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Dear readers!

I'm pleased to share with you the November 2011 Electronic Newsletter of the World Student Christian Federation, Africa Region. In this new edition of the E-News letter, you will be delighted by reading information from some of our national movements (the SCM of Malawi, who is seeking affiliation to the Federation, the SCM of Rwanda (RAJEPR), the SCM of Cameroon and The SCM of Zimbabwe. WSCF Africa is still mourning the untimely death of Rev. Sente Ernest Nthabane of the SCM in Lesotho. We remember Rev. Nthabane as one of the pioneer of the SCM of Lesotho, a theological scholar, a liberation theologian. May God protect and take care of his family.

The articles in this edition are rather too long. But we think it is worth reading and understand each other context, challenges and activities carried for the same mission in different context.



Kindly continue praying and fasting for the situation in Nigeria. God through His Son Jesus Christ will respond to those who are defying His power and authority.

Enjoy your reading!!!

In Christ

Georgine Kengne Djeutane

Regional secretary

WSCF Africa

CYAMA MAKES FEISTY IMPACT IN MZUZU: By Christopher Gervas Chimangeni (CYAMA)

Christian Youth Association of Malawi (CYAMA) an interdenominational youth association for Christian youths organized a prayer service for all Junior Certificate (JC) and Malawi School Certificate of Education (MSCE) candidates at St. Andrews CCAP Hall in Katoto, Mzuzu city, northern part of Malawi. This event took place on Saturday June 11, 2011 from 9:00am – 12:00noon as part of its contribution towards youth development.

Participants for the prayer service were drawn from various government and private Secondary Schools such as; Katoto Secondary, Chibavi Secondary, Njerenjere Private Secondary, Mundewa Private Secondary and Multi Career Private Secondary among others.

The main objective for the prayer service was to bring all candidates closer to Jesus Christ as He is the only way to success and we wanted also to make them appreciate the love and courage that we get from Him so that they can realize different dreams in their life by doing well in the Junior Certificate of Education and Malawi School Certificate of Education examination.

The prayer service was officiated under the theme **“Be blameless and walk with God”** **Genesis6:8-18**. The event was designed to last for three hours, from 9:00am to 12:00noon. Apart from the main worship service there were two phases. The first phase was awarding of certificates to best Form 2 and Form 4 students, two boys and two girls from each school. The second and last phase was that of speeches.

Key activities to the event included opening prayer done by Taonga Msiska from Katoto Government Secondary School and hymns of praise such as ‘Yesu Wandisamala’ in vernacular translated as ‘Jesus cares for me’ and others, introduction of participating schools and CYAMA leaders and welcome remarks by the directors of ceremonies.



Mr. Christopher Gervas Chimangeni

In his welcome remarks, former CYAMA Secretary now National Coordinator, Christopher Gervas Chimangeni who directed the service explained the objectives, theme and programme of the prayer service and urged all participants to be active throughout the event. He also acknowledged the presence of the former moderator of Livingstonia synod and Chairperson for Evangelical Association of Malawi (EAM) in the northern region, Reverend Kingsley Nyirenda who was the guest of honor, special guest Mr. Innocent Kamanga who is the coordinator for Evangelical Association of Malawi (EAM) in the northern region and the Executive Director for the Northern Region Youth Network who is also vice Chairperson for the National Youth Network on Climate Change (NYNCC), Mr. Pearson Malisau and teachers of various secondary schools among others.

The spiritual reflection was presided over by Reverend Kingsley Nyirenda. In his homily, he explained that during Noah’s time all people were corrupt apart from Noah himself whose family was righteous. Rev. Nyirenda told the students that there is need for them to write exams with righteous and with no fear. “May God Almighty guide you through exams time,” he told them. He further told them that God has prepared them a beautiful future and that; cars, wives, husbands, houses, families, among other things are waiting for them. Rev. Kingsley Nyirenda referred the book of Acts 16:31 where there is a story of Paul and Silas. He urged the students to believe in Lord Jesus for them their families to be saved. “God will make you overcome your challenges in favour and grace not because you are wise but that He loves you,” he said. He finally

wished them well during exams. Students and CYAMA members also made special prayers as follows:

