During the recently concluded Jubilee Assembly in Kampala, Uganda (3-9 June 2013) many workshops and seminars touching on the mission and life of the Church in Africa were held. One such workshop was on Human Trafficking. Across the globe, an estimated 20.9 million people are currently living in modern slavery. Stripped of their dignity and humanity; forced to work effectively without pay. It is even reported that some are killed and their organs sold. Those who perpetuate this modern slavery count on our silence to drive their trade. They survive on secrecy and stigma.

The Jubilee Assembly resolutely condemned human trafficking as a violation of human dignity and denial of life; recommended the member churches’ youth organisations take the human trafficking issue as a major criminal practice with negative impacts on the life and dignity of our youth. It called on churches and ecumenical players to make pastoral services available to victims of human trafficking, and to organise pastoral visits to places where victims are placed to listen to them, assess needs for healing and support and to advocate on their behalf to states and organisations under whose mandate the victims fall.
Member churches in Mozambique made a call to the AACC to come over and supplement and support the mediation efforts between the government and political powers in conflict. The response to this call was to send a mission for peace and advocacy to Maputo, Mozambique, from 16 - 21 July 2013. It is becoming even more clear that we cannot develop Africa without lasting peace and security in the continent. As salt and light of the world, the Church is in its right role while undertaking initiatives for peacebuilding and mediation. We ask sister churches in the rest of the continent and world to keep in their prayers the churches in Mozambique, in Zimbabwe now electing their leadership, Togo, Mali, and wherever else people are experiencing determining events.

Members of the delegation with former President Chisano (center)

Photo: AACC
Another peace mission went to Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 23-25 July 2013 at the invitation of the African Union leadership in order to address root causes preventing the continent from enjoying peace and security as a pre-condition for viable development.

The delegation met His Holiness Abune Mathias, the patriarch of the Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Church as well as various diplomatic missions in Addis Ababa.

The mission was organized and facilitated by the AACC-AU Liaison Office in Addis Ababa. We are really pleased to see clarification in the collaboration between the AACC and the AU after the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between the two organizations as a framework regulating their collaboration.

African Union Deputy Chairperson (center) with the AACC Delegation
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AU Focus:  
*A United, Peaceful, and Prosperous Africa*  

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*Africa with Peace, Justice, and Dignity*
God of Life lead Africa to Peace, Justice and Dignity

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- We are seen as poor, yet making others rich - seen as having nothing, yet possessing everything

2 Cor. 6:10

- Little drops of water make a mighty ocean

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