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Message from the President



Dr. Goodwill Shana

President, Association of Evangelicals in Africa

The 12th AEA General Assembly will be recorded in history as one of the most unique and important General Assemblies of our times. This is because we meet under the cloud of COVID 19, a virus that has altered and affected almost every sphere of our lives. The Church is meeting differently, the Church needs to act differently, the church is communicating and communing differently. So we meet so that we can hear from God about the Africa that God Wants and the Church that God wants for Africa He wants. We thank God that we are able to come together in this way (virtually) to reason, talk, and fellowship, pray and hear from God together about the direction and mission of the Church at such a time as this.

The Association of Evangelicals in Africa is intentional in presenting roadmaps for effective ministry in our beloved

continent. Our vision 2066 document, framing a clear biblical vision of the next 50 years is aimed at providing a framework for AEA and its functionaries to serve the continent with an increased institutional capacity.

Therefore, the aspirations that we resonate with, as presented in our strategy documents and constitutional amendments, are far-reaching but doable. Daunting, but intelligently weaved to make a telling difference to the malaise that our communities are facing.

My brothers and sisters, we meet this year virtually, but our evangelical unity, responsibility and commission as Christ's workers must be manifested in the physical realm. From our churches to the markets, from our offices to the low-income settlements and high seats of power of this

world. From our homes to the world.

May this 12th General Assembly of the Association of Evangelicals in Africa, light up a spark that ignites, repurposes and reshapes our priorities. May we remain focused on Christ's unchanging mandate to make disciples, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

God Bless you!

Dr. Goodwill Shana
President, Association of Evangelicals in Africa
&
International Council Chair
World Evangelical Alliance (WEA)

AEA Board Chair Report



Rev. Dr. Mario LI HING GOSK AEA Board Chair.

Warm Greetings to all of you and welcome to our General Council "hybrid" gathering in the matchless Name of our Lord Jesus-Christ.

"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name! Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagles." Psalm.103:1-5.

We indeed bless the Lord for His grace and mercy on His Church and His protection of the Nations of our Africa during the prevailing Covid-19 pandemic.

Despite the various challenges encountered, yes we have seen our God at work through His people at different levels and spheres of His mission

He is still building His Church and the gates of hell will not prevail against it.

Nevertheless, we have to pause and ask ourselves some pertinent questions at this juncture as we gather together to celebrate what our God has done and to ask Him for His leading and guidance for the "new steps" in this unprecedented season.

Will it be business as usual in this 'new normal order'?

What should we be doing differently now?

Allow me to share the following thoughts and reflections that I have gleaned here and there in my discussion and input in other Forums.

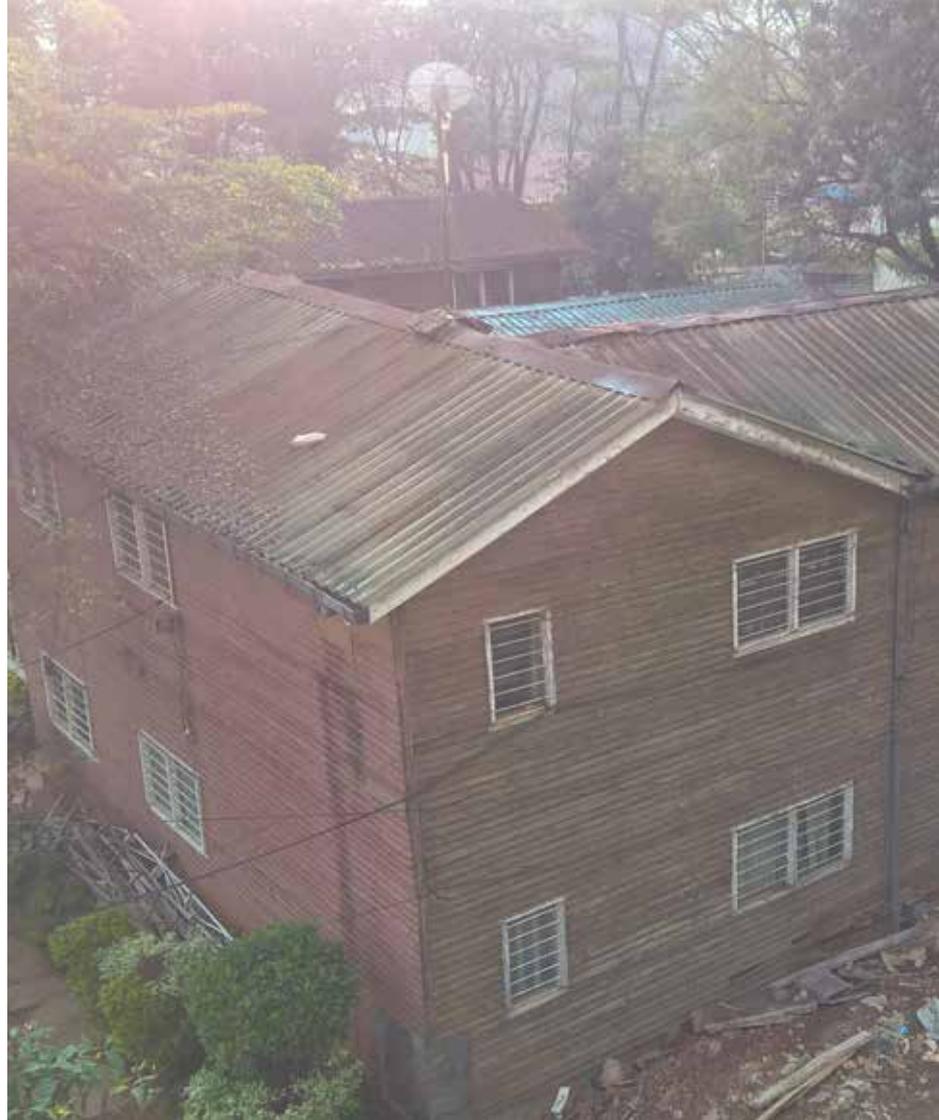
We need to be open to:

- Improve awareness of the changing dynamics of the context and paradigms of Church and its mission, and the need for more creative and strategic approaches to doing ministry
- Be more strategic; innovative, and embrace more efficient use of resources, time and technology in our ministry efforts
- Re-examine and reorder our priorities
- Find new and appropriate ways of doing ministry as well as new giving models to finance our mission endeavours
- Look afresh at what it means to be a Church, including an emphasis on really being a loving and sharing community
- Explore new training and outreach techniques to do missions that allow disciples to grow without physical buildings
- Move away from large, in-person consultations, to smaller, networked gatherings with more consistent engagement online
- How are we to adjust to still fulfil the Great Commission Mandate from now onwards?
- Some proposals for the way forward should include:
 - Embracing technology the more for ministry
 - Looking at new ways of gospel transmission in unreached communities
 - Training our members on new and creative ways of fundraising and financial investments
 - Focusing on raising, training, equipping and empowering local/national believers
- Researching on and promoting new categories of the harvest-fields, harvest-forces, and best approaches of engaging the two
- Promoting household churches; training more small group family heads and leaders as small group churches will become especially important now
- Partnering strategically and healthily is more crucial than ever
- Exercising more intentionality in regular online networking platforms while maintaining disciplined and strategic use of the digital space
- Promoting 'Prayer Evangelism and Discipleship' and prayers for frontline workers
- Equipping every believer to understand to carry out his/her role in the fulfilment of the Great Commission ensuring that the whole Body of Christ is mobilized and being a witness for Christ wherever and in whatever condition they find themselves

Missions from outside to Africa:

One of the oldest missions from the West that has been working in Africa for almost a century also had a reflection and a resetting retreat involving all the now global stakeholders at the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic with intent to identifying how they will remain relevant and more strategic in their ministry efforts in the new-normal world.

The summary of their conclusions after the retreat was the need to continue to 'Be' and 'Build' a "Truly Global Missions Community".