Praying for all 2011 students sitting for JCE and MSCE: This was done by Diana Kayange from CYAMA, Lilongwe. Praying for all Teachers and Parents: This was done by Cate Phiri from Njerenjere Private Secondary School, Mzuzu. Praying for all Church leaders: This was done by Thom Chatepa from CYAMA, Lilongwe. Praying for Government leaders and all donor community: This was done by Jane Mwasiya from CYAMA, Lilongwe. Praying for Christian Youth Association of Malawi (CYAMA): This was done by Loveness Phiri from CYAMA, Lilongwe. Praying for protection from diseases and accidents: This was done by Enock Chirwa from Katoto Government Secondary School, Mzuzu.

The Executive Director for the Northern Region Youth Network who is also vice Chairperson for the National Youth Network on Climate Change (NYNCC), Mr. Pearson Malisau made a speech on behalf of 2011 candidates and all youth from the north.

In his speech, he thanked CYAMA for organizing such a momentous event and that it will add value especially to those sitting for JCE and MSCE this year.

He urged CYAMA leadership to introduce it to the north so that youth in this region should also be benefiting like their fellows in other regions, districts and areas. He finally asked CYAMA that this should not be the first and last time but should bring other activities to the north.

The second to make his speech was the coordinator for Evangelical Association of Malawi (EAM) in the north, Mr. Innocent Kamanga. He started by encouraging all

students who were close to 90 in number to believe in themselves if they are to pass their examinations. He also urged them to have vision, courage and focus if they are to do well in their exams. He finally advised them that if they will fail to make it, they should not lose hope because there is always next time.

One of CYAMA Executive Members, Dominic Nyasulu made a speech on behalf of CYAMA. He explained that this is an annual event and last year 2010 was held at Chipasula Government Secondary School in Area 22, Lilongwe, Capital city and central region of Malawi. He said that CYAMA saw the need to organize the prayer service at Katoto Secondary School and it was shifted to St. Andrews CCAP Hall due to other reason that the Malawi Police Service was conducting interviews. He said that the grace of God is with Mzuzu because the event was originally meant to be done at Mawila Private Secondary School in Liwonde, Machinga. Dominic also said that this prayer service is one way of reaching out to our brothers and sisters sitting for 2011 JCE and MSCE and assist them in prayers so that they can realize their dreams. He said CYAMA is there to encourage and inspire all candidates and youths. Nyasulu also urged all candidates to refrain from immoral behaviour such as smoking and drinking beer especially during examination. Dominic thanked the EAM office in the north for assist and making the event a reality though short notice, Pearson Malisau for coordinating the event and Rev. Nyirenda for mainly initiating the venue in a short period of time among other. He finally wished 2011 candidates and all youth well.

In his remarks, the Chairperson of EAM in the northern region and former moderator of

Livingstonia synod, Rev. Kingsley Nyirenda started by wishing all candidates good luck. He then thanked CYAMA leadership for organizing such an important event to the northern region. "This may look small but in God's eyes it is a big thing and God never fails," he said. He told all candidates and youth who attended the service that CYAMA is a big body because it works with big mother bodies in Malawi. "I am impressed with the way CYAMA has conducted this prayer service, they have done it so professionally as if they are not youth," he told the gathering. He said that the future starts today and there is potential in CYAMA members and it shows that CYAMA has really good future leaders. He said that CYAMA should know that by organizing such events, it is making youth good leaders not only in class but even by bringing them closer to Jesus Christ. Rev. Kingsley Nyirenda also urged all candidates and youth that they should not only be attending such events for formality sake but they should be learning something. "Among you there are governors, doctors, nurses, teachers, pastors, first ladies, presidents, musicians, and politicians to mention a few, but all you need is wisdom" he finished.

Asked about the successes registered at the service, one of the participants who came Jane Mwasiya who is now CYAMA National Treasure said CYAMA managed to conduct the event successfully without relying on any external financial support and that all youth especially candidates were disciplined and there were no cases of indiscipline reported. She further said that mobilization of the youth who took part at the prayer service was so good. "We are also happy that we managed to get the services of one of the

renowned Reverends highly honored in the country that graced the event and helped expand the theme of the prayer service," she finished.

