



TUMEKUTANA 2015

SEPTEMBER 19-25, ABOKOBI, GHANA

Freedom in Christ: From Slavery to Freedom

"Woman you have been set free from your ailments." Luke 13:12

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OPEN LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Open Letter from our President

Dearly Beloved,

Grace, peace and love to you in the precious name of our Lord Jesus Christ in whom we live and move and have our being.

I am truly humbled to be in touch with you through this correspondence on behalf of the Executive Committee of the African Presbyterian/ Reformed Women's Gathering, also known as '*Tumekutana*'. Our 3rd Conference was held in Abokobi, Accra, Ghana, from September 19 to 25, 2015, with the theme 'Freedom in Christ: From Slavery to Empowerment' drawing from Luke 13:12.

We are so grateful to God that after having rescheduled the Conference from 2014 to 2015, as a result of the Ebola scourge that hit West Africa, it was very successful, to the glory of God. It was thrilling to see reformed women leaders from 22 countries in Africa, with partners from the USA, Canada and Scotland gathered together in one place. Despite our language differences, we discussed common themes related to present day slavery in its diverse aspects.

We started off Sunday morning worshipping with local Presbyterian churches. In the afternoon, dignitaries from the Government of Ghana and our host churches, the Presbyterian Church of Ghana (PCG) and the Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Ghana (EPC), attended a very colorful official opening ceremony. The Keynote Speaker was a Kenyan, Rev. Dr. Mrs. Nyambura Njoroge, the Project Coordinator, of Ecumenical HIV and AIDS Initiative and Advocacy, for the World Council of Churches based in Geneva. The Guest of Honor was Mrs. Lena Allai representing the Honorable Minister of State responsible for Gender, Children and Social Protection in Ghana. Fraternal greetings were received from the World Communion of Reformed Churches represented by the Rev. Dr. Setri Nyomi, the immediate past General Secretary, and from the Africa Communion of Reformed Churches represented by its President, Mrs. Lydia Adadjawa.

Monday, we embarked by bus on an excursion to the Elmina Slave Castle in the Central Region of Ghana to familiarize ourselves with what happened during the slave trade era. That day ended back at the conference center in a time of debriefing with a guided discussion and reflection.

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Tuesday, participants were led through a biblical exposition of Luke 13:12. On subsequent days, participants keenly listened to presentations and engaged in group discussions on the socio-economic, political and legal dimensions of the theme and made suggestions toward overcoming the various contemporary forms of slavery in our societies. Additionally, participants spent time discussing and giving input into the draft constitution presented to the gathering by the Steering Team. (*Please refer to the detailed program attached for the leaders of the various sessions.*) Some evenings were dedicated to ‘Tumekutana Time’ during which participants performed skits, songs and dances from the four regions of Africa, Canada and Scotland. During the conference, prayers were said, regional meetings were held, nominations were made, elections were held, a testament was written, and of course, participants socialized and had the opportunity to buy and sell items from various parts of Africa. A visit to a local market in town was also organized. The conference ended with a communion service led by the host churches, gift sharing among participants and a cultural night with local dancers and traditional music.

As a result of a thorough electoral process conducted by the Nominations Committee, an Executive Committee was formally constituted and duly inducted into office by the Meridian Synod Moderator of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Ghana. The team includes:

President: Rev. Dr. Mrs. Bridget Ben-Naimah - Ghana

Vice President: Rev. Hon. Dr. Mrs. Bukelwa Hans – South Africa

Secretary: Mrs. Jessie Fubara-Manuel – Nigeria

Assistant Secretary: Mrs. Rebecca Bikoi Nyemb – Cameroun

Treasurer: Mrs. Veronica Muchiri – Kenya

Regional Coordinator- West Africa: Rev. Dr. Mrs. Mercy Akpama – Nigeria

Regional Coordinator- East Africa: Rev. Mrs. Rose Marie Ibyishaka - Rwanda

Regional Coordinator- Southern Africa: Mrs Doris Nomalinge Mdani – South Africa

Regional Coordinator- Central Africa: Mrs. Priscilla Angvesoma– Equatorial Guinea