The following are gleaned from the resolutions:

- Be intentionally innovative
- Equip, strengthen, and work with local churches in our receiving contexts for missions
- Identify and develop local workers and leaders
- Engage local beneficiaries in all aspects of missions
- Be rooted and invested in our communities
- Regionalize services

The God-Factor:

The African Church is regarded as a Praying Church. Because of the numerous economic, political, social and natural challenges and crisis the African continent and people face, we do not have any other alternative than put our trust in the Lord, also beseeching His Throne of Grace for help in our times of need. We believe very strongly in and appropriate this special covenant relationship with God in Isaiah 19:19-25:

"In that day there will be an altar to the Lord in the heart of Egypt and a monument to the Lord at its border.

It will be a sign and witness to the Lord Almighty in the land of Egypt. When they cry out to the Lord because of their oppressors, he will send them a saviour and defender, and he will rescue them.

So the Lord will make himself known to the Egyptians, and on that day, they will acknowledge the Lord.

They will worship with sacrifices and grain offerings; they

will make vows to the Lord and keep them.

The Lord will strike Egypt with a plague; he will strike them and heal them. They will turn to the Lord, and he will respond to their pleas and heal them."

As many people search for and seek to explain why the predictions about how Covid-19 was going to devastate Africa have so far not happened as expected, there is the divine angle that must be considered.

Dr. Solomon Zewdu stated as follows:

"There is a lot, the argument goes, that we still don't know. Here's my sense of the issue: What we don't know about Africa and COVID-19 is far less important than what we do know. Because the things we do know are amazing and important and have surely contributed to Africa's overall success in weathering this disease."

That which we still do not know belong to the divine realm. As stated in the following lines from Isaiah's prophecy, God hears and answers our prayers:

'When they cry out to the Lord because of their oppressors, He will send them a saviour and defender, and He will rescue them.

The Lord will strike Egypt with a plague; He will strike them and heal them. They will turn to the Lord, and He will respond to their pleas and heal them.'

Let me now come back to my report.

The Board has met in ordinary session at regular intervals and with the 'new normal' situation, we moved for the first time to virtual board meetings.

It's my pleasure to share some highlights of what we could achieve by God's enablement and grace since our last General Council meeting.

AEA Plaza

The official opening of our new headquarters office complex on 12th April 2019 remains one of the major milestones in the development of our long history as an Association. The new AEA Plaza is a ten storied-office block that houses the Africa Evangelical Centre; comprising the administrative offices and resource centre on the 8th and 9th floors, respectively.

However, the building came at a great cost and a subsequent mortgage of 2 million US dollars had to be acquired to complete the construction and begin its operations. AEA has since reduced the principal by 36%. With your support and prayer, we expect to clear the mortgage before 2029.

Vision 2066

Since our last General Council and your invaluable contribution to the shaping of the AEA Vision document, we are happy to report that AEA Vision 2066 and Strategic Plans are published and ready for distribution and implementation. As the AEA President, Dr Goodwill Shana has stated in the foreword of the vision 2066 document, "the power of this vision lies in our hands as key Evangelical

leaders in Africa. It calls for an ongoing commitment to an intentional collective and collaborative action in unity."

The Following 7 aspirations underpinned AEA's vision for the next 50 years and beyond:

1. Evangelicals united in Gospel outreach and inter-generational disciple-making
2. Healthy and financially sustainable NEAs, AEA secretariat and AEA organs
3. Sound biblical and theological training for a transformed society
4. Evangelical ministry enhanced by research and technological adaptation
5. Holistically transformed Africa with strong, healthy, and thriving communities
6. A continent characterised by ethical leadership, good governance, and the rule of law
7. A continent of equal opportunities for all with a strategic focus on children, youth, and women

AEA Consultations and Gatherings

We are continuously making efforts to gather leaders across the continent to not only equip our members towards effective ministry but also to discuss and strategise on how we can collectively contribute to the transformation of our continent and make it become the "Africa that God wants" for His glory.

Below are some of the key meetings and gatherings that have taken place:

AEA convened a theological consultation from the 8-13th September 2019 to develop and implement strategies to tackle the problem of untrained and poorly trained pastors in the continent. Over 300 pastors, bible scholars and AEA members attended the meeting. One of the outcomes was the release of Scaling Up Theological Training in Africa. This publication is now offered as a free resource on the AEA Website. The goal was to equip and strengthen grassroots churches in Africa, with participants challenged to scale up training of another 20% of pastors over the next five years. This book includes a selection of major papers presented at the consultation.

The Association of Evangelicals in Africa and Sojourners, a United States-based Christian justice organization, successfully hosted a virtual Global Gathering of Christian Justice Leaders on the 24th of June 2020. The virtual gathering had about 45 leaders from 25 nations in attendance.

The WEA General Assembly was successfully held in Jakarta in November 2019. The key outcome of the meeting was the resolution to galvanise the evangelical family around the world to have a special focus on disciple-making in the current decade 2020-2030.

AEA COVID 19 Response

In a joint partnership with Humedica, AEA successfully implemented a humanitarian response aimed at promoting food security, providing nutritional intervention and health protection in three countries in the East and Horn of Africa region. Over 11,000 people from 2,380 households were reached in the emergency relief project that kicked off in

August 2020.

The AEA office staff made food and non-food items donations to the Africa International University students on the 24th of April, 2020. The AEA staff, through their salaries and support from AEA funds, were able to distribute the items to over 100 families. These families consisted of international students lodging at AIU. Due to the travel restrictions and lockdowns globally, these students felt the strain of being locked in at the African International University (AIU) Karen Campus.

AEA General Secretariat organized two Zoom calls with National Evangelical Alliance leaders to discuss areas of interventions around Covid-19 and to understand what the alliances were engaged in. The NEA in Africa has been key partners of governments in responding to the pandemic. Major interventions have been in the following areas:

- Resourcing support materials for front-line responders and church hospitals and clinics
- Advocating Churches to obey the government directives.
- Providing livelihood support to needy communities
- Reinforcing health messages on TV and Radio
- Partnering with Business in spearheading resuscitation of health facilities to handle Covid-19 patients.
- Providing pastoral care and counselling in communities traumatized by the virus and related impacts.
- Setting up local networks of churches to coordinate responses for food distribution.
- Providing foodstuff donations to foreign students stranded in local universities.

A new member admitted to AEA

Union Church of Tripoli, Libya – Admitted in 2019.

Staff updates

Some key staff developments have also taken place at AEA Headquarters as we seek to strengthen the role of the secretariat to better serve the AEA members and to implement more efficiently our vision and mission.

- Mr. Jim Olang now serves as the AEA Operations and Communication Manager.
- Mrs. Lilian Marang'a was recruited as Head of Finance and Administration.
- Rev. Dr. Eloi Sobel Dogue, a former AEA Board member, was appointed to be our new Executive Secretary for the AEA Youth and Missions department.
- And as previously announced, the appointment of AEA new General Secretary Rev. Dr. Master Matlhaope from Botswana signals a major transition as he replaces our outgoing GS.

A very warm welcome to you all and a blessed farewell to Rev. Dr. Aiah Foday-Khabenje.

Vote of thanks

May I take this opportunity on behalf of the AEA Board and Family to express our deepest appreciation and heartfelt thanks to Rev. Dr. Aiah for his outstanding and faithful service to AEA during these last twelve years.

Upon his appointment, Dr. Aiah was able to adapt quickly to a new continental environment like ours and has been a

very strategic and good Team Leader of AEA. He has duly represented us on various platforms with our partners and stakeholders at both Regional and International levels.

He has invested himself with great professionalism and integrity in all of the missions entrusted to him as per our Vision and Mission. Curious, strategic, responsible, very involved and naturally endowed with a critical and concise mind.