On the part of challenges one of the participants, Diana Kayange said there was loss of time due to delays in service at the venue as the earlier proposed hall (Katoto Government Secondary School) was used for police recruitments. She also said that some of the schools that were invited did not make it as they were busy with examination's sitting plan. "Youth especially candidates could not be able to conduct some activities due to time factor," Diana lamented.



CHRISTIAN YOUTH MOVEMENT IN MALAWI HAS NEW LEADERS: By Christopher Gervas Chimangeni (CYAMA)

Christian Youth Association of Malawi (CYAMA) an umbrella association for all Christian groups and individuals under the three main mother bodies in Malawi namely; Malawi Council of Churches (MCC), Episcopal Conference of Malawi (ECM) and (Evangelical Association of Malawi (EAM), has a new Executive Committee. This committee came into being on Saturday July

9, 2011 after elections that were presided over by an official from Evangelical Association of Malawi (EAM).

The Executive Committee will run the secretariat of CYAMA from July, 2011 up to the time other elections will be held probably in July, 2015.

During the **Christopher Gervas Chimangeni** from Sacred Heart Catholic Parish in Falls was elected Chairperson automatically becomes CYAMA National Coordinator whilst **Diana Kayange** from the Revival Pentecostal Church in Area 36 was elected his vice. **Loveness Ruth Phiri** from Don Bosco Catholic Parish in Area 23 was elected National Secretary. **Isaac Chikalipo Nguluwe** a Malawi College of Accountancy (MCA) student from Zambezi Evangelical Church in Kawale was voted CYAMA vice National Secretary. Another girl, **Jane Mwasiya** from Nathenje Catholic Parish in Nathenje was trusted with the position of National Treasure while her vice is **Mike Lulanga** from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Likuni. CYAMA also elected **Thom Chatepa** from St. Mary's Anglican Church in Area 8, **Modester Mengezi** from Msonkhamanja CCAP Church in Area 36, **Dominic Amon Nyasulu** from St. Francis Catholic Parish in Area 25 and **Cephas Kasandamila** from Church of Christ in Area 23 as National Committee Members.

NEWS FROM THE SCM OF RWANDA - RAJEPRA, by Theodmir Niyonsenga

A fin que tous soient un...Jean 17 :21: Vers l'organisation de la famille protestante des mouvements chrétiens universitaires

Soucieux de l'organisation de la famille protestante des Associations Chrétiennes protestantes œuvrant au sein des Universités de notre pays, le **RAJEPRA** (Rassemblement de la Jeunesse Estudiantine Protestante à l'Action) en collaboration avec le CPR, au travers de son service de l'Education Chrétienne, leur a préparé deux ateliers respectivement à l'UNR en dates du 26/03/2011 et au SFB en date du 02/04/2011. Des thèmes importants relatifs aux grandes questions du moment y ont été abordés par des conférenciers sélectionnés et invités par le CPR.

I. Atelier des Associations Chrétiennes protestantes œuvrant au sein de l'UNR en date du 26. 03. 2011, Thème Central : Jean 17 :21

En date du 26 03 2011 le RAJEPRA en collaboration avec le CPR, a organisé un atelier des leaders (Comites Exécutifs) des Associations Chrétiennes Protestantes œuvrant au sein de l'Université Nationale du Rwanda (UNR) qui a eu lieu à l'Eglise Anglicane au Rwanda (EAR) Diocèse de Butare.

Le thème Central était Jean 17 :21 et rapporte ceci :

" A fin que tous soient un ; comme toi, Père, tu es en moi, et moi en toi, qu'eux aussi soient un en nous, afin que le monde croie que tu m'as envoyé ".

