



Theological Education by Extension Association

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Psalm 124

A song of ascents. Of David.

- ¹ **If the LORD** had not been on our side—
let Israel say— ...
- ⁴ **the flood would have engulfed us,**
the torrent would have swept over us,
- ⁵ **the raging waters**
would have swept us away.
- ⁶ **Praise be to the LORD, ...**
we have escaped.
- ⁸ **Our help is in the name of the LORD,**
the Maker of heaven and earth.

2022 was indeed an adventurous and faith testing year, but as the verses of the Psalm 124 testify, the Lord was on our side so the raging waters of covid-19, with its floods of financial hardships and the looming recession did not sweep us away, we are still here forging ahead with our mission! We are moving on by his Grace and Mercy.

A major program that dominated our activities was the quadrennial Conference. Though this was in October, a lot had to be done in

order to prepare, especially the raising of the funds which this time round was very challenging because it was post Covid-19 which affected the financial situation of many partners. Several trips had to be undertaken to meet with partners. We are grateful that despite the challenges partners responded and supported our programs including the quadrennial conference.

The following were some of the main programs:

I. BUILDING INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES CONSULTATION

The consultation took place in Accra, Ghana from 4th to 8th April 2022. It was attended by 21 participants from Ghana, Guinea, Zambia, Zimbabwe, South Africa, Botswana, Mozambique, Ethiopia, Kenya, and Uganda. The participants included members of the AATEEA Executive Committee, and trustees. Facilitators were drawn from Uganda, Zimbabwe, South Africa, Ghana, and Zambia.

The consultation is part of a wider AATEEA program which seeks to promote

constructive dialogue, proper theological education and reflection, and appropriate action towards building an inclusive community around human sexuality.

The aims of the workshop were:

1. To share stories and testimonies from participants on the work and activities in different countries
2. To work on a strategy for the creation and reinforcement of support groups in the various countries



An Engaging Session during Building Inclusive Communities Consultation

3. To search scriptures, examine relevant texts, and prepare some bible studies on human sexuality and non-conforming gender and sexual orientations, and
4. To develop a working plan for AATEEA's Building inclusive communities for 2022-2023.

The workshop was the first follow up on the three exploratory sub-regional workshops.

To meet the objectives of the consultation, the following topics were covered

1. **"I am part of Christ's body: Pastoral partnership and support"** by Rev. Dr. Louis Van der Riet, from the Inclusive and Affirming Ministries (IAM), based in South Africa.
2. **"Identifying Biblical texts that can be used to develop appropriate Bible studies to build inclusive communities"** facilitated by Rev. Helder Luis Carlos, the convener of the AATEEA Building Inclusive communities' program.
3. **"Operating and surviving in a hostile environment"** facilitated by Ms. Ruth Muganzi from Chuku times Uganda.
4. **"Rendering Support: Strategies for formation of Support groups"** facilitated by Ms. Tracy Maswazi Sibisi from Uthingo Network and UJAMAA Centre, South Africa.
5. **"Learning from our African Heritage in living with sexual minorities"** by Prof. Tobona Shoko a Zimbabwean Biblical scholar.
6. The last session was a sample of a **Contextual Bible study (CBS)** on Genesis... The session was facilitated by Dr. Louis Van der Riet using the Joseph story.

II. EXECUTIVE DIPLOMA IN LEADERSHIP (EDL) GRADUATION – GHANA



EDL Graduates with ILU staff and AATEEA Executive Members

In a bid to respond to the need for trained transformative leaders, AATEEA embarked on the Executive Diploma in Leadership facilitated by the International Leadership University, Ghana Campus. This was to be a face to face Nine Months training program. But just before

commencing the course, Covid-19 struck. The providers decided that rather than postpone or abandon the course it would be done online. The course was so successful that there was a colorful graduation on at the ILU center in Accra Ghana on Saturday 9th April 2022



EDL Graduation

III. PRISON TUTORS WORKSHOPS – TANGA AND DAR ES SALAAM

Dubbed "Operation Onesimus" The Prison Tutor Training workshop was first held in Tanga, Tanzania from 7th to 11th June 2022. The program was in the **"Building Inclusive Communities"** cluster of AATEEA programs. It is aimed at training TEE tutors who can ably carry out TEE programs in Prisons (correctional facilities).