Dr. Aiah is a servant-leader who likes challenges and gets involved in new projects. For instance, he has been the driving force of our Building Project Committee and has contributed immensely to the realization of the AEA Centre in Nairobi. With a strong team spirit, with excellent communication and organization skills, he knew how to work in perfect autonomy and responsibility throughout his various mission endeavours while remaining always accountable to the Board. I am convinced that he will continue to bring real added value through his professional experience and strength of character to the Church in Africa and beyond, and to any organization. We wish him well in the next chapter of his life and ministry. "May God help and guide you in all your endeavours, and always bring success to your doorstep."

I would like to express my thanks to the esteemed Board members for their unflinching support, to our committed staff and all our AEA members for their ongoing and faithful partnership in the gospel.

A special word of thanks to our outgoing Treasurer and Legal Adviser for their significant contribution during their many dedicated years of service.

"I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in

every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel.

For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus.

And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, so that you may

approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God." Philippians.1:3-11

"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name! Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits,"

Serving Him Together,

Rev.Dr. Mario LI HING GOSK

AEA Board Chair

(Respectfully submitted April 2021)

Introduction



General Secretary's Report for the Period 2015-2021

We thank God for enabling us to host our 12th Quadrennial General Assembly, albeit virtually, in a new world order (the New Normal). The last General Assembly was due to be held in Accra in 2014, however, the impact of an Ebola endemic in the West Africa sub-region, necessitated the need for a delay and eventually moving the venue to Harare, where the Assembly was held, in 2015. Similarly, the impact of COVID19, unavoidably made it impossible for the 12th Assembly to be held in Kigali in 2020.

I note with regrets, that this is the second AEA Quadrennial General Assembly holding in a tardy fashion, later than the four-year cycle. This 12th General Assembly was due in 2019, following the 11th General Assembly held in Harare in 2015. The WEA General Assembly was scheduled to hold the same year, which had also failed to meet since 2008. Given the import of the global gathering and the role of the AEA President and General Secretary, in the planning

and successful holding of the event, the AEA Board was compelled to postpone the 12th AEAGA to the following year, which was scheduled for Kigali 2020. But this was cancelled because of the pandemic.

Notwithstanding the tardiness, we are thankful to God for our resilience for God's favour in enabling us to successfully hold these meetings. Hosting our premier meeting is only the tip of the iceberg for our resilience; the same could be said for all our operations and activities, impressing on us God's faithfulness and our absolute dependence on him. We can do nothing on our own, except for the grace and favour of God.

It is with profound gratitude to God, that I present this third and final General Assembly report as General Secretary of the AEA (June 2009–May 2021) to this august body. Thus, while I highlight a summary of AEA operations in the period

under review (2015 to date), I would also like to include a concise overview of the entire period of my stewardship, as AEA General Secretary in the last twelve (2009–2021).

Overview of AEA Operations in the Period Under Review—2015–2021

On the eve of the 11th General Assembly, we broke ground for the construction of the AEA Headquarters office complex, on 22 June 2015. The AEA Plaza was officially dedicated and opened for ministry by the AEA President, Dr. Goodwill Shana, in April 2019. The construction work was a core activity in the period under review. This included managing a team of building consultants, fundraising, acquisition of mortgage loan, fit-out of AEA offices, leasing and managing the Plaza. Here is a very concise overview regarding the construction and use of the building:

1. Total Cost of the building – Kshs.458,581,865 (Note: Kshs. 106= 1USD). On completion, the building was valued at Kshs. 800,000,000.
2. Total loan amount charged to AEA – Kshs.224,033,429 as at 17/9/2019.
3. Loan balance as at 28/2/2021 – Kshs.143,216,033.40 (delays have to do with statutory processes beyond our control)
4. In 2021, AEA projects to reduce the loan principal with the bulk balances from sale with an amount of Kshs.107.5. With this reduction plus the monthly loan repayments, the loan principal would be reduced to Kshs. 72.4m by the end of June 2021. The Association also projects to restructure the loan in that period to reduce the monthly loan repayment from Kshs.3.4m to Kshs.1.4 commencing from 1st July 2021.

5. With the reduced principal, the Association would be looking to complete the repayment of the loan at the end of December 2025.

6. Loan principal amount paid as at 28.2.2021– Kshs.80,817,395.60 (36%)

7. AEA plaza occupancy % (Total building sq.ft 76,973)

- Let out – 20% - 15,347 sq.ft.
- AEA occupied – 19% - 14,801 sq.ft.
- Sold out – 40% - 30,743 sq.ft.
- Balance available for letting – 21% - 16,081 sq. ft.

There is still a need for contribution to free the space we have retained from the loan and the cash going towards ministry, rather than servicing the loan, especially against current economic challenges, aggravated by the impact of the pandemic.

While building construction took most of our time and energy, we were not unmindful of our core business of connecting, equipping, and representing national evangelical alliances and other ways of serving the global Church. With a limited staff team and low funding base, our successes were modest. Some appreciable degree of visibility and services to our constituents is evidenced. A key milestone was to celebrate AEA's fiftieth (1966–2016) anniversary and mark this with a major theological reflection/consultation on the theme: The Africa God Wants: Envisioning the next fifty years, in tandem with the AU aspirations of the people of Africa. The envisioning exercise was commissioned by the Governing Council at its meeting on 28-29 November 2017. The exercise was led by the leadership of AIU Governing Council. The Vision document, Vision2066 and the first five-year strategic plan

(2020-2024) was expected to be launched at the GA in 2020 but would now be launched during this general Assembly. We continued to conduct leadership engagement seminars for NEF leaders over this period, including five such initiatives:

1. Abidjan with 25 participants from 14 countries in the Francophone region (24-26 August 2016).
2. Nairobi Seminar for Anglophone and around the Jubilee celebration (13-15 November 2016)
3. Nairobi Leadership Transformation Seminar with Ted Ford (23-27 September 2018)
4. AIC Bishops' Conference in Tanzania, held in Arusha (August 2017)
5. Upscaling Theological Training in Africa Consultation in Nairobi(8-13 September 2019)

The Relief and Development Commission continues to be active in Uganda with significant contribution to enhancing livelihoods in selected communities. Our relief interventions also included emergency relief to mitigate the impact of COVID19 on vulnerable communities in South Sudan, Ethiopia, and Uganda. This was made possible through a new partnership with Humedica, a German NGO in 2020. Both the Theology and Christian Education and Relief and Development Commissions were under the direct supervision of the General Secretary, in the absence of substantive leaders for the commissions.

I must also acknowledge that the seminars/consultations mentioned above, were made possible through partnerships and contribution of organizations like Langham and Oasis Publishing houses, assisting with resources like Africa Bible Commentary (currently under

review for the second edition) and the Africa Study Bible. Tyndale House and some others, who wish to remain anonymous also assisted with funding. Visits and participation in NEFs' programs, in the period under review and up to 2019, included at least 15 countries in the region. Activities also included international travels outside Africa, representing AEA in WEA, International partners, and the Global Christian Forum matters. I will turn to a brief overview of my tenure (2009-2021).

Overview of Tenure (June 2009-May 2021)

Arrived in Nairobi in June 2009, amidst uncertainty about whether I would be working from my bedroom in Freetown or from Nairobi, at the AEA Headquarters. The uncertainty was due to AEA's inability to pay salary and provide accommodation for the General Secretary. The position had remained vacant for the four previous years. According to the then caretaker Team: "We will hate to see the General Secretary riding in a 'matatu'...and not afford an accommodation". However, I did not see how working from my bedroom in Freetown could have been of any advantage to the role, rather than a lame duck. This is how I left my family and came to Nairobi, for at least an orientation, before a decision to stay or not. The Board decided that I stay; I then lived out of my suitcase in a one-bedroom accommodation which I got at AIU. My family (of six people) joined me in Nairobi one year later and we moved to a three-bedroom apartment in Nairobi.