Face au constat que l'effectif des étudiants issus des Eglises Protestantes devient de plus en plus croissant et que bon nombre de ces étudiants sont regroupés dans des associations et mouvements souvent conçus

selon leurs dénominations ecclésiales, le CPR avec le RAJEPRA ont jugé urgent de réveiller leur conscience pour une auto-organisation de la famille protestante universitaire hébergeant toutes ces groupuscules. Ce besoin criant avait encore été exprimé par les leaders des étudiants du RAJEPRA et des Associations protestantes universitaires lors du séminaire du 29-31/10/2010 qui avait été organisé à leur intention. Ces derniers avaient aussi soulevé le besoin d'être fréquemment visité par le



RAJEPRA avec le CPR dans leurs Universités et Instituts.

Dans son mot d'ouverture, Rev. Pasteur KAREKEZI, Représentant Régional de l'ADEPR Butare et Président du comité Local

du CPR/Huye, a vivement remercié les participants pour avoir senti à temps l'importance de venir s'associer aux autres. Tout comme dans la méditation matinale en Jean 17 :21 que lui-même a dirigé, il est revenu sur la nécessité de coopérer et donc de conjuguer nos efforts pour le bien de l'évangile.

L'objectif poursuivi étant celui de renforcer l'auto-organisation de la famille protestante

des Associations Chrétiennes protestantes universitaires, l'unité et l'identité protestante des étudiants universitaires issus de différentes églises protestantes d'une part, et de cultiver les valeurs chrétiennes au sein de cette jeunesse, nous avons proposé les thèmes suivants :

- œcuménisme et son importance dans et à l'extérieur des milieux scolaires et universitaires. Ce thème a été animé par le deuxième Vice-Représentant Légal de l'AEBR en la personne du Révérend MUNYAMASOKO Gato Corneille.
- L'identité protestante et le rôle des étudiants leaders dans la culture des valeurs chrétiennes au sein des milieux scolaires et universitaires. Ce thème a été animé par Rev. Dr Viateur NDIKUMANA, Vice-Recteur Académique de PIASS.
- L'organisation de la famille protestante au sein des universités par Rev. P. Claver BISANZE, agent du CPR chargé de l'Education Chrétienne.
- Le rôle des étudiants leaders dans la prévention et la lutte contre les drogues par le Président du RAJEPRA, Monsieur NIYONSENGA Théodomir

Au cours des échanges sur thèmes ci-haut mentionnés, les participants ont fait remarquer que leur œuvre évangélistique à l'Université rencontre des barrières qui nécessitent également la mise en commun pour que l'on puisse les franchir. Entre autres, ils ont cité : Les disciplines confessionnelles qui sont différentes,

manque des connaissances approfondies dans le ministère chrétien, Peu de temps de rencontre des associations chrétiennes a cause des études, perturbation de leurs plans d'actions due au programme de l'UNR, manque d'un sanctuaire approprié, milieu qui se dit intelligent et par la hostile a l'évangile, manque des moyens surtout matériels et financiers, difficulté de loger les Evangélistes qui peuvent les visiter éventuellement.

Après avoir suivi les enseignements relatifs aux thèmes qui leur avaient préparés, les Comites leaders des Associations Chrétiennes Protestantes œuvrant au sein de l'UNR ont pris les décisions suivantes :

- Opérer ensemble et partager les expériences de leurs mouvements Chrétiens ainsi que de leurs dénominations ecclésiales visant ainsi la promotion d'une éthique de complémentarité
- Collaborer étroitement avec les autorités administratives de leurs Eglises.
- Privilégier les éléments qui les unissent au détriment de ceux qui les différencient.
- Donner la valeur au prochain indépendamment de son appartenance confessionnelle.
- Marier la prière à l'action
- Chercher et Participer activement dans des séminaires qui promeuvent et renforcent les enseignements chrétiens au sein des universitaires.

- Aimer son Eglise mais aussi



les autres communautés ecclésiales surtout dans le cadre de l'enrichissement mutuel.

- Porter au cœur la mission que Jésus nous a laissée de gagner les âmes a lui (Christ).
- Etre les ferments des changements positifs dans nos Eglises.
- Renforcer les enseignements suffisants en relation avec les comportements a mener entre la culture et l'Evangile.
- Multiplier les occasions de rencontre de ces Associations Chrétiennes Protestantes universitaires et approfondir les enseignements Chrétiens.
- Fonder notre foi sur la Sainte Bible.
- Promouvoir l'amour et le travail.

