



AEA Executive Council Meeting - Nairobi, Kenya

AEA's last Executive Board meeting in 2009 was held on November 25, 2009. This meeting marked the end of the quest to map a new direction for AEA following the

Entebbe General Assembly's mandate in 2006; to undertake an organizational review, recruit a General Secretary and map out a strategy to keep AEA on course in mobilizing the evangelical church for effective witness.

Three significant milestones in this quest include;



Members of the Executive Council

The Board Chair, Rev Dr.

Mario Li Hing of Mauritius in his exhortation encouraged colleagues on finishing strong in the ministry. We were reminded of Nehemiah rebuilding the broken walls of Jerusalem. Commenting on Neh.4:10

he called attention to four 'Fs' - *fatigue, frustration, fear and fight*. The people of Jerusalem said the strength of their laborers was waning (*fatigue*), this led to *frustration* for some and *fear* for others. But Nehemiah told

the people not to fear and

that the Lord will *fight* for them, even as they worked with one hand and carried their weapons of war with the other.

Similarly, he said: "AEA may have persons fatigued or frustrated, perhaps even fearful but that as we both build and fight, the Lord will fight with and for us". Thus, we need to learn from the experience of Uzziah, King of Judah (2Chr:26) and emulate Manasseh who was a great reformer.

This meeting received the audited report FY 2008 and approved the Secretariat's activity plans & budget for FY 2010

God at Work in the Church in Africa

The Church is Deepening her Roots

The phenomenal numerical growth of the church in Africa is a given, not so much of news to anybody. The news is that the church in Africa is deepening her roots, understanding faith in context and no longer a caricature of western Christianity.

No more conformity to 'mother church' in Europe or America, especially when they err from biblical orthodoxy. Indicators of this development include:



- Own graduate theological schools and theologians

- African Bible Commentary,
- Evangelical affirmations from mainline denominations (The African Anglicans' stance on specious western theologians in the communion).

Public Witness of the Evangelical Church

The Evangelical Church is making a presence in the public

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Also the media and other Christian traditions are engaging evangelical communions. Here this as I write this piece:

“Onward marching Evangelical Churches Shake up the Social Order in Africa” (Newspaper headline in Daily Nation of Kenya, Friday October 30, 2009)

UN and Government agencies are happy to work with church for peace and socio-economic development initiatives.

A Corrective in Missional Approach

The church is closing the gap on the spiritual and physical dichotomy missional paradigm that has beset the church these last 100 years. A holistic approach to carrying out the Great Commission is no longer in doubt; if any thing how this expresses itself on the field is the challenge. The African church understands the gospel to the life and work of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

A Mission Force

The African church hosts the third Lausanne Congress with much anticipation. It is hoped this will give impetus to church renewal and revival for the 21st century, widely believed to see the African church transform from being a mission field to a mission force- indeed exciting times ahead of us. One hundred years ago there was probably no Africa representation at a major mission conference (Edinburgh 1910). Africa is host for Lausanne congress for World Evangelization in 2010!

Youthful and Vibrant

The average African Christian is probably in her late teens or early twenties; a mark of vitality and much hope for the church of the future. As Africa hits the billion man demographic milestone we are hopeful that African will join the other billion club members in Asia in terms of socio-economic development.

(Note: Tell us if this is true of your Alliance or how this could be modified. It is always good to tell your own story)

Micah Challenge →

Updates:

Worldwide over **173,000,000** people were mobilized in collaboration with the United Nations Millennium

Campaign a key partner to Micah Challenge in Africa

DR Congo - National budget analysis focusing on MDGs' spend over the last 3 years to be presented to MPs for action. .


Nigeria - Over 300 persons marked the End Poverty Day


Kenya - Over 920,000 people participated calling on the government to ensure food security .


South Africa - Praying and mobilising for a revival of justice in our land where over 40 gathered to pray , worship, talk, think and engage around issues of justice and the Kingdom of God .

Graffiti

AEA: One time President of Sierra Leone, Mr. Siaka Stevens is remembered for his wit and wise sayings. Alluding to the pressures of leadership at the top used to say in *creole*, the *lingua franca* in that country, “*elephant hade nor to pikin load*”. He likens leadership responsibilities to the head of an elephant which no child would dare to carry. The AEA responsibilities is quite an elephant head and you can guess who the ‘*pikin*’ is. I find comfort in the burden bearer who always beacons: “*Come to me, all who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke...for my yoke is easy and my burden is light*” (Mt. 11:28-30). He sure will carry my elephant load.