Talk about Abraham's call as a model to the call to be a follower of Christ—to leave your home to a place God will show you—is indeed a reality. The key to this call is

obedience and trust in God to lead, going ahead of you, to the unknown. Thank God for his faithfulness, love, and kindness and his grace and favour, when the going gets tough. The four-year contract was renewed twice, this is how I stayed for twelve years, a testimony of God's goodness. The family is ready to move back to Sierra Leone as better individuals than we came. Our time in AEA has been a blessing.

Accomplishments

It is difficult to see and quantify contribution but certainly, we made some contributions to the mission of AEA in the last twelve years. AEA has recovered from the state when the "final nail was being driven on its coffin" to repositioning it to serve the Church into the future, the church God wants in the Africa God wants. Organizations, like organisms, have a life cycle of their own; birth, growth, maturity, decline, and death or revival. We are thankful that we have experienced some revival and poised for vibrancy in serving the Church and Kingdom of God in Africa and beyond.

Some markers include:

- The number of national alliances has grown from 32-40 (including Libya and Tunisia in North Africa region) and three associate members were added to our membership, others revived interest in AEA during this time.
- Improved line of communication between the AEA Secretariat and NEFs, projects, and associate members.
- Improved policies, systems, and operational guidelines (including Vision2066 and strategic plan 2020-2024)
- Better working ambience and technology to enhance

communication.

- AEA Plaza provides visibility, better working ambience and some reasonable financial base from rental income (especially when free from mortgage loan).
- Title deeds properties in Nairobi now in name of AEA (additional 0.5acre plot of land in Karen acquired, for future residential accommodation for AEA General Secretary and expatriates)
- Appreciable team of senior management staff with supporting staff (need to sustain these is dire)
- Car and housing for new General Secretary
- Contributed two research work that would be of value to the ministry of AEA and the wider Church.
- Rebranding of AEA. A new logo that captures the vibrancy and diversity of our continent

Unfinished Task

1. General Secretary/expatriate future residence
2. Fit-out of resource Centre (research, conference/training and library for electronic and hardcopy materials)
3. National Evangelical Alliance in every country in Africa
4. Scaling up theological education and strengthening capacity of national alliances, including the AEA Secretariat itself, projects and other operational arms.
5. AEA's growing influence and service to the global church.
6. Challenge posed by staff for ownership of PEMA/ACT AEA project in Abidjan.

Appreciation

I take this opportunity to register my appreciation to

my direct line manager, the AEA Board Chairperson and his deputy, Rev. Dr. Mario Li Hing from Mauritius, and Archbishop Arthur Kitonga from Kenya, respectively. I am grateful to the entire Board members of AEA for their sacrifices and support in guiding me and the Secretariat. I had the rare privilege to serve under three AEA Presidents, Rev. Ndaba Mazabane of South Africa (2001-2010), Rev. Dr. Samuel Yameoko (2010-2015) and Dr. Goodwill Shana (2015 to date). While the Chair of the Board and his deputy took direct responsibility to provide routine guidance and pastoral care, I was also shaped by my relationships and engagement with these leaders. What a privilege and grace of God for my enrichment. Thank you all for your encouragement and support over the years.

Please forgive my 'I' pronoun in this report. I am, only because you are! I would not be saying I, in this narrative if it were not for a dedicated small group of fine ladies and gentlemen, many of whom may not have their names mentioned in the annals of AEA. These dared to work with me against all odds. Mostly, junior support staff, when all the heads of commissions or departs had left and AEA could not replace them. Together, we took the challenge of carrying on the work of AEA as a formidable team. The faithfulness of these to work and work overtime, with ease and joy, was undergirded by their commitment to prayer

and fellowship. Our "Tea-time Theological Seminary" was an important contribution to enriching my life. Your love, care, respect, and encouragement sustained me. Thank you all and God richly reward you and your families. Thank you PACWA ladies for your support in the secret powerhouse of prayer. Thankful to the wider network of dear colleagues in the WEA family, other organizations, and ministries and indeed the global church family. You all contributed to enriching my life and brought joy to serving the kingdom of God together. God bless you all. Finally, after God, it is my spouse and children that make me tick, with their love, support and care. I remain grateful to the Foday-Khabenje dynasty, nurtured and sustained by the Queen mother, Almonda.

This report is based on two previous General Assembly reports (10th and 11th Assemblies in 2010 and 2015 respectively, and two Governing Council reports in 2012 in Dakar and 2017 in Nairobi, in between General Assembly meetings).

I will now turn to the reports of commissions and projects, for the period under review.

***Rev. Aiah Foday-Khabenje,
AEA General Secretary***

Association of Evangelicals in Africa, Relief and Development Commission (ARDC)



Report To The General Assembly Meeting

The Relief and Development Commission, with the secretariat in Uganda, implements interventions that take consideration of the diversity and uniqueness of communities in addition to developing meaningful collaborative partnerships with other agencies which share the same concerns of the commission and AEA at large.

ARDC continues to make significant contributions towards building the capacity of NEF's towards responding positively to the development needs of the church; humanitarian and social development programs, conflict transformation and peacebuilding in Africa.

This report highlights the achievement, challenges of the commission in the last five (5) years since the last AEA General Assembly and provides a brief outline of the plans.

Key achievements for 2015 – 2021

A. Institutional Strengthening, capacity building, Network and Collaboration.

1. Increased visibility of ARDC in local and international forums, networks and workshops. ARDC is part of the WEA Refugee Highway partnership and it was invited to the 2017 Church in Exile conference held in the UK by WEA and BARNABAS FUND though the Visas could not be secured for the ARDC participants a report was sent and presented to the participants especially on ARDCs interventions on the with the Refugee crisis.
2. ARDC was also invited to the International Federation of Telephone Emergency Services -Congress German Congress-Center Eurogress in Aachen/Germany during the time of 18th July 2016 23rd July 2016 for the XX. IFOTES-Congress to attend workshops and

discussions on the cooperation to implement an offer of help to ARDC to start a project but the VISA could be not secured. The working plan was sent and discussions are still ongoing on this.

3. ARDC made consultations with some National Evangelical Alliances and key AEA management and the governing board to develop a strategic plan for 5 years; 2018 to 2023. With the help of a consultant, this was accomplished.
4. ARDC is in a working relationship with the Lutheran World Federation and other civil society agencies on the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) for Human Rights under UN – ARDC made recommendations to the Human Rights
5. Capacity building for staff in programmatic needs from BREAD FOR THE WORLD 2015 – 2017 and also received some resourceful journals in soft and hard copy from TEAR FUND UK in 2016. The same support was extended to the interchurch alliances
6. Various concept papers were written and sent to various partners to secure support for the refugee ministry.
7. ARDC through Humedica were able to provide food relief to 630 household heads directly in the Districts of Gulu, Apac and Pallisa. Their families would consist of from 5 – 7 even beyond. Indirectly 3,000. The food items that we provided were of good quality as the suppliers sourced were certified by the government. October 2020.

B. Social Service work

1. After the successful implementation of the Bfdw project in Uganda **“Enhancing the capacity and**

participation of communities in post-conflict zones of Northern and North Eastern Uganda to improve their livelihoods” the Interchurch Alliances ended in 2017.

2. A new 3-year project was secured beginning August 2018 ‘Empowering communities in selected parts of North and North Eastern Uganda towards a sustainable quality of life’

Results currently include;

- a) Over 3,000 trees have been planted, 4 community tree nursery beds have been established and 100 church leaders are helping to conduct awareness on the need for environmental protection.
- b) Increased capacity of over 5 peace animators to monitor, supervise and plan effectively with the community of Karamoja on the early warning systems to resolve conflicts.

