

**LWF Vice-President Bishop Dr Zephania Kameeta [Africa]
Evangelical Lutheran Church in the Republic of Namibia**

Zephania Kameeta was born on 7 August 1945 at Otjimbingwe. He was educated at the Rhenish Mission School at Karibib, thereafter the Paulinum at Otjimbingwe. He was ordained as a pastor of the Evangeliese Lutherse Kerk in Suidwes-Afrika (Rynse Sendingkerk) (ELKSWA) in 1972. Since 1977 he is a member of the Central Committee of SWAPO. He taught, and served as principal, at the Paulinum. He was pastor at Lüderitz from 1978 until 1981 and Vice-Bishop of the ELKSWA from 1982 to 1989.

He was an active supporter of SWAPO. He was arrested and imprisoned by the South Africans. On another occasion, the South African authorities refused him a passport, which he had requested, in order to attend an international conference. After independence, he was elected to the Constituent Assembly (1989/1990) and the first and second Parliament of the Republic of Namibia, where he served as Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly. He resigned from the Parliament in 2000 and again served as pastor at Maltahöhe. In 2000, he was elected as a Moderator of the United Evangelical Mission. He was ordained as Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the Republic of Namibia on 20 January 2002.

He was elected as an LWF Vice-President for the region of Africa in 2003.

In October 2006, Namibia's NGO consortium appointed Bishop Kameeta as one of the ambassadors to lead the national campaign against poverty under the Global Call to Action against Poverty (GCAP).

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