The objectives of the workshop were:

1. To enhance TEE in the Tanga and Dar-es-Salaam churches by training 25 TEE Tutors for work in prisons
2. To help church leaders in Tanga and Dar es Salaam to develop a deeper understanding of Christian commitment to those in Prisons.



Engaging group discussions at Tanga Prison Tutors Workshop



Presentation by reformed drug addicts during exposure at Dar es Salaam Prison Tutors Workshop



Resource person Anne presenting a session at the Tanga Workshop.



Top: Group discussions at the Dar es Salaam workshop. Below: A participant receives a certificate after the workshop

3. To identify tools that can be used by the Church to effectively do ministry in prisons.

4. To awaken the Tanga and Dar es Salaam churches to prison ministry as an important ministry of the Church.

The Tanga workshop was attended by 21 participants, all of whom successfully completed the course and were certified. It was facilitated by Rev. Dr. Kangwa Mambuluki, the General Secretary of AATEEA and Mrs. Anne Wachege Githaiga, who is the Prison program coordinator for TEE in the Presbyterian Church East Africa (PCEA), Kenya.

However, the workshop did not fully meet the intended objective in that out of the 21 participants only one was a woman. This led to holding another workshop in Dar es Salaam mostly for women.

The Dar es Salaam workshop was successfully held from 13th to 16th December 2022. The target was 20 participants (15 women & 5 men). In the end we had 18 participants out of whom only three were men and the rest women. This workshop was also facilitated by Rev. Dr. Kangwa Mambuluki, and Mrs. Anne Wachege Githaiga.

IV. **ADVANCED MENTORING TRAINING AND LEE ORIENTATION – NAIROBI, KENYA**

This was held in Nairobi, from 19 to 23 September 2022, as a follow up of the EDL to further prepare the EDL graduates to practically pass on the skill of transformative leadership to as many in their local church and community. The workshop was attended by 5 EDL graduates, 2 AATEEA staff, and 9 facilitators.



Participant making a contribution



Dr. Musimbi making a point in her sharing



Participants from Mozambique and Rwanda listening attentively

V. 2ND COHORT EXECUTIVE DIPLOMA IN LEADERSHIP (EDL 2)



EDL Graduates with ILU staff, AATEEA Executive Committee, and Resource persons

Having successfully concluded the first EDL with a colourful graduation and successfully followed up with a mentoring and LEE orientation, it was time to launch the second EDL class in July 2022.

Because of the popularity of the first one, the target was now to have 20 students,

with the assurance from the facilitators that this would be very manageable online. But owing to the limited time of advertising the target number was not reached. Only 10 students registered but one dropped out leaving 9 who are preparing to graduate in June 2023.



ILU Vice Chancellor Prof. Eric Anum gives address at EDL Graduation.

VI. 5TH QUADRENNIAL CONFERENCE – KIGALI, RWANDA.

The AATEEA Quadrennial Conference and General meeting is one of the major programs that happens every four years. The conference brings together representatives from all its constituencies to among other things review the work in the past four years and project the focus and direction for the next four years. The 5th quadrennial Conference and General meeting took place from 23rd to 29th October 2022 in Kigali, Rwanda.

The conference was attended by 47... participants drawn from South Africa, Guinea, Sierra Leone, Kenya, Zimbabwe, South Sudan, Mauritius, Zambia,



Prof. Gunda and Dr. Mautsa lead a discussion on Anti Racism.

Mozambique, Ethiopia, Malawi, Tanzania, Ghana, Rwanda, Uganda, Botswana, Switzerland, and Great Britain.



Participants take a moment to commit group deliberations unto the Lord during the AATEEA 5th Quadrennial Conference.



Prof. Kilonzo makes a point during the discussion on overcoming discrimination against sexual minorities

Resource Persons were drawn from Ghana (which included the keynote speaker), Zimbabwe, Kenya, Zambia, South Africa, Switzerland, Rwanda, and Uganda. They gave input on the following topics/ subjects:

Keynote Address – Prof. Peter Kyei

Strategies for promoting effective Theological Formation through non formal Education – Prof. Eric Anum

Effective ways of Transformative Leadership Development – Dr. Laura Mautsa

Creation groans! Our role in curbing environmental degradation – Mr. Abel Musumali



Participants from South Sudan and Kenya pose with Rev. Dr. K. Mabu-luki during the AATEEA 5th Quadrennial Conferences



Participants take a moment to pose for a photo with resource person Prof. Gideon Biyamugisha (Right)