Response to the Refugee Crisis in Africa especially Uganda;

1. ARDC has provided an umbrella cover to the refugee churches. ARDC together with EFU hosted a meeting in July 2019 termed, ‘collaborating together for greater effective impact’ hosting Rev. Gordon Showell-Rogers (European Evangelical Alliance Secretary), to restart the Conversations on Refugees from the bottom-up approach, to see refugee churches empowered to contribute to the lives of refugees, to see youth being integrated to the society and the Churches building reconciliations through collaborating, and making a difference in refugee people’s lives.
2. ARDC with the Alliance of Evangelicals in South

Sudan and Africa Inland Church have hosted medical missions in various camps where Sudanese refugees are based. So far more than 50 South Korean Medical workers have conducted medical camps and have provided free medical services. The health challenges relating to maternal health, Youth-friendly services, HIV/AIDs and other Sexually Transmitted diseases need urgent attention. The Ugandan Community is suffering the same as well and with the increasing number of people coming in a lot of efforts are needed in this area.

3. Vision Conferences have also been organised with the refugee church leaders in some areas of Northern Uganda with a helping hand from Barnabas Fund. These have helped to sensitize and prepare leaders on how to respond to the current Islamisation. There are efforts for emergency food assistance to starving refugees in some camps in Uganda. There is a need to increase this with the influx of new arrivals in the camps or reception areas.

CHALLENGES:

1. The church has not fully committed its self to community development as part of its responsibility. Increased ownership and participation of the church in Africa towards community development is urgently needed.
2. Effects of Covid-19 lockdown – Gender-Based Violence and Teenage Pregnancy stood out as major negative effects of Covid-19. We are structuring to see our proposals in this line including the human rights-based approach.

ARDC FUTURE PLANS

1. Continue developing proposals and solicit funds to enable the Implement the new strategic plan
2. Lobby and advocate support in respect of ARDC projects and promote pro-poor policies that are just and favourable for peace and development.
3. To continue responding to the refugee crisis
4. Climate change adaptation measures by identifying the potentials in refugees and skilling some of those without necessary skills and help them do conduct environmentally friendly small businesses for sustainable livelihood support.

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Association for Christian Theological Education in Africa (ACTEA)



A Summary Report to the AEA Governing Council and the General Assembly. (April 2021) Rev. Dr. David Tarus, Executive Director, ACTEA.

Introduction

AEA established ACTEA (by then called Accrediting Council for Theological Education in Africa), in March 1976 as a project of its Theological Education Commission (TEC) under the impetus of the General Secretary, Dr. Byang Kato. Kato assumed his role with a grand vision for theological education linked with the renewal of the church in Africa. ACTEA became a founding member of the International Council for Evangelical Theological Education (ICETE) in 1980, a global partner within the World Evangelical Alliance (WEA) whose mission focused upon the strengthening of local churches globally. The mission statement of ACTEA is “to strengthen member institutions in offering quality theological programmes through accreditation, networking, and support services.” ACTEA, through its storied history of 45 years has contributed significantly to this vision as highlighted below.

Key Achievements and Milestones in the Last Five Years

Core Mission Areas. There are 3 core mission areas

1. *Accreditation.* Accreditation ensures accountability and improvement of theological institutions. It is through accreditation that institutions measure up to accepted global standards of quality theological education. The credentials earned from accredited programmes allow students to transfer credits or to do advanced level study, both within Africa and within the international educational community, given that ACTEA’s standards harmonise with ICETE’s standards. ACTEA facilitates academic recognition of theological programmes at three levels: post-secondary diploma, post-secondary degree (bachelors), post-graduate

(masters), and doctoral (academic or professional). Over the last five years, ACTEA membership has grown. ACTEA now serves 68 theological institutions in 17 African countries.

2. *Networking.* ACTEA facilitates the networking of theological institutions for sharing vital resources, networks, and programmes to strengthen the capacity, vision, and mission of theological institutions for the benefit of the church in Africa. ACTEA encourages theological educators, faculty members, and students from different African institutions to collaborate in theological endeavours. ACTEA actively searches for collaborative endeavours and partnerships to enrich, resource, and enhance quality theological education in Africa.
3. *Support services.* ACTEA provides manifold supporting services to enrich Africa's evangelical theological institutions through periodic news, information, and resources. Further, ACTEA offers diverse capacity-building programmes in partnership with like-minded global organizations. We have held several in-person and virtual workshops to help strengthen theological education in Africa.

Besides these core mission areas, ACTEA has made tremendous growth in other areas. I will highlight a few:

1. *Relocating the ACTEA Head Office to a permanent location in Nairobi.* For many years, the ACTEA office moved with directorship. Since 2014, the office has now been permanently relocated to Kenya (AEA Plaza).
2. *Personnel.* For the first time, ACTEA hired its full-time Executive Director in January 2014. The current Executive Director was hired in April 2019. Further, the office was strengthened by the appointment of officers for Accreditation and Services, having part-time accountant and making the Administrative Assistant's

position full-time.

3. *Strengthening relationships with AEA, ICETE and other partners.* We are happy to report that ACTEA has reached out to various partners who have helped build theological education in Africa. We continue to seek more partners locally and abroad.
4. *Strengthening accreditation standards to reflect ACTEA's core objectives and the 21st-century needs of theological institutions in the context of higher education in Africa.* In addition to the three accreditation manuals, ACTEA recently launched accreditation standards for open, distance and e-learning (ODEL) programmes as well as guidelines for hybrid virtual site accreditation visits. These documents will help in regulating theological education considering the shift to online education.
5. *Official registration of ACTEA.* God's providence has established ACTEA in a permanent office in Nairobi in 2014 with official registration as a non-profit society.
6. *Office Project.* ACTEA recently purchased 2,000 sq. ft. of office space at the newly constructed and impressively designed AEA Plaza. From here, ACTEA will serve Africa's theological institutions with its recognized and appreciated services.
7. *Responding to COVID-19 challenges.* We responded to Covid challenges by ensuring that we reached out to our institutions. We also conducted several virtual workshops, reached out to providers of online learning platforms, and raised funds to alleviate the financial burden experienced by many institutions.

Priority Plans in the Next Five Years

1. *Clarify ACTEA Mission.* ACTEA should consider an intentional and complementary focusing of its mission toward the church in Africa. Broadening the mission

statement directs ACTEA to consider the ultimate transformative purposes of impacting the church in Africa. Further, a more clarified church-focused mission statement provides room for partnerships with ecclesial bodies and their organizations in our quest to renew theological education in Africa.

2. Fit-out the newly purchased office space at AEA Plaza and relocate the office from the current location.
3. Strategic Plan 2022-2027. We are working on a new strategic plan.
4. Serve our theological institutions better. Find more value-addition programmes. Increase efficiency.
5. Increase ACTEA membership from the current 67 to 150.
6. Digitization of ACTEA office. Our priority is the digital infrastructural development of ACTEA. This process will ensure that ACTEA has a functional digital environment for optimal efficiency. ACTEA envisions developing infrastructure to make it possible for institutions to submit membership forms, annual reports, and accreditation documents via a system that in turn makes it possible for ACTEA to receive the documents and process them efficiently.
7. Archival project. Many documents are dating to the formation of ACTEA must be archived to ensure access, preservation, research, and posterity. Some of the documents are irreplaceable and need to be protected.
8. Reviewing/Updating ACTEA Accreditation Documents considering the newly launched accreditation standards for online programmes, hybrid virtual site accreditation visits, and global accreditation standards.
9. Accreditation standards for non-formal programmes. More than 90% of pastors do not have a formal

qualification. Among those 90% are those who have received non-formal training through programmes like TEE. There are at least 40,000 non-formal theological education programmes in Africa. This indeed is a big opportunity for ACTEA to influence the quality of such programmes. Thus, we are working on standards for such programmes.

