THE IMPERATIVE OF A COORDINATED ECUMENICAL RESPONSE TO THE SOUTH SUDAN CRISIS

Church leaders of South Sudan and members of the ecumenical family working in South Sudan met in Nairobi, Kenya, on 1-3 March 2014, to deliberate on the ecumenical response to the ongoing crisis in South Sudan and discern requisite interventions towards a vibrant, coordinated and harmonized ecumenical engagement for sustainable peace with justice in the Republic of South Sudan.

After in-depth reports of the updated political, social, and humanitarian situation on the ground from the Church leaders, ecumenical partners and friends shared their efforts both inside and outside of South Sudan.

The message and communiqué from the meeting shall soon be available on the AACC website.
The AACC Finance and Personnel Committee met in Nairobi on 1 April 2014, and the Executive Committee met the following day on 2 April 2014. Among other decisions, the Executive Committee appointed Rev. Prof. Priscille Djomhoue as director of the new department of Family Life and Gender Justice.

Regarding her appointment, Rev. Djomhoue (pictured on the right) said, “I would like to express my gratitude to the Executive Committee of the AACC for the confidence they put in my modest person by appointing me to this position. I pray that God helps me to be able to match these expectations.”

In keeping to the commitment of the AACC to accompany the National Council of Churches in Africa, the Director of Empowerment, Diakonia and Development visited the Council of Churches in Sierra Leone (CCSL) from 28 February to 6 March, 2014 to accompany the Council in the implementations of the recommendations made in the Assessment of its Organisational Capacity.

This was a follow-up of the visit undertaken in early 2013 whereby the Council committed to review their old constitution, draw a five years Strategic Plan and review governance and administrative structures and enhance the Councils efforts in resource mobilisation.

The Executive Committee which received reports from the committees working on the assigned tasks was very happy on the progress of the work being undertaken, The Council has already nearly completed the draft Strategic Plan and the review of the constitution. Above all, the ownership and unity of the member churches is now very vibrant. The Council will present these documents to their General Assembly in September 2014 for approval.

The AACC is committed to continue accompanying the Council.
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