 **AEL:** Lady Victoria Wollie is the General Secretary of the Association of Evangelicals in Liberia. She is perhaps the first and only female GS on the continent. Providentially, this must have inspired a female leadership in that nation. With a female priest(ess) and king (queen), Liberia blazes the trail of Africa’s recovery from bad governance and conflict. Sr. Vic, we would be looking up to you to bring your unique gifting to our community for the glory of God as we serve for Africa’s transformation in Christ honouring way.

 **EFSL:** The Evangelical Fellowship of Sierra Leone celebrates its 50th anniversary this year. Our heartiest congratulations on this milestone and best wishes as you begin the journey of a new generation. Rev. Jonathan Titus-Williams, the general Secretary understands the ‘elephant load’ responsibility of leading an Alliance; cheer up my brother, Jesus will help you carry the ‘load’.

 **EFZ:** The Evangelical Fellowship of Zambia changes guard. Farewell to Bishop Paul Mususu, an exemplar of an evangelical voice in a nation. Bishop Mususu was well known in Zambia for his outspokenness for justice and good governance in his country. He moves on to give leadership of his church denomination as presiding Bishop. He certainly will make a good mentor for young and upcoming General Secretaries; a resource person for our leadership institute.

 **TEASA:** Moss Nthla, the General Secretary of the Evangelical Alliance of South Africa must be carrying three elephant heads in 2010. Warming up for 2010 as host for three world events; the world cup soccer jamboree, the Global Day of Prayer and the 3rd Lausanne Congress in South Africa.



Lausanne Congress 2010 Africa Leaders Meeting, October 9-13, 2009

This was held in Cape Town, South Africa on October 9-13, 2009., as a preparatory meeting. It begun the one year countdown to Africa’s hosting of the Third Lausanne Congress in October 2010. This meeting accorded the African church leaders to make an input into the program of the Congress and discuss other

contributions and implications for hosting. Please keep this event on your prayer diary for each day and connect with on-going online

discussion till the conference.

Merry Christmas And a Happy New Year

Post modernity, the spirit of this age takes offence at the wonderful name of Jesus; people are now agitated at the mention of the two words-‘Merry Christmas’. For as long as any body can remember our dating system has been fashioned around the birth of Christ as the fulcrum of history- a seesaw before and after his birth (BC and AD). To say 2010 means two hundred and one decades after the birth of Christ.

Anti –Christ proponents of our day have redacted Christ to be “common”. 2010 after the birth of Christ (AD) has become 2010 Common Era (C.E.). Merry Christmas is happy holiday. The spirit of Herod has always sought to make Christ irrelevant and eliminate him since his (Christ) birth. And as long as Jesus is alive the spirit of Herod will not rest. Thus, the furor of effort to eliminate Christ essentially attests to the vitality and immanence of Jesus of Nazareth- the great paradox of human history here to stay with us forever and no doubt for our good. Christ has come that humanity would not die an eternal death. A light has dawned on those living in the shadow of death; the people walking in darkness have seen a great light (Is 9:2).

Christ is the reason for the season; it is from Christ that Christianity and Christmas derive their names. His influence on human history is undeniable and every single individual cannot avoid the question Jesus asked Peter: “Who do you say that I am?” Peters confession “You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God” remains the bedrock and foundation of the church which the gates of hell will never prevail.

**Merry Christmas
& best wishes for a
Christ-centred 2010 A. D.**

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*** 2010 Calendar***

- Jan** - Visits to Liberia, Guinea, Ivory Coast, Gambia, Senegal,
- Feb** - Regional Consultation in Kampala Uganda
- Mar** - Regional Consultation Doula Cameroon
- Apr** - Regional GSs Meeting and LI Training Turkey,
4/14 Window Children’s Initiative Ethiopia
Regional Consultation Accra, Ghana
- May** - Global Day of Prayer South Africa
- Jun** - Regional Consultation South Africa
- Jul** - Leadership Development Seminar Nairobi Kenya
- Aug** - General Assembly Freetown Sierra Leone
- Sep** - Organizational Development Seminar Nairobi, Kenya
- Oct** - Lausanne Congress Cape Town S.A
- Nov/Dec** - Annual Review and 2011 planning

Prayer Corner

- Please pray with the AEA office - the office was broken into and office equipment stolen. EAK which shares the same compound was not spared as were both Precise Complex and Timstep Tours.
- Please pray that resources are available