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This team will work with a host of advisors and consultants including Ms. Caryl Weinberg, Director of Missions of First Presbyterian Church, Evanston, USA, Dr. Mrs. Amy McAuley of First Pres. Evanston, USA, working in Zambia, Rev. Janet Guyer and Christi Boyd, both PCUSA Mission Co-workers working as Facilitators for Women's and Children's Interests in sub-Saharan Africa, and Madam Monique Misenga of Congo, former President of the Steering Team.

I would like to thank the PCUSA, First Presbyterian Church, Evanston, members of the Steering Team, PCUSA Mission Co-workers, the Presbyterian Church of Canada, the Church of Scotland, individual donors, host churches (PCG and EPCG), resource persons, leaders of various sessions of the conference and committees, participants, our special guests, staff of the Abokobi Presbyterian Women's Centre, our Protocol Officer, Ghanaian Immigration Officers, secretarial officers, drivers, nurse, our praying team and everyone who played a part in making Tumekutana 2015 a great success. Special gratitude goes to Madam Monique Misenga for her wisdom, patience and rich experience that were brought to bear on her leadership as she served as President of the Steering team.

Moving forward, we expect Regional Coordinators to be involved in networking and sharing stories and experiences with members in their regions as well as communicating with the executive committee the concerns and needs of members. We would like to use our new website to share news and reflections on issues of importance to women leaders in order to empower one another to address situations of injustice such as slavery. Our next gathering will hopefully take place in South Africa in 2018. We want to start sharing information and experiences and look into the possibility of holding regional discussions and activities. We will continue the process of Tumekutana's organizational development, including a revision of the draft constitution by taking into account the feedback received prior to, during and following the gathering and start realizing our common mission and objectives. Meanwhile, we will be preparing for our next meeting. To develop a strong financial base we would like to start the process of receiving financial contributions from membership dues. We appeal to Tumekutana member churches to give full support to ensure that this invaluable initiative that your daughters, sisters and mothers have committed themselves to would take root and bear fruit that would last for generations to come.

In conclusion, we would like to request the continued support of all partners who have accompanied us to this point as we begin a new phase of Tumekutana. We hope that you

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will continue to travel with us on this journey for the growth of God's kingdom and for God's glory. May God richly bless you.

Thank you.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Dr. Mrs. Bridget Ben-Naimah

President of Tumekutana



Rev. Dr. Bridget Ben-Naimah, President Tumekutana

ELMINA CASTLE VISIT

Elmina Castle Visit

Visit to the Elmina Slave Castle (An Article by Rev. Janet Guyer)

September 2015 about 70 Presbyterian and Reformed African women church leaders came together in Accra, Ghana for the third Tumekutana Conference. Our theme was Freedom in Christ: from Slavery to Empowerment based on Luke 13:12 "Woman, you are set free..." That Monday we took a field trip. We walked through the crowded village with a sense of anticipation, not knowing exactly where we were going or what we would find other than that it was the Elmina Slave Castle. Then, there it was in front of us, a large imposing building that we had to cross a bridge over what appeared to be a moat, through a dark, cool tunnel-like entry way then into the bright sunlight of the main courtyard of the Castle.

A little background. Elmina Castle was built by the Portuguese between 1482 and 1486 as a center for trade in gold and ivory. This rapidly went on to include the slave trade. In 1637 the Dutch took over and held the Castle until it was taken over by the British in 1872. However, the Dutch outlawed the slave trade in 1814. It is estimated that 30,000 people a year were transported as slaves from Elmina to the New World. Of those who were captured into slavery, about 30% died either on the march to the coast or while being held waiting for the transport ships. Another roughly 15% died during the passage.