Human Sexuality and Health – Prof. Ezra Chitando & Prof. Susan Kilonzo

Introduction of AATEEA Book project – Dr. Kangwa Mabuluki, Dr. Volker Glissman, and Prof. Eric Anum

Effective mission in the era of Pandemics – Prof. Gideon Biyamugisha

Living at peace with others: Overcoming all forms of discrimination

(DISCRIMINATION: Unpacking, understanding & undoing the concept and practice) – Prof. Masiwa Gunda

Overcoming discrimination against the differently abled – Dr. Pascal Bataringaya

Overcoming discrimination against sexual minorities – Ms. Tracy Sibisi & Rev. Helder Carlos

Overcoming discrimination against those of different race – Prof. Masiwa Gunda

Overcoming discrimination against those of different tribe and ethnicity – Rev. Celestin Nsengimana.

Building on the attendance of the previous Conference in 2018, the initial idea was to have at least two representatives from each TEE. But this was not possible because not enough funds could be raised, therefore only one representative was invited from each TEE. Others who could not attend physically participated online.

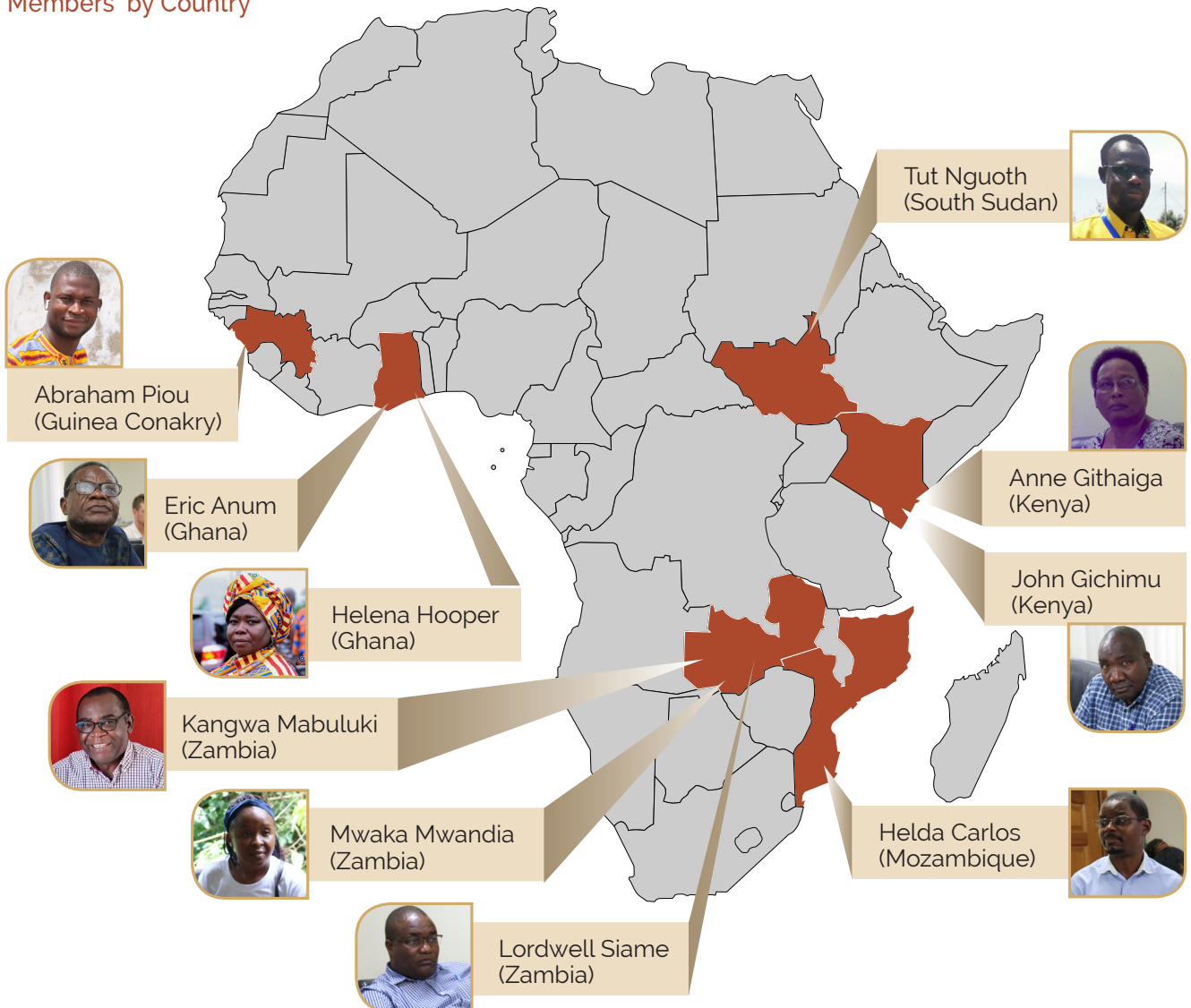
VII. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