10. Publications. Devise ways in which ACTEA can become a credible platform of conversation for African theologians, theological educators, pastors, and leaders and a voice for African scholarship and institutions (revive AEA's Perspective Journal?).
11. Strengthen ACTEA's services especially to Francophone and Lusophone regions of Africa. We are in conversation with AEA on how best to do this. All regions (Francophone, Lusophone, Anglophone, and Ethiopia) are represented on the ACTEA Executive Committee membership.

Challenges Facing Theological Education in Africa & Proposed Solutions

1. Contemporary challenges in Africa such as ethno-political conflict, poverty, health care to provide adequate public health and combat diseases like Ebola and COVID-19, ethno-religious violence and property destruction, and corruption in every sector of society. Many identify leadership as the major problem delaying the progress of Africa. As the vision 2066 document shows, we need to aspire for "a continent characterised by ethical leadership, good governance and the rule of law." This aspiration calls for partnership with like-minded individuals, churches,

and organizations. There is power in collective action and unity.

2. The growth of the church in Africa. Historically, Africa was a continent receiving the gospel and its movements. Missionaries came to the continent to plant churches and later to establish Bible training schools and theological institutions. Presently, the gospel is rooted in Africa. How will the African church represent the Christian faith to the world? How will the church in Africa help Africa to move towards the Africa God wants? How will ACTEA influence the quality of this representation?
3. The need for trained pastors in Africa. Many of Africa's local churches need equipped pastors. Sadly, more than 85% of pastors and church leaders in Africa do not have formal theological training. This is worrying. ACTEA must explore innovative ways to scale up sound biblical and theological training of pastors to empower the church to respond to Africa's ills.
4. The challenge of sustainability. Many institutions have not achieved financial sustainability and face

uncertain futures. We need healthy and financially stable theological institutions and churches. Theological institutions must find robust initiatives to achieve sustainability.

5. The failure of theological institutions to impact society. Many theological colleges and universities have failed to equip graduates to address wholesomely the needs of society. Many colleges do not have robust curriculums that address the needs of society. Some have no curriculum in development, leadership, children, youth, women, disability, and other important programmes. ACTEA must, therefore, find ways of facilitating prophetic engagement, and enhancing quality holistic biblical and theological training.

Respectfully Submitted,

***Rev. Dr. David Tarus,
ACTEA Executive Director***

Report Of The Bangui Evangelical Theology Seminary Bangui (Best) To The Aea General Assembly In Nairobi 28-30 April 2021

Presentation

BEST is the first university institution established by the Association of Evangelicals in Africa to train leaders for evangelical churches throughout French-speaking Africa. She has already trained more than 1,200 men and women who serve the Lord in different ways and all over the world. Although BEST is located in Bangui, Central African Republic, its vocation is pan-African. It is at the service of all francophone Africa. The creation of many training schools at the national or denominational level tends to reduce this vocation. BEST offers the following programs:

- Bachelor in Theology
- Master of Research in Theology
- Master in Leadership
- Doctorate in Theology
- DMin in Theology

In addition to these programmes, BEST organises a training school for women. It also has a nursery school, a primary school and a high school.

The Coronavirus crisis affected our operations. But it was also a blessing. We had a contract with the government to manufacture 20,000 masks. This work was supervised by the Women's School. It was a source of income for women and BEST.

The political and security situation in the Central African Republic has been difficult for more than a decade. We thank the Lord who keeps us and who reassures us that even in the most difficult conditions we must continue our mission. The Church bears responsibility for the advent of peace and tranquillity.

We are also grateful that our extension of Yaoundé continues its training mission.

Important development

In 2017, FATEB celebrated its 40th anniversary, we are delighted with the presence of Dr Mario Li Hing, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the AEA and Rev Dr Aiah Foday-Khabenje, Secretary-General of the AEA.

BEST's mission

Since 2018, we have been developing our strategic plan with the support of the Vital Sustainability Initiative, a specialized body of Scholar Leaders. An important element of this process and the expansion of the FATEB mission. Initially, the mission of FATEB was to train men and women for church leadership. The strength of events led FATEB to engage in other activities. Without changing the vision of FATEB, our new mission is:

Train men, women and children to build churches and transform society in Francophone Africa and elsewhere according to evangelical values. It is a unified mission that integrates theology and education, faith and daily life, speech and action.

Unfortunately, the Coronavirus health crisis is currently leading us to review our plans to adapt to the current situation. Also, the numerous security crises in the country do not allow us an effective implementation of this strategic plan.

Part-time training

We have identified a great need on the part of some pastors and laity for part-time formation. Traditional training required leaving the department or leaving the job. We currently offer part-time courses in the afternoons. The finding is that in the last two years, part-time courses attract more students than regular courses.

Training of women

Originally, the FATEB Women's School was reserved exclusively for the women of FATEB students. Currently, she receives all the women from the city of Bangui who want to train.

Centre for Leadership Development

We had completed a wing of this centre as well as the conference and meeting rooms. Now 09 rooms are available to welcome visitors. This centre also has two meeting rooms of 200 seats each.

Solar energy

To avoid the numerous power cuts and minimize the operating cost of the generator, we installed the solar energy system. Now our administrative building (offices and classrooms), the academic building (teachers' offices, library and the large meeting room), the Centre for Leadership Development and the Women's School are powered by solar energy. Similarly, our water distribution pump is also powered by solar energy.

Online Programme

To address the post-COVID consequences and maintain FATEB's pan-African vision, FATEB's leadership has decided to implement online training for all levels of training. The project is in its testing phase. Teachers will soon be trained in this type of teaching in Bangui and Yaoundé.

Prayer requests

- For peace and security in the Central African Republic
- For a good succession plan at the head of BEST in the coming years
- For the implementation of e-learning
- For the financial needs of students and the institution.

Bangui, 28 February 2021

Nupanga Weanzana wa W. (PhD)

Dean of BEST

Christian Learning Materials For Children



Report To Association Of Evangelicals In Africa For Presentation To
The General Assembly To Be Held On 28th – 30th April 2021 In Nairobi,
Kenya

Introduction

CLMC is a project of the Association of Evangelicals in Africa (AEA), whose mission is to nurture Christians in Africa in support of growth and service of the Kingdom of God. The organization's objective is to conduct research, develop, publish, and distribute Christian literature materials, and train ministers and teachers in Africa to fulfill their Christian educational task. CLMC targets the Church, learning institutions and other organizations that carry out a Christian educational mandate. CLMC is cross-denominational, with no inclination to a particular denominational doctrine. The organization's programs and materials are Bible based. CLMC provides a child-based curriculum that focuses on the children from the age of 0 - 15 years divided into five age groups. Our materials accommodate the unique educational needs of children to maximize their spiritual development at every developmental stage.

ACHIEVEMENTS

1. Strategic achievements and growth area of CLMC's ministry and projects in the last 5 years include:-

- a. Development, Translation and Distribution of Contextualized Sunday School Curriculum in English, Kiswahili, French, and Kinyarwanda versions.
- b. Regional Partnership through aggressive regional awareness campaigns within the African countries leading to strong bases in Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Congo, Nigeria, Ghana, Zambia, Malawi, Botswana, and Ghana.
- c. Purchase of AEA Building floor (in Upper Hill, Nairobi, Kenya) of an approximate size of 4873sqft.
- d. Acquisition and Installation of Print on Demand (POD) machine in 2018/2019 enhanced inhouse publishing and printing and less outsourcing. This has resulted into quality production and efficient delivery of materials.
- e. Strategic Networks and Partnerships supported the distribution of a contextualized curriculum to remote, vulnerable and needy communities.

f. New Curriculum Developed during the period include: -

1. Baby Steps (0-18 months) – developed in 2018 and published in 2019 presents a 52 lessons curriculum for babies (0-18 months old). It is unique in promoting spiritual and music growth, and social development.
2. Trust Safari - a five days study on Jehoshaphat's story; his seeking and discovery of God. It caters for the Vocational Bible Clubs.

g. Community Outreach Activities and Child Evangelism – through establishment of Kids Hubs (in Kenyatta National Hospital, Langata Women's Prison and Uzima Centre in Ruiru) with an aim of creating a safe haven for children's safety, spiritual growth, promotion of peer-to-peer evangelism, and meeting their basic needs. Over 4,900 children have been reached.

h. Vocational Bible School – conducted through local churches partnerships and benefiting over 1200 children.

