

Lutheran Mission Cooperation Tanzania
Minutes of the 41st LMC Board Meeting
21st October 2014
Karagwe Lutheran Hotel, Kayanga

1. Introduction

1.1 Opening of the 41st board meeting

The LMC chairperson opened the meeting by welcoming all board members and a special welcome to the two new board members, Ms. Anna Claesson and Rev. Benyam Kassahun.

1.2 Roll-Call

Bp. Dr. Israel-Peter Mwakyolile, LMC Chairperson
Rev. Manfred Scheckenbach, LMC Co-Chairperson
Bp. Isaya Mengele, ELCT
Mr. Abel Mrema, ELCT DSG Finance and Administration
Ms. Mary Laiser, ELCT
Ms. Anna Claesson, SEM
Rev. Benyam Kassahun, ELCA

Apology

Mr. Lasse Lampinen, FELM

LMC Secretariat

Mr. Peter Karlsson, LMC Secretary
Mr. Sireli Pallangyo, Administrative Officer
Sr. Flaviana Temba, Financial Officer

1.3 Acceptance of agenda

The agenda was accepted as presented.

2. Evaluation of the 11th LMC Round Table

A discussion and an evaluation were made by the board on an overall impression, travel and transports, hotels, food, services and conference center. In following bullets are the board members observations summarized:

- The theme, “Diaconia – Faith Active in Love” was excellent. The bible studies, the keynote address, the opening worship, welcome address and the chairperson’s opening speech were all around the theme with different angles and approaches. The group discussions on Tuesday was very interesting but too short.
- The time of the RT with two days was too short. Some members left already on the second day in late afternoon. There was too little time for bilateral discussions. More time between the plenary to get meeting points. How can we balance the timetable and the budget, do we need two or three days?
- Karagwe is in the middle of the world according to the bishop, but to reach Karagwe from all around the world is not easy with connecting flights. Even

though it has worked out quite well. ELCT should consider the location of RT, it has to be easy to reach and not costly transports.

- People were in different hotels and somewhere it had been noisy and not so clean but the diocese had tried the best out of what was able to get in Karagwe. The diocese had managed well with coordination of transports. It is better to be located in one place and that will have to be considered in the future.
- The preparation with the agenda material was good and kept down the discussions, but the discussions are needed. The material can be improved to the next RT.
- To visit the different congregations on Sunday was highly appreciated and the coordination with transports run smoothly
- The food, conference facilities and service was excellent.

The LMC Board asked the LMC Secretary to write a letter of appreciation to the Karagwe Diocese.

3. Introduction of new Board Members

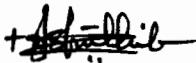
There will be an orientation for new board members before next board meeting on the 2nd – 3rd of March. Arriving will be on Saturday the 28th and on Sunday they will attend a service at one of the congregations in Arusha. Monday and Tuesday there will be an orientation of LMC and ELCT.

4. Citibank

The Board asked Kassahun to inquire legal advice from the ELCA. The LMC Board confirmed that if there is no other solution, the LMC Secretary and Mr Lars Hofgren have to go to USA this year to ensure that LMC will obtain the right to deal with the accounts.

5. Closing

The LMC chairperson expressed thanks to all board members for their contribution. Board members gave a word of appreciation to the chairperson then he closed the meeting with a word of prayer.



Bishop Dr. Israel-Peter Mwakyolile
LMC Chairperson



Peter Karlsson
LMC Secretary