budget increased for the first time in years! But there is still more that can be done to end covid for all. That's why this year we're focused on additional investments to end the pandemic, strengthen health system in our region and provide emergency famine prevention support to address rising hunger and child malnutrition.

Key moments in this campaign will be the 25th of March and the May budget.

## **Easter – Ending Child Labour in the chocolate industry**

Chocolate, a popular Easter treat, comes from an industry notorious for exploiting children and using them for labour. This year, the International Year of the Elimination of Child Labour, we are partnering with Be Slavery Free to hold chocolate companies accountable. We will be asking the six major chocolate companies to follow through with their promises to end child labour in their supply chains.

## **Ethical Consumerism**

The common phrase that you 'vote with your wallet' is true. Whenever you buy a piece of clothing or a chocolate bar you are either supporting an ethical company that pays its workers fairly or you are contributing to an unjust supply chain. We wanted to understand more about ethical consumerism in Australia so we commissioned McCrindle Research to look into it. We're turning the findings into an interactive quiz to give you simple steps that will help you become a more ethical consumer. We'll also release an educational resource kit helping you to run events in your local community.

## **'Who's my Neighbour?' Report**

Baptist World Aid is working with Baptist Care, A Just Cause and other Baptist agencies on special events and resources to enable our movement to speak to our elected leaders on a range of global and local justice issues. Details are to be confirmed but we will ensure we provide resources to our Catalyst network and local churches to engage in their own context.

## **Ethical Fashion Report**

Baptist World Aid pioneered the first Ethical Fashion report in 2013. The report shed light on what the fashion industry and individual companies were doing to address issues of forced labour, child labour and exploitation in their supply chains. Each year, we've engaged with fashion companies and seen improvement in company gradings as they've made meaningful changes in their businesses. There's still more that needs to change in the fashion industry and that is why we are launching a new report this year. Stay tuned!