

A New Dawn in the Leadership of the Association Evangelicals in Africa

AEA announces the election into office a new leadership at the just concluded General Assembly in Mombasa, Kenya August 2010.

President: The new President and leader of AEA is Rev.



AEA President Rev. S. Yaméogo

Samuel Yaméogo of Burkina Faso.

Rev. Yaméogo is the fourth President of AEA since 1966 and

the second from Francophone Africa. He is no stranger to AEA; until his appointment he was the chair of the AEA Relief & Development Commission.

He served as CEO of the development arm of the Evangelical Fellowship in Burkina, denominational head of his church and currently the President of the Federation.

Rev. Yaméogo has also served his country as member of the Constitutional Commission. He comes to this new position with a lot of credibility, history and experience.

Vice President: Rev. Dr. Goodwill Shana of Zimbabwe serve as VP. Rev Shanna served in various capacities in the Evangelical Fellowship of Zimbabwe for many years. He is a legal luminary and a full time pastor and denominational head in Zimbabwe.

Treasurer: Mrs. Emily Chengo, an accounting professional now serves as Treasurer. She is the Africa Director of ALARM an active Associate member of AEA. She oversees operations in eight countries of Africa.

Legal Advisor: Mrs. Judy Kalinga, appointed

by the Board two years ago to serve as Legal Adviser was re-elected.

Other Board Members: Mr. Lanny Arensen, International Director of the African Inland Mission, one of the missionary agencies that has significantly contributed to the establishment of AEA but continues to be actively involved with AEA as an associate member. AIM and World Vision a Christian development NGO are the two associate member organizations elected on to serve on the Board.

Regional Presidents: These members represent AEA designated regions.

- **Rev. Dr. Mario Li Hing *Mauritius—** Seychelles, Comoros, Mayotte, Re-Union, and Madagascar)
- **Rev Dr. Bishop Arthur Kitonga *Kenya,** Uganda, Tanzania, Somalia, Burundi and Rwanda.
- **Rev. Eloi Sobel Dogue *Senegal Guinea** Conakry -, Algeria, Cape Verde, Gambia, Guinea Bissau, , Mali, Mauritania, Morocco, , Western Sahara
- **Rev. Dr. Birhanu Ofga *Ethiopia -** Libya, Tunisia, Egypt, Sudan, Eritrea, Djibouti,
- **Rev. Dr. Wilson Badejo *Nigeria -**Togo, Benin, Ghana, Cote d'Ivoire, Liberia, Sierra Leone, Burkina Faso, Niger.
- **Rev. Guerekoyame Gbangou - *Central Africa Republic,** Cameroon, Democratic Republic of Congo, Congo Brazzaville, Tchad, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Sao Tome -Principe and St. Helena.
- **Rev. Dr. Bishop Joe Imakando *Zambia-** Malawi, Mozambique, Angola, Namibia, Botswana, Zimbabwe, , Swaziland, Lesotho, Republic of South Africa.

Scoping this Issue:

This edition is dedicated to highlights of the 10th General Assembly. The GA is a significant event on the AEA calendar and is held every four years. This GA was critical for a turnaround in AEA.

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Please read and help us serve you better as you give your feedback. Happy Reading!

Blessings

At the first Board meeting, Rev. Dr. Mario Li Hing was elected as Chair, and Bishop. Dr. Bishop Kitonga as Vice Chair; positions they held respectively in the last Board. The General Assembly also ratified the appointment of Aiah Foday-Khabenje as General Secretary of AEA.

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Clarion Call: African Christians Stand up in an Increasingly Secularist World!



GA Official Opening Ceremony led by Bishop Dr. A. Kitonga—E. Africa Regional Vice President.

The 10th General Assembly of the AEA started on a high note with the official opening conducted by Bishop Dr. A. Kitonga, Vice President of the Eastern Africa Region. Subsequently, it came to a successful conclusion in Mombasa Kenya on August 28th 2010. Over 140 Evangelical leaders from across Africa met to ask critical questions about Christian witness in Africa.

This was the first General Assembly with Aiah Foday-Khabenje (Sierra Leone) as General Secretary. He takes the position at a critical period for AEA and is the first to admit that he has a tough task ahead of him, rebuilding and refocusing AEA's work. The new Strategic Plan was central to the Assembly programme – if realised, it will be a significant fulfilment of and response to the challenges laid down at the Assembly.

The theme: 'Redeeming the Time' was the subject of solid Bible expositions by Rev. Gbile Akanni of Nigeria and Rev. Calisto Odede of Kenya. Rev. Akanni emphasised severally that the time has come for African Christians to arise and take responsibility for their nations, continent and for global mission: "God has appointed a moment for Africa and this is it", he opined.

Rev. Odede re-emphasised the pre-eminence of Christ in the universe, the Church and in individuals, challenging everyone to remember that believers bring Christ with them wherever they go. The recurring call was clear – for a relevant

voice in Africa, and for faithful representation of Christ in every area of society

Mr. Gordon Showell-Rogers, World Evangelical Alliance Associate Secretary General in the final exposition re-echoed the call for leaders of character.

Following the Bible expositions on each day were plenary presentations from experts on various topics; Peace Building and Reconciliation, Islam and Christianity and the impact of Climate Change. These were followed by workshops to allow participants to reflect on the expert messages and develop action points for the church in Africa.

The seminars or workshops deliberations and other 'interest' group meetings informed the resolutions of this year's General Assembly. And will contribute significantly to the direction of AEA in the next four years.