In the central courtyard was a plaque, commemorating a governor who had died in office. In among the writing of the eulogy were words by the priest stating among other things that 'he was a good man'. We saw other signs that the holders of the castle considered themselves Christians, perhaps even good Christians. Across from the plaque was a church and in another room was a Bible passage above the door frame.

Nearby we entered into a dungeon that was a punishment cell for the Europeans, soldiers and others in need of correction. Although it was not pleasant, it did have light and air circulation and those who spent time there were not there for long. The next room we entered, right next door, was the punishment cell for 'recalcitrant' African men. The group of us crowded in and the door was closed behind us. There was no air and no light. Many of us sensed a real horror in the few minutes that the door was closed. When the door was opened and our hearts started returning to their normal rhythm our guide explained that those who were thrown in this cell, were not given either water or food and were only taken out when they had died.

Another set of dungeons we visited were the women's dungeons. Here were 4 or 5 cells facing onto another smaller courtyard. Up to 200 women were crowded into each of the rooms, so many that lying down was impossible. Looking around the courtyard there was

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a cannon ball, a wooden trap door on the floor and an open walk way at one end about two floors up. When the Governor decided that he wanted a woman for sex he would have the women brought out of the dungeons into the courtyard so he could look them over and decide which one he wanted. If she was manageable the wooden trap door in the floor would be opened to a holding area for water and she would be cleaned up before being taken up a set of stairs built into this section from the dungeons and the governors apartments. If she was recalcitrant and refused to go she would be chained to the cannon ball like metal ball and left in the open with no food or water. Another punishment for women was to be taken out in a boat with the ball attached to her leg and thrown overboard.



In the women's courtyard looking up at the walkway near the governor's apartment.

In the Castle, the level above the dungeons were the apartments for the Europeans, the soldiers, the missionaries and priests and the level above that was the governor's quarters. These were spacious, airy rooms with a cooling sea breeze coming through. However, the contradictions were unfathomable, how anyone could live in peace in such quarters while not far away thousands of people were crowded into airless dungeons.

Back on the ground floor, we followed a hall, past some holding rooms, through low, tight doors then into a room with the 'door of no return'. A door in the wall opened up to the outside, sunlight, fresh air but also boats that would take the slaves away from their homeland and out to a waiting ship.

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We left the castle with hearts aching for all the people who had been through that door over the hundreds of years that Elmina was a working slave castle. For the women and men who had lived through such trauma to get to where they were but were facing so much more ahead of them. Our hearts also went out to the families who would never see their loved ones again. We, both African and non-African had read about the slave trade in our history books but this was beyond anything that we had ever imagined. Even for those who had visited the Castle before the horror of it all

Thinking back on the Castle, we remembered the dungeons and the punishment cells, the writing calling the dead governor 'a good man', the church in the courtyard and the Bible passages inscribed on the wall. One of the greatest dissonances for us was how could someone identify as Christian and still treat other people in this way? Completely unfathomable.

That afternoon we wondered does any of this still happen today? Is there slavery still in our world today and if so, what shape does it take? Who are the slave masters and how are those enslaved freed from their bondage? ¹

We thought of the women, children and men who had been trafficked either within their own countries or to places they had never been. We told each other stories of having seen young women herded together in groups in the airports on the way to the Middle East. But we also shared stories of churches who are working to both free the women and care for them when they return home.

We thought of women who are in bondage to their cultures, to traditions, to being told that they are not good enough and even the negative messages that we give ourselves. Of two things we were very clear, that Jesus was with the oppressed through it all and that slavery, oppression, bondage of any form was against God's will.