La journée s'est clôturée sur un mot de remerciement et d'encouragement de la part du Pst Pierre Claver BISANZE. Ce dernier a rappelé que le CPR souhaite que ses associations puissent s'auto organiser de façon à promouvoir la culture de la solidarité et du respect mutuel dans notre ministère chrétien.

II. Atelier des Associations Chrétiennes protestantes œuvrant au sein des différentes universités de KIGALI (SFB, KIST, KHI, KIE et KICUKIRO College of Technology, ULK). du 02. 04. 2011, Thème Central : Jean 17 :21

Comme c'était prévu, samedi le 02/04/2011 dans la salle polyvalente de *School of Finance and Banking*, le CPR représenté par Monsieur François RWAMBONERA et Rev. P. Claver BISANZE, respectivement Directeur du BNEP et Chargé de l'Education Chrétienne et la Formation des Administratifs au CPR, accompagnés par Monsieur Niyonsenga Théodomir, Président du RAJEPRA, a réalisé l'atelier qu'il avait préparé à l'intention des Associations Chrétiennes protestantes œuvrant au sein des différentes Universités de Kigali (SFB, KIST, KHI, KIE et KICUKIRO College of Technology, ULK).

Le thème Central était toujours Jean 17 :21 et rapporte ceci : *"A fin que tous soient un ; comme toi, Père, tu es en moi, et moi en toi, q'eux aussi soient un en nous, afin que le monde croie que tu m'a envoyé"*.

Dans son mot d'ouverture, le Directeur du BNEP a vivement remercié les participants pour avoir senti a temps l'importance de venir s'associer aux autres. Dans la méditation matinale en Jean 17 :21 dirigé par le Pasteur P. Claver BISANZE, il a été souligné la nécessité d'être solidaires dans l'accomplissement de la mission chrétienne de gagner, au travers de l'Evangile holistique, les âmes à Christ. Pour lui, l'unité des chrétiens n'est pas une

éventualité mais, plutôt, elle doit être sentie comme un commandement nous laissé par le Maître du Royaume, Jésus-Christ.

L'objectif poursuivi étant toujours celui de renforcer l'auto-organisation de la famille protestante des Associations Chrétiennes protestantes universitaires, l'unité et l'identité protestante des étudiants universitaires issus de différentes églises protestantes d'une part, et de cultiver les valeurs chrétiennes au sein de cette jeunesse, nous avons proposé les thèmes suivants :

- Le rôle des étudiants chrétiens dans la promotion de la culture de la paix, de la justice et de la gestion des conflits par Mgr Samuel KAYINAMURA, Représentant Légal de l'EMLR.
- Oecuménisme et son importance dans et à l'extérieur des milieux scolaires et universitaires. Ce thème a été animé par le deuxième Vice-Représentant Légal de l'AEER en la personne du Révérend MUNYAMASOKO Gato Corneille.
- L'identité protestante et le rôle des étudiants leaders dans la culture



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Après avoir suivi les enseignements relatifs aux thèmes qui leur avaient été préparés, les Comités Exécutifs leaders des Associations Chrétiennes Protestantes œuvrant au sein des différentes universités de KIGALI (SFB, KIST, KHI, KIE et KICUKIRO College of Technology, ULK) ont pris les décisions suivantes :

- Doser les thèmes compte tenu des heures qui leur sont imparties et cela pour permettre de recueillir beaucoup d'idées de la part des participants.
- Mettre en place un forum des Associations chrétiennes Universitaires et éventuellement inclure les catholiques.
- Faire parvenir ces enseignements de l'unité et de l'œcuménisme aux Eglises
- Rendre disponibles les documents où sont développés les thèmes abordés

- Préparer des enseignements sur les thèmes qui semblent être énigmatiques, notamment Apocalypse, Daniel et les épîtres pauliniennes.
- Utiliser aussi les étudiants issus des Associations Chrétiennes Universitaires dans le cadre d'approcher les étudiants des Ecoles secondaires.
- Participer activement dans les activités diaconales à l'endroit des pauvres dans le cadre de renforcer la valeur de l'amour et du travail.