The G.A. Business sessions went on in the evenings till the small



GA Business Session Chaired by Rev. Ndaba Mazabane

hours of the next day. The agenda included operational reports from the Secretariat, constitutional amendments to streamline the governance framework in tandem with the Strategic Plan.

During the Assembly the newly formed Evangelical Alliance of Madagascar (represented by a large and enthusiastic delegation) was joyfully received into AEA membership.

'The news of the sudden, unexpected death of a participant's wife was a stark reminder of the harsh realities of life. The sobering news arrived just after the Assembly had been told that 10 million people died in Africa within the last decade, as a direct result of wars and conflicts' says Showell-Rogers, 'The Assembly reiterated the responsibility of Christians in shaping Africa. The practical application of the call of Christ into many different areas of life was heart-warming carrying huge potential.

"We desperately need humble, intelligent, transformed leaders of character, prepared to pay a heavy cost - whose strength comes from their living relationship with Jesus" - Odede

Says the General Secretary—Aiah Foday Khabenje

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operative mission for the good of the whole continent and the world" says Foday-Khabenje 'a fact reflected in the programme of the Assembly and in the greetings brought by the Organisation of African Instituted Churches, MANI, and the All Africa Council of

Churches.'

'Within the AEA, we rejoice at the willingness of various sisters and brothers to take seriously the responsibility of leadership'.

And of potential in Africa, Foday-Khabenje says 'Imagine the impact of 80 million African evangelicals taking personal and corporate responsibility in relationships, in evangelism and mission, in politics, in climate challenges, and in other ways discussed at this Assembly!'

Leadership Training in NEGST/AIU

The Association of Evangelicals in Africa (AEA) developed a five-year (2010 -2014) strategic plan. In this plan, strengthening AEA's governance and management structure and leadership to effectively carry out its mission was identified as a strategic objective.

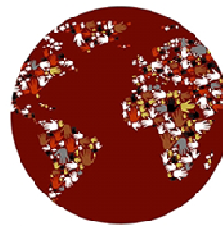
It was therefore in pursuit of Strategic Objective I that AEA held the



first ever Leadership Training for twenty (20) General Secretaries and Board Chairmen from thirteen (13) different countries.

It was held at NESGT over a three day period running from 19 -23 August 2010. The training was organized to build capacity in response to the HIV and AIDS pandemic as well as facilitate transformational leadership through the National Evangelical Fellowships (NEFs).

This was achieved through a partnership with World Vision and facilitated by the International Coordinator for the Channels of Hope (CoH) Program. Participants were introduced to specific aspects of strategic leadership and a brief overview of the World Evangelical Alliance Leadership Institute (WEA LI) presented.



Micah 2010

Global leaders of the United Nations at the dawn of the 21st century undertook to do all they can to lighten the burden of extreme poverty in 15 years (2001-2015 inclusive). This was great news to the world but more especially to Africa, the region of the world with the most extreme and dehumanising poverty indices. The good thing about this pronouncement unlike many others is that it has specific, measurable, attainable, realistic, and time bound goals- the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) eight in number.

However, given the nature of political pronouncement this may be mere rhetoric. On the other hand if those of us who work for the poor, especially the followers of Jesus Christ stand up in our nations and hold our leaders to deliver on this promises, it will be done! This is why the global network of Christian relief and development agencies (Micah Network) in collaboration with the World Evangelical Alliance birthed the Micah Challenge to mobilise Christians to continually remind world leaders to deliver on their promise. Sierra Leoneans believe a promise is a debt and there is the 'personal honour' principle here applicable to the rest of the nations.

As the world leaders meet to review progress ten years later and five years to 2015; Africa the most poverty stricken region of the world is also the region that has made the list progress.

The **Micah 10.10.10** is a special campaign to focus on the promise to poor round the globe. This is a call for prayer on Sunday October 10, 2010 for a prophetic action for and with the poor. This is an opportunity the people of God in Africa should not miss.

Therefore, the Association of Evangelicals in Africa (AEA) is appealing to all Christ's followers to mark Sunday, October 10, 2010 by:

- Offering prayers for the poor, reminding ourselves that God's heart has always been with the poor
- Acting in a prophetic way as the people of God to reduce poverty in our community (MGDs goals or/and other poverty realities) could inform your action.
- A prophetic voice for and with the poor to the government of your nation and internationally.



Please share with us the specific actions and outcomes on this special day.

Missions Consultation, Accra Ghana, July 2010

The second and final consultation of national evangelical fellowships in Africa was held in Accra July 13-17, 2010. This conference attracted thirty one (31) participants from eleven countries in the West and Central Africa regions.



Participants at the Accra Missions Regional Consultation

The objective of the conference was to;

- Create understanding of Islam and how to respond to the challenges posed to the mission of the church.
- Understand mission as an integral approach in the context of African realities and
- AEA's role in coordination for greater effectiveness of the church in Africa.

Participants were exposed to the strategies of Islam in every aspect of human endeavour including spiritual, political, social, educational, business and legal. It was observed that the church may not have a

similar strategy to impact the society and the need for an appropriate response in our outreach was underscored. The participants were challenged to be mindful about these issues in the course of our mission work.

This followed a similar consultation in Lusaka, Zambia for the Eastern and Southern regions of Africa held in June 2010.

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Prayer Corner

- First New Board Meeting 6-8 Dec 2010
- Administrative Council 3-5 Dec 2010
- Realization of AEA's Strategic Plan & Programs