A record of five Executive Committee meetings were held during the year. Two Physical ones in Ghana and Rwanda and 3 Online. The New AATEEA Officers (Chairman and Treasurer) also held a three-day meeting with the General Secretary in November in Nairobi.



The two AATEEA Officers (John Gichimu (R) Chairman, Anne Githaiga (Middle) Treasurer) in meeting with the General Secretary.

AATEEA Executive Committee Members by Country



VIII. TEE VISITS

The following TEE groups were visited during the year under review:

- TEEZ - February
- TANGA ANGLICAN CHURCH - March
- FREE METHODIST CHURCH - December
- TEE RWANDA - March
- KGOLAGANO - November



TEE Visit Free Methodist Church, Dar es Salaam



Visit to Kgolagano college, Botswana

IX. PARTNER VISITS

- AATEEA visits to Partners.

Kerk in Actie
 Mennonite Church
 EMW
 DM
 WCC-E TE

- Partners visits to AATEEA.

Team from Kerk in Actie visited the BEN Therapy project in Kafue, and Pepijn and Mirjam (Staff from Kerk in Actie) and Marike and Thijs (Missionary theological Lecturers at Justo Mwale University) visited and had a dinner meeting with AATEEA General Secretary.



Happy with meeting, Hette and Mirjam after the Kerk in Actie Africa Group meeting which was attended by the AATEEA General Secretary.



Meeting staff and other fellow visitors from India at Bread for the World, thanks to Werner (right) for arranging the meeting



AATEEA General Secretary (R) has a warm meeting with EMW Staff - Ms. Beate Breddin (L), and Rev. Dr. Almut Nothnagle (M).



Meeting with DM staff

X. ECUMENICAL ENGAGEMENTS

The following Ecumenical Engagements were undertaken by the AATEEA staff and new Executive Committee Members.

WSCF General Assembly – Berlin, Germany.

WCC Assembly – Karlsruhe, Germany

Visit to Association of Evangelicals in Africa (AEA) – Nairobi, Kenya

Meeting with AACC Program Officer – Nairobi, Kenya

WCC, EMW, WCRC, & LWF Consultation on Theological Education: Pandemic and Pedagogy – Accra, Ghana.



Theological Education and Pandemic and Pedagogy.



AATEEA General Secretary (L) poses with WCC incoming General Secretary (M) and OAIC Chairperson (R) after the Global Christian Forum (GCF) session at the WCC General Assembly.



WSCF General Assembly.



The officers and the General Secretary visit the General Secretary of the Association of Evangelicals in Africa (Second from left).



Exposure during Consultation on Theological Education and Pandemic.



End of a plenary session at the WCC Assembly



Rev. Dr. Casely Essamuah, secretary of the Global Christian Forum (GCF), with Rev. Dr. Kangwa Mabuluki General Secretary of the All Africa Theological Education by Extension Association



Weekend exposure group at WCC Assembly.

XI. OBITUARY

During the year under review, we lost loved ones who were associated with TEE in various countries. Notable among these was the TEE coordinator in the Tanzania Anglican TEE Musoma Diocese, based in Tanga. Rev. Fr. Abiud Shemweta Passed on to glory a week after successfully organizing the Prison Tutors Training workshop.

Fr. Shemweta was instrumental in naming the program "Operation Onesimus" in reference to the words of Paul when sending Onesimus to Philemon, saying "He was once useless, but now he is useful to you and me", Fr. Shemweta emphasized that *"this is our mission in prison ministry, to turn those once useless*



The late Rev. Fr. Abiud Shemweta (Second from left)

prisoners into useful citizens". May His Soul Rest In Eternal Peace.



AATEEA Conference Participants Laying Wreaths At the Rwanda Genocide Memorial.