Les thèmes qui leur avaient été préparés visaient essentiellement la nécessité de renforcer leur unité et leur auto-organisation en tant que famille protestante dans notre combat acharné de lutter pour le Royaume de Dieu. Toutes les activités prévues ont été accomplies dans une bonne atmosphère. Les participants ont bien saisi et compris le besoin de travailler ensemble la main dans la main tout en ayant soin de se référer surtout à l'identité protestante et les valeurs chrétiennes qui doivent les marquer partout où ils sont.

Dans son mot de clôture, le pasteur P. Claver leur a dit de prendre au sérieux les enseignements reçus de ces différents thèmes et de voir comment les mettre en pratique notamment au travers de l'éthique chrétienne soulignant foncièrement la solidarité qui les amène à œuvrer la main dans la main.

Dans l'ensemble, les deux ateliers ont été fructueux car les participants ont décidé de

non seulement de mettre en pratique les décisions prises mais aussi et surtout de créer un réseau de collaboration (network) dans les meilleurs délais. Que Dieu bénisse son ministère et le travail de ses serviteurs.

**SCMZ YOUTH FOR PEACE CAMPAIGN
TAKES TO THE FIELDS - A RESOUNDING
SUCCESS!!** By SCMZ National Office

The Student Christian Movement of Zimbabwe (SCMZ) recently held a 'Sports for peace Tournament' at the Belvedere Technical Teachers College in Harare. The tournament came as part of the broader SCMZ Youth for Peace Campaign aimed at mobilizing young people to desist from violence and act as agents of peace. The origins of this campaign for peace is centered on the saddening realities of the prevailing Zimbabwean landscape whereby young people's participation has been highly minimalised to sloganeering, campaigning for elderly politicians and used as machinery for violence as political parties jostle to maintain grip and relevance on the political scene. This has resultantly further relegated young people to the peripheries of national processes, thus leaving them with no say in the governance of their own country. Coupled the levels of uncertainty shrouding the coming elections it is high time students and other young people alike strive to preserve a peaceful environment to ensure meaningful and effective participation as they struggle to reclaim their rightful position in national processes. This prompted the SCMZ to take its ongoing campaign for peace to the fields, where soccer and netball tournaments were used

as platforms to reach out to the student community coupled with intensive information dissemination. More than 200 students, educators, human rights activists as well as various other dignitaries from progressive youth organizations all thronged the institution to witness the games that took place in honor of preserving peace.

Realizing the challenges in traditional ways of mobilizing young people, SCMZ decided to make use of the platform provided by such activities to educate the students of the importance and advantages of non violent ways of airing grievances and respect for diversity. Thus by actively engaging the students in field games such as netball and soccer the Movement strongly believes that this symbolic gesture of kicking the ball illustrates our mission of kicking and getting rid of violence from our lives, institutions, homes and the nation at large. This is invariably not the first time that SCMZ has undertaken such measures in a bid to denounce violence in all its forms, spread the gospel of peace and promote dialogue. Various other initiatives such as Clean up campaigns and musical concerts involving local urban grooves stars such as Madiz, Alexio, Olinda Marowa and King Shaddy amongst others have been used as instruments of standing for justice and recognition of young people as a formidable force in building a democratic society.



Prizes of 15 soccer uniforms as well as netball uniforms plus 4 balls were presented to the winning teams while the generality of the participants received awareness t-shirts. Indubitably, this is a success story in the making, and bigger and better efforts are set to grace the students and young people in our bid to redress the destructive and retrogressive effects of violence in our communities.

It is our hope that tapping into the zeal and influential capabilities of students and young people the Zimbabwean political playing field would be one day characterized by tolerance, peace, love and harmony, with young people freely exercising their God given citizen rights without favour or fear of victimization. As the nation moves towards the completion of the much awaited constitutional reform process and subsequently national elections, SCMZ would like to exhort the entire ecumenical Movement and other progressive organizations to remain unwavering and continue exercising their prophetic role through denouncing social injustices and proclaiming the greater good of all people built on peace and respect of human dignity. Let everyone who claims to be a child of God joins SCMZ Peace-building Family, for the Bible says, "**Blessed are the peacemakers**

for they shall be called the children of God", Matthew 5 verse 9

WSCF remembers Rev Sentle Ernest Nthabane, Prepared for WSCF publication by Seabata Makoae (Mr.) **General Secretary** Student Christian Movement in Lesotho

The long time former General Secretary of the Student Christian Movement in Lesotho (SCM), Reverend Sentle Ernest Nthabane died on November 02, 2011. Rev Nthabane served as the General Secretary of SCM in Lesotho from nearly 1980's to 1992 thus making him the longest serving General Secretary in history of the SCM in Lesotho and later as treasurer until 1995.