2. Priority plans and development in the next five years in line with AEA Vision 2066

- a. Establishing three strategic Centres in Africa in partnership with National Alliances.
- b. Equipping the publishing arm to fully fledged Publishing House aimed at serving all the publishing needs within AEA fraternity and beyond.
- c. Establishing new strategic partnerships with child-focused organizations towards reaching out to the African children with the contextualized curriculum and animated Bible stories.
- d. CLMC seeks to embark to develop her next Strategic Plan for 2021 – 2025.
- e. Engage with NEFs to facilitate valuable trainings for

Children Ministry workers and use of her materials across the nations

3. Governance Report

CLMC being a subsidiary of AEA and registered as limited company by guarantee, has a Board of Directors who are all volunteers and drawn from diverse professional backgrounds. The Board is now constituted in accordance with the company requirements. The board members are:

- a) CS Munene Waruhiu - Chairman
- b) Rev. Dr. Aiah Foday Khabenje - AEA General Secretary
- c) Ms. Lucy Mutiso - CLMC MD
- d) Rev. Josephine I G Nguu
- e) Pastor Mary Namukoko Mumo
- f) Mrs. Damaris W Gitonga
- g) CPA Nick Nyaga
- h) Mrs. Rose Inziani Birenge
- i) Mrs. Fortuna Tioye - PACWA
- j) Rev. Mrs. Connie Kivuti - EAK
- k) Prof. James Nkansah O. - AIU

The Board met quarterly and instituted calendar of meetings, conducted and held Annual General Meetings since 2018 to date. The Board has established working committees.

CLMC enjoyed good working relationship with the AEA management during the period in review and wishes to register appreciation to the General Secretary.

4. Challenges

- During the period under review, CLMC experienced little engagements with the respective National Evangelical Fellowships in the continent. CLMC has

great potential to participate in NEFs children ministry and requires deliberate investment by NEFs in this area

- CLMC has lean financial resource base and is not able to grow rapidly without additional business support.
- The onset of Covid-19 that saw the suspension of Church Services and movement restriction greatly and adversely affected our ministry scope and reach: Distribution, trainings and ability to engage regionally and internationally with our target groups and partners.

5. Recommendations

CLMC urges and invites all NEFs to tap into the resourcefulness of their subsidiary organization to enrich their source base of children materials for their respective national churches.

CLMC is ready and willing to engage with NEFs to facilitate valuable trainings for Children Ministry workers and use of her materials across the nations.

CLMC is open to having discussions regarding translation of her existing materials to customize to respective NEFs common language preferences.

Learning from the global pandemic, CLMC urgently requires financial support to build her digital, visual and audio capacity to venture in adaptive communication channels and connectivity to reach the NEFs community in Africa in an innovative manner.

CLMC seeks to embark to developing her next Strategic Plan for 2021 – 2025 and invites AEA General Assembly members to submit suggestions of additional areas for

CLMC engagement in Children Ministry affairs.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, we wish to thank the AEA General Assembly for vision to have concern for the Christian Children Ministry in Africa, and the AEA management team for participating actively in the company affairs throughout the years. We thank God for all members of the Board of Directors for gladly serving in CLMC leadership for the Lord's glory.

We thank the Lord for showering our company with heavenly blessings and bringing us this far and we seek the Lord Jesus Christ's continued guidance even in the years to come. God Bless CLMC & AEA, God Bless Kenya, God Bless Africa

God Bless Us All

Lucy Mutiso
MANAGING DIRECTOR

Munene Waruhiu
CHAIRMAN - CLMC BOARD

Thursday, 12th March 2021

Africa International University



Report To The General Assembly Meeting

a) Updates – from 2016-2021

Given the AEA vision ‘The Africa God Wants’, AIU has remained at the forefront in creating content and curricular that is geared towards training Christ centred leaders both in our theological and non-theological academic programs that will aid transformation in the market place and nations of Africa.

Since the advent of Covid-19, the university has mainly offered its classes through online and virtual platforms to ensure continuity. It is important to note that nearly 35% of our continuing students were not able to transit onto the online platform for various reasons. However, those who did complete the semester, and were even able to do virtual graduation to the Glory of God.

With the Ministry of Education’s directives for re-opening of

institutions in 2021, the University Senate and management recommended that all first-year students who did not report for online classes in semester 1 report for face-to-face learning in January 2021 semester. We admitted about 225 government-sponsored students, with a few self-sponsored students who are all currently on campus

The continuing students are still learning remotely through our online platforms; Moodle and Microsoft Teams. This has helped us address the issue of social distancing as well as meet the Ministry of Health protocol on Covid 19 especially given our limitations in physical learning and boarding infrastructure.

The University has also put in place regulations and measures to ensure the safety of our students, staff and faculty.

b) Strategic Achievement and Growth areas in the last five years

In the last five years, the university through partners and donors was able to construct the internal road. The first phase of the project was completed giving a complete facelift to the University. This has made the institution more attractive to potential students who visit. It has also mitigated health issues that would arise from the once dusty road.

The Government's stipulation of 1.5m distancing in our classes had further strained the university's learning infrastructure. To address the shortage of classrooms, the University has now completed two new blocks of buildings that will host six classrooms and ease the situation for a time.

In Academics, the university has had 14 academic programs accredited by the Commission of University Education (CUE). This has not only helped to diversify our offering but also contributed to the growth of student numbers which has more than doubled in the last five years.

We have experienced a lot of growth in the Chaplaincy Ministry with over 300 students giving their lives to Christ in the last five years. Currently, we have 14 students from the new lot, who have received Christ and are undergoing discipleship class. Community welfare through visitations & prayers and missions have also been great pillars in the chaplaincy department. Their activities were slowed down by the pandemic but we hope that as things open up, community welfare and physical missions will pick up again.

c) AIU Priority Plans/Development for the next five years.

As the university continues to grow, so does its needs. However, we have identified three strategic areas that we hope that, with the help of our friends and partners, we would be able to achieve;

- i) Building the Administrative /Academic Block for effective coordination of operations within the University. The building will also host classrooms which is a great need to meet CUE requirements as the number of students continues to gradually increase.
- ii) Building Hostels to enhance discipleship within the university. This is especially important now as the University continues to have more government-sponsored students who are not necessarily born again Christians.
- iii) Starting a school of nursing and health care to expand the mission of the university/AEA through a Programme that would touch people's lives.

d) Challenges:

- Our greatest challenge remains infrastructure for teaching and learning. This continues to limit our capacity to admit more students and hence directly affecting the income we generate as an Institution.
- Secondly, we have had a continuous increase in the number of admissions, especially government-sponsored students. This however comes with its challenges. The government has been remitting very low payments for each of its students causing cash flow challenges and budgetary deficits.
- Another challenge is our inability to grow and diversify

academic programmes because of the infrastructure and cost implications. This has limited our student catchment and growth.

- Lastly, the effects of Covid-19 has made our already hard financial situation worse as the pool of self-sponsored and international students continues to shrink, directly affecting our income.

We value the support and encouragement of the AEA family and look forward to getting your support among other stakeholders to raise funds that would help in developing our infrastructure as well as cover the budgetary deficits.

Finally, allow me to thank AEA for coming in strongly to support the university when the Corona Virus struck. Through your encouragement and donations to our students, we were greatly comforted and strengthened. God bless each one of you.

Sincerely,
Prof. Dankit Nassiuma
Vice Chancellor

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS



*Mrs Emily Chengo,
AEA Treasurer*

Treasurer's Remarks.