But how does Jesus free us from modern day slavery? How are African women transformed from slavery to empowerment through Jesus Christ? As St. Theresa of Avila once said, we are Christ's hands and feet on earth. So how do we commit to change? How do we harness the freedom that Christ has given to us so we may become agents of freedom for others? These were some of the thoughts that occupied our minds.²

¹ Bridget Ben-Naimah

² Jessie Fubara-Manuel

Tumekutana Testament

2015 Tumekutana Testament

VENUE: *Accra, Ghana*

THEME: *“Freedom in Christ: From Slavery to Empowerment”*

SCRIPTURE: *“Woman, you are freed from your ailment”. Luke 13:12 (NRSV)*

1. We, as Presbyterian/Reformed women Church leaders in Africa, gathered at the Presbyterian Women’s Center, Abokobi , Accra, Ghana, 19-25 September, 2015, state as follows:
 - We give God thanks that God has allowed Tumekutana to grow wider and deeper in connections within and outside our gathering. Our whole existence is founded in God and led by the Holy Spirit.
 - We recognize that Tumekutana is a God-given platform for us as Presbyterian/Reformed women to strengthen our faith, to fortify our courage, to amplify our voices and to multiply our efforts.
 - We confess our negligence to recognize and celebrate the efforts undertaken at regional and local levels in response to prior Tumekutana Testaments.
 - We grieve that, in these modern times, slavery is still a reality for many African women, be it in the family, the community, the church, society and continent-wide.
 - We deplore that women are enslaved through harmful traditions that take the form of sexual violence, economic exploitation, cultural practices and ecclesiastic marginalization. Women are considered property, their labor a commodity, and their bodies merchandise or battle grounds.
 - We observe that some cultural practices which harm women and children are perpetuated by African sisters as custodians of our traditions, others condoned by traditional leaders to gain influence, and reinforced in our own churches as those affected submit for fear of repercussions in the spiritual realm.
 - We deplore rigid interpretations of Biblical passages that withhold basic rights and responsibilities for women in our Churches.

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- We decry that, despite being the majority in the church, women are under-represented in governing bodies and marginalized or ignored in decision-making processes because of the patriarchal system currently in place.
- We regret the gross underrepresentation of women leaders in the political establishment across Africa.
- We rejoice in the statement made by the African Union through the launch of its campaign to end child marriage.
- We are saddened that, in society, our rights continue to be denied with regard to employment opportunities, education, health care, safe water and sanitation, food and accommodation, and the possibility to pursue our dreams and ambitions.
- We understand that empowerment is a process and recognize, that looking forward, we must empower the younger generations of African women to become leaders in the church and in Tumekutana.

2. We therefore commit ourselves

- To grow Tumekutana into a vibrant continent-wide network in support of the women we represent and to collectively raise their voices to higher levels in the ecumenical and political realm.
- To pray with and for each other, to encourage one another, to share on an ongoing basis our joys and concerns, to exchange information with each other, to strengthen our communications, and also to capture our success stories and lift up role models.
- To encourage a dynamic reading of the Bible to bring out the full sense of God's Word and Will with regard to the role of women in the Church and in Society.
- To participate actively in Tumekutana's regional bodies, making them thus functional, and to identify ways to collaborate with each other closer to home on issues that perpetuate slavery in the 21st century.
- To make women in our communities aware of damaging cultural practices, educate them about modern enslavement and embark on a process of empowerment.
- To encourage women leaders in the church to engage in dialogue with traditional and Church leaders about issues of modern-day forms of slavery, and to include men in the conversation.

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- To sensitize women in our respective countries about existing national legislation to ensure gender mainstreaming, and encourage them to participate in legislative processes.
- Encourage women and men to engage in the Thursdays in Black Campaign in the face of rampant gender-based violence.
- To turn this and the Testaments from 2007 and 2011 into legacy for which we are accountable through evaluation and reporting.

3. We call on:

- National leaders of member States of the African Union to ensure the implementation of the AU's campaign to stop child marriage in Africa.
- Leaders of Presbyterian/Reformed denominations to speak up against harmful cultural practices and other forms of women's enslavement and marginalization.
- Tumekutana leadership to continue the process of organizational development, to nurture synergies at the regional levels and create concrete opportunities for joint action in a preventive approach to ending modern-day forms of slavery.

By God's Grace and our own efforts, Tumekutana 2015