The Reverend Nthabane was an ordained minister of religion in the Lesotho Evangelical Church (LEC). During his life he served and held a number of leadership positions within the church and community including that of Deputy President of the Synod of the Lesotho Evangelical Church, Principal of Thabeng LEC High School in Morija, Chairperson of the Christian Council of Lesotho (CCL), Chairperson of the Christian Health Association of Lesotho (CHAL), Chairperson of the Teaching Service Commission (TSC) of the Government of the Kingdom of Lesotho, and lectured at the National University of Lesotho, and Morija Theological Seminary.

Reverend Nthabane will be remembered by many in the World Student Christian Federation as he was invited to deliver a keynote address during the **WSCF Southern Africa Sub -Regional Conference** held at the Mophato oa Morija Ecumenical Youth Centre in 1997 that gathered around the theme: "**The World Student Christian**

Federation as a prophetic agent of hope moving in to the new millennium". Rev Nthabane was part of the WSCF history consultative meeting held in Bossey Ecumenical Institute Switzerland in preparation of the WSCF Centenary Celebration and presented a paper entitled **"50 years of pioneer ecumenism in Lesotho 1909 -1960"**.



In 2001, he delivered a highly spirited sermon during the 90th Anniversary Celebration of the SCM in Lesotho while he consecrated and dedicated the SCM House in Maseru Lesotho to the service of God.

Rev Nthabane will be remembered by many as a theological scholar, a liberation theologian, a teacher, a musician, an ecumenist and a friend to all.

A REPORT ON SECOND GLOBAL GATHERING HELD IN MANADO, INDONESIA FROM 4TH TO 7TH OCTOBER, 2011 PRESENTED BY AMADI, HEOMA OKWUCHI FROM THE SCM OF NIGERIA

Global Christian Forum (GCF) in conjunction with communion of churches in Indonesia held her second global gathering in Manado, Indonesia from the 4th to 7th of October, 2011 with the theme "Life together in Jesus Christ, empowered by the Holy Spirit. This brought Christians from diverse

denominations, a total of 287 participants that included 18 young adults that represented the International Student Organisation.

In writing this report, I would give a summary of the events that took place in Manado in the segments below:

WORSHIP:

The conference kicked off in the evening of Tuesday 4th October, 2011 with a church service in a catholic church in Manado. Prayers were held in groups in the mornings to commence a day's activity and the evenings to close a day's activity. In the mist of these prayers, songs were sung to uplift our spirits as we sort the face of God.

Also, as part of worship activities that took place, there were scriptural readings to reflect the help or empowerment the Holy Spirit gives to us as Christians. For instance from acts 1:1-5, 2:2-4 which talks about the promise of the father to us and outpouring of the Spirit on Jesus' disciples, it shows that the Holy Spirit is a symbol of God in us because Jesus ascended into Heaven and did not leave His disciples, but made Himself present in them via His Spirit. Other scriptural readings were taken from Acts 11:19-30. This scripture explains the work of the Spirit in man. For by the influence of the Spirit of Christ, His disciples were noticed to be acting like Him and were first called "Christians" in Antioch as recorded in this scripture. From Acts 12:24-13:12, it is seen that the grace to expand God's work comes from the Spirit. Acts 15:4-31 talks about the fact that the Holy Spirit can work in anyone; He does not discriminate and His duty is to unite us as one in Christ.

After each Bible study, individuals in various groups had reflections on the word, ask questions on what was shared and made contributions from personal experiences to further enrich the study.



