

Welcome to the **CATALYST** **NETWORK**

We live in a world where garment workers continue to be denied fair compensation and safe work conditions, where children are forced into the workforce taking away their opportunity for education, and where leaders regularly fall short in protecting the most vulnerable in their communities. Our brothers and sisters, made in the image of God, are being denied their agency, dignity and rights.

Yet each day, God is at work bringing healing, grace and justice to our broken world.

We believe that we are called to follow Jesus into dark places; to pray, to act and to advocate for change and a better world for all. That is why we created Catalyst.

We want to support you, as a key leader of your church or ministry. As we partner with God in working on behalf of the marginalised and oppressed both globally and locally, there are a lot of things we can do together.

We'll learn, pray, and use our collective voice to hold leaders and decision-makers to account for people on the margins. In partnership with our sister agencies (including Micah, A Just Cause, BaptistCare and state associations) we'll continue to address a variety of issues, such as equitable access to vaccines, child-labour and exploitation, unfair working conditions and indigenous reconciliation.

How can you be involved?

- **Pray!** Please uphold the vulnerable and oppressed in our world in your prayers. Pray that they will know God sees them and cares for them.
- **Join our Catalyst Facebook Group** and get involved in discussions with other like-minded disciples. Be encouraged and encourage others.
- Actively engage with **resources and training sessions** we offer over the course of the year to learn and take action.
- **Share what you are learning with your church community** and encourage them to get involved. (This could look like facilitating discussions over a meal, presenting during your Sunday service or leading a church mission group. Be creative!)
- Let us know what else you are interested in! **Give us feedback** so that we can tailor the program to equip you with addresses the issues that resonate most with you.

Our hope with Catalyst is that you will:

- Form a deeper theological understanding for engaging in social issues
- Learn more about the challenges that our brothers and sisters face around the world and the systems which prevent them from flourishing
- Grow in your skills as an advocate to make real and lasting change
- Have access to practical tools and resources helping you to take action

What's next?

We'll keep you updated on the latest resources, information and campaigns via a monthly email. You'll also receive a call or email from Vanessa Miller, our Policy & Mobilisation Coordinator, so that we can hear more about your story and learn how we can best support you in becoming an advocate.