

# **LUTHERAN COMMUNION IN CENTRAL AND WESTERN AFRICA**

## **INTRODUCTION**

The Lutheran Communion in Central and Western Africa (LUCCWA) gives thanks to God for the year 2006, which ended well even though confronted with many challenges during the year.

## **HIGHLIGHTS OF MAIN ACTIVITIES**

LUCCWA faced financial difficulties, especially as member churches did not fulfill their financial commitments. Since LUCCWA does not receive financial contributions from the member churches, most funds for the work were sent by the LWF.

There is also the recurrent problem of communication. Many member churches send their feedback late, while others do not respond to mail sent to them. This constitutes a serious impediment to the running of activities.

One of the greatest challenges continued to be finding new avenues for helping LUCCWA stay in contact with each member church. A lot has been done and much remains to be done. Activities of the staff in 2006 included the following:

- ? Visit to the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Central African Republic (ELCCAR), in May, with Africa Secretary, Rev. Dr Musa P. Filibus;
- ? Participation in the HIV and AIDS conference in Nairobi in June;
- ? Discussion in Nairobi following the HIV and AIDS conference, with former LUCCWA Secretary, Mr Muloko Kongolo. The discussion was helpful in receiving advice that assists in the demanding daily tasks of the office;
- ? Travel to the Central African Republic July 1-3, with Rev. Robert D. Goyek, president of LUCCWA, and Rev. Dr. Thomas Nyiwe, president of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Cameroon (ELCC), for the installation of the new president of the ELCCAR;
- ? Participation in the start-up of the ALCINET website September 1-2 in Arusha Tanzania;
- ? Participation in the seminar on poverty, September 4-8 in Arusha, Tanzania;
- ? Participation in the seminar on leadership and the 11<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of LUCCWA, November 5-10 in Lagos, Nigeria; During the meeting, Rev. GOYEK Robert was re-elected President of LUCCWA, and Mrs Lami Linda Benjamin was elected Vice President;
- ? Participation in the convention of the Lutheran Church of Christ in Nigeria in November, at which time Archbishop BABBA Nemuel was re-elected;
- ? Participation in the pastoral retreat of the ELCC in December in Touboro, Cameroon, with Rev. Dr. Musa P. Filibus;
- ? Routine office work translating documents from English to French and vice versa, writing and responding to mails and letters etc.

## CONCLUDING REMARKS

As the Assistant Administrative Secretary of LUCCWA, I am thankful for the tremendous degree of help, support, advice and the many encouraging words about my work and the potential of the communion from church leaders and member churches, as well as from the LWF office in Geneva.

Much is happening in LUCCWA and will happen over the next years that will provide a more challenging and helpful environment for all member churches to become united. It is good to know and believe that God is always with us, helping us through all our hardships and sharing in all of our joys. I am thankful for God's everlasting guidance and love. I look optimistically to 2007 and the opportunity to serve better than I did in the past. I thank each and everyone wholeheartedly for the continued support, prayers, and blessings. They are much appreciated indeed!

Respectfully submitted with kind regards,



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