Ms Heoma during the FSC training in ACCRA

EXPOSITIONS:

Certain individuals took expositions on different topics for example; Mr. Peter crossing (from center for the study of Global Christianity, Gordon-Conwell theological seminary) presented “Atlas of Global Christianity” which he divided into two major headings (a) Trends inside of Global Christianity. Here he stated that Christianity has shifted dramatically to the global South; Christianity is fragmented as we have various denominations; Christianity has also experienced renewal for example, Pentecostalism/Charismatic and also that resource among Christians are not evenly distributed especially for Christians of the global south with respect to finance in particular.

(b) Trends outside the global Christianity: in this, he made the following points; there is

enough evangelism to reach everyone in the world, most Christian outreaches never reach non-Christians, Christians are out of contact with Muslims, Hindus and Buddhists, many of the most responsive people are Muslims, Hindus and Buddhists, and that God’s global family will include all people.

Another exposition was given by Fr. Dr. K.M. George (from India) on the topic “Bearing witness to Christ and to each other in the power of the Holy Spirit”. He explained that even non-Christians can unknowingly bear witness to Christ as was seen in the life of Mahatma Gandhi as he was said to have borne witness to Christ by upholding the long non-violent struggle that he started in South Africa until India’s independence, restoring justice, freedom and human dignity to millions of people. In a nut shell, the highlights of this exposition were: the gift of friendship and the task of bearing witness to each other are inspired by the spirit of God (Acts 10); the Holy Spirit inspires, connects and transfigures God’s creation, the Holy Spirit perfects all that has been and all that is to be; the perfecting work of the Spirit touches all ages and all space; the Spirit is the first impulse of creation and continues to guide it. He guides us into all truths, there is no steady state or stationary point in the Spirit’s movement which we can call the end; time and eternity bear witness to each other.



TESTIMONIES:

These include sharing of experiences in movements that were present for example, World Student Christian Federation represented by Christine Housel and International Fellowship of Evangelical Students represented by Mrs. Affiong Adeleye teamed up and came up with their experiences that reflected who they are, their activities, impact and growth.

In line with this sharing, Mr. Michelle Moran, President of International Catholic Charismatic Renewal Services recounted the origin of the association in the Catholic Church, their growth and how the Holy Spirit has impacted many through them since He began to work with them.

MESSAGE FROM GCF, 2011:

The participants in Manado came up with the following reflections:

The spirit is calling on us not only to continue to foster respect for one another, but now also, to move forward together exploring and addressing common challenges.

Appreciation for the Indonesian host and a call to pray for them as they exist in a complex inter-religious situation.

Appreciation to those who gave the expositions and those who shared their testimonies.

Appreciation to GCF committee especially, Mr. Hubert Van Beek, GCF Secretary for his exemplary services.

A motion to commit themselves to renewed attention to the relationship between unity and mission; address disparity of resources and imbalance of power; address the need for a broader inclusiveness in their gatherings considering age, gender, religion, tradition, ethnicity and abilities.

A motion to commit them to nurture the GCF as the Spirit leads, as a witness to God's saving and transforming love.

CONCLUSION

The Global Christian Forum Conference brought Christians from several continents and nations of the world to Manado, Indonesia. We were well hosted by the Indonesians. The conference was brought to a close with a service held in a catholic church in Manado. Throughout the conference, one thing stood out clear in my heart- the Spirit of God is one; for Christianity to grow and achieve her goals, we must neglect our differences in our various Christian denominations and focus on our similarities in Christ. It is my prayer that what the Spirit is saying and doing within the church in this present dispensation will not elude us in our movement.

God Bless our Movement, SCM.

NEWS FROM THE STUDENT CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT OF CAMEROON (MEPC) by NGOTTY Ruth-Aimee, former Chairperson

It's with a great pleasure that we are informing you of the renewal of the Executive Committee of SCM Cameroon (Movement of Protestant Students in

Cameroon'). This was done during its Fifth National Congress held from the 23rd to the 27th of November 2011 in Yaoundé under the theme "*let's walk in the same step*", inspired from Philippians 3: 16. Hence, all official information regarding SCM Cameroon is to be shared with them. Their names and contacts are found in the attached document.

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