

**Lutheran Mission Cooperation Tanzania**  
**Minutes of the 49<sup>th</sup> LMC Board Meeting**  
**18<sup>th</sup> October 2016**  
**Mbeya**

**1. Introduction**

**1.1 Opening of the 49<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting**

The LMC chairperson opened the meeting by welcoming all board members. A special welcome to the three new members; Ms. Yvonne Mmbando, Mr. Claus Heim and Rev. Pekka Härkönen.

**1.2 Roll-Call**

Bp. Dr. Israel-Peter Mwakyolile, LMC Chairperson  
Mr. Claus Heim, MEW, LMC Co-Chairperson  
Bp. Isaya Mengele, ELCT  
Mr. Loata Laizer Mungaya, ELCT DSG Finance and Administration  
Ms. Mary Laiser, ELCT  
Ms. Yvonne Mmbando, UEM  
Rev. Benyam Kassahun, ELCA  
Rev. Pekka Härkönen, 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 centre. In following bullets are some of the board members observations summarized:

- “Reformation and One World” was a highly current theme and supported by the keynote address by Rev Dr M Kässmann and the bible studies by Rev Dr K Mtata and they approached the theme from different angles
- Even though the RT was two days the time was managed very well between discussions and information thanks to chairperson and co-chairperson.
- The preparation with the agenda material was good and kept down the discussions, but the discussions are needed.
- The food, conference facilities and service was excellent.
- The transportation with shuttles between the hotels and the venue was appreciated. Participants came together and could be chatting in the busses and they stayed in the meeting, not going downtown in their vehicles.
- The visit to the different congregations round Mbeya was highly appreciated and especially that each congregation came to fetch the participants from the hotels instead of dropping people, now the parish owned the guests.

The LMC Board asked the LMC Secretary to write a letter of appreciation to the Konde Diocese, the keynote speaker and the bible study leader.

### **3. Matters arising from the Round Table**

#### **3.1 LMC Secretary position**

The LMC Secretary informed that a Vacancy Advertisement and a Job Description is ready and that the Secretary General, Mr. Brighton Killewa, will send a request to the northern members for the recruitment of a person to this position.

#### **3.2 Diploma Course in Intercultural Relations**

At the Round Table, Mr. Simon Kristensen, DANM, presented the Diploma Course in Intercultural Relations and asked if that could be a program to be supported within the budget of LMC. There was no decision of that kind in the Round Table, but it has been put forward to the LMC Board to discuss the matter. To learn more about the Diploma Course and the Zanzibar Interfaith Centre the LMC Board resolved:

- To hold next LMC Board meeting in Zanzibar and to meet the Zanzibar Interfaith Centre and learn more about the diploma course.

#### **3.3 Working Capital and building up funds**

In the budget discussion at the Round Table a question was raised concerning budgeting with a surplus and funding. The board discussed the importance of a certain level of financial soundness, righteousness in distributing keys and the solidarity between dioceses. The LMC Board resolved:

- To bring the subject to next LMC Board meeting.

### **4. Meetings**

#### **4.1 Board meetings 2017**

7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> of March 2017, arrival 6<sup>th</sup> departure 10<sup>th</sup> – on Zanzibar

23<sup>rd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> of May, arrival 22<sup>nd</sup> departure 25<sup>th</sup> – in Arusha

13<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> of October 2017, arrival 12<sup>th</sup> departure 18<sup>th</sup> afternoon or 19<sup>th</sup> – in Iringa

#### **4.2 Round Table 2017**

Date: 16<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> of October

Venue: *Iringa Diocese*

Theme: *not ready*

Bible verse: *not ready*

Bible Studies Leader: *not ready*

Keynote speaker: *Bp Dr Musa Filibus, LCCN*

Budget: *not ready*

### **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