1) AUDITED ACCOUNTS

AEA carries out annual external audits of the financial statements of the Association. Below are a few comments on the same;

a) A summary of the six years, 2015 – 2020, Audited Statement of Comprehensive Income and Statement of Financial Position (Balance sheets) have been included in the General Assembly booklet.

The Comprehensive Income statement shows the Income and Expenditure of the Association over the years while the Statement of the financial position shows the Total Assets compared to the Total Liabilities and Reserves of the Association for the period.

b) Report of the Independent auditor

Below is the Opinion as per the year 2020 Financial Audit, by the External auditors, Mbaya & Associates;

“In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly in all material respects, the financial position of Association of Evangelicals in Africa (AEA) as at December 31, 2020, and its financial performance and cash flows for the year ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards and the requirements of the Society's Act”.

Basis for the opinion

“We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the Association in accordance with the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (Parts A and B) (IESBA Code) and other independence requirements applicable to performing audits of financial statements in Kenya. We have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the IESBA Code and in accordance with other ethical requirements applicable to performing audits in Kenya. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.”

2) LOAN MOVEMENT UPDATE

The Association acquired a loan mortgage with Kenya Commercial Bank. The bank loaned the Association a total of Kshs.224, 033,429 (USD\$ 2,000,000) repayable in 10 years.

The Association has repaid an equivalent of Kshs.80, 500,000 (USD\$ 759,434) in principal payments remaining a balance of Kshs.143, 533,429 (USD 1,354,089)

With bulk payments made in the year 2021, from the sale of space in the plaza, the Association projects to reduce the principal to Kshs.68.3m (USD\$ 644,177) by end of the year 2021, with the loan repayment being concluded in December 2025.

3) AEA PLAZA



The Plaza construction is now complete and occupation of the building commenced in 2019.



The Plaza has a total of 10 floors (including the ground floor), with a total of 76,973 sq. ft. Of the total sq. ft, 40% of the space, equivalent to 30,743 sq. ft has been sold off, with AEA remaining with 60%. The Secretariat occupies the two topmost floors, which amount to 14,802 sq. ft. (19%).



41% of the plaza equivalent to 31,428 sq. ft is for letting out. Of these, 20% is currently let out with 21% still vacant.

4) IN CONCLUSION

The Treasurer wishes to express her appreciation for the strengthened Finance function in AEA. Firstly, a very committed Finance Committee made up of the following members: Mrs Emily Chengo – Chair of Committee; other members are; Rev. Dr Joseph Mayala, Mrs Phyllis Mutua, and Mr Munene Waruhiu.

Secondly, by engaging the Finance Director who joined last year in March to head the finance and administration function of the Secretariat.

The Treasurer also appreciates the great support received from the Board, the GS and staff during her tenure, which has come to an end. To God be the glory.

AEA PROGRAMME DEPARTMENTS AND COMMISSIONS STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE DATE ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2015 -2020

INCOME SUMMARY	2015 USD	2016 USD	2017 USD	2018 USD	2019 USD	2020 USD	TOTAL USD
GENERAL SECRETARIAT							
General Administration	267,038	1,122,452	106,116	213,315	131,427	250,033	2,090,381
G/Secretary's Programmes	94,713	36,289	37,285	109,897	236,697	182,222	697,103
Rental & related income	--	--	--	14,497	14,840	92,035	121,372
AEA COMMISSIONS							
PACWA Commission	3,600	7,514	4,050	2,955	4,166	4,310	26,595
Youth & Sport Commission	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
ARDC Commission	144,839	75,684	63,440	76,790	82,131	36,258	479,142
EP & J Commission	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Communication Commission	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Evangelism & Mission	22,475	12,969	19,400	7,490	--	--	62,334
TCEC (Taskforce)	3,600	3,342	3,150	--	--	--	10,092
AEA PROJECTS							
ACTEA	150,638	160,311	339,726	--	--	--	650,675
BUILDING PROJECT	15,343	4,536	6,399	--	--	--	26,278
TOTAL INCOME	702,246	1,423,097	579,566	424,944	469,261	564,858	4,163,972

EXPENDITURE SUMMARY

	2015 USD	2016 USD	2017 USD	2018 USD	2019 USD	2020 USD	TOTAL USD
GENERAL SECRETARIAT							
General Administration	221,758	179,652	168,576	213,128	303,508	310,474	1,397,096
G/Secretary's Programmes	130,295	114,987	55,384	105,893	236,688	193,311	836,558
Finance costs	--	--	--	--	136,626	220,731	357,357
Exchange loss	--	--	--	--	114,437	3,660	118,097
AEA COMMISSIONS							
PACWA Commission Youth & Sport Commission	4,044	3,234	5,634	2,955	4,166	4,310	24,343
Youth & Sport Commission	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
ARDC Commission	126,937	97,694	110,262	76,790	82,131	36,258	530,072
EP & J Commission	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Communication Commission	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Evangelism & Mission	45,356	3,356	24,781	7,490	--	--	80,983
TCEC (Taskforce)	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
AEA PROJECTS							
ACTEA	132,809	130,329	135,023	--	--	--	398,161
Building Project	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	661,199	529,252	499,660	406,256	877,556	768,744	3,742,667
SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	41,047.00	893,845.00	79,906.00	18,688.00	(408,295.00)	(203,885.00)	421,305.00

AEA PROGRAMME DEPARTMENTS AND COMMISSIONS STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31T DECEMBER 2015 -2020

	2015 USD	2016 USD	2017 USD	2018 USD	2019 USD	2020 USD
ASSETS						
Non-Current Assets						
Property and Equipment	2,544,156	2,539,122	2,522,546	7,990,023	8,276,208	9,372,421
Work in progress	334,126	1,449,032	2,600,730	4,115,223	--	--
Investment property		--	--	--	2,574,659	2,502,129
Assets held for sale	1,124,035	--	--	--	1,314,371	1,571,416
	4,002,317	3,988,154	5,123,276	12,105,246	12,165,238	13,445,966
Current Assets						
Cash and cash equivalents	153,794	185,331	315,406	167,677	410,387	244,861
Term investments	987,921	625,815	188,927	206,282	218,083	17,650
Receivables	55,845	203,224	204,643	45,403	58,095	108,406
Designated funds	--	--	--	--	--	--
VAT Receivables	--	--	--	--	411,207	373,833
	1,197,560	1,014,370	708,976	419,362	1,097,772	744,750
Total Assets	5,199,876	5,002,524	5,832,252	12,524,608	13,263,010	14,190,716

RESERVES AND LIABILITIES

	2015 USD	2016 USD	2017 USD	2018 USD	2019 USD	2020 USD
Reserves						
General reserves	19,353	2,115,756	1,971,858	1,604,483	993,622	864,765
Foreign Currency reserves	109,085	108,263	118,716	84,844	40,871	94,042
Departments/ Commissions	21,290	105,917	101,736	--	--	--
Capital reserves	3,668,190	2,539,121	2,522,547	7,990,535	8,276,507	9,372,421
	3,779,212	4,657,224	4,714,857	9,679,862	9,311,000	10,331,228
	4,002,317	3,988,154	5,123,276	12,105,246	12,165,238	13,445,966
LIABILITIES						
Non - Current Liabilities						
Borrowings	--	--	--	1,727,718	1,747,028	1,539,034
Current Liabilities						
Deposits	1,368,390	292,723	290,608	741,815	1,917,265	2,211,584
Borrowings	--	--	--	272,282	330,193	206,228
Designated funds	--	--	--	63,010	98,704	209,014
Payables	52,274	52,577	826,787	39,921	56,228	111,657
	1,420,664	345,300	1,117,395	1,117,028	2,204,982	2,320,455
Total Reserves and Liabilities	5,199,876	5,002,524	5,832,252	12,524,608	13,263,010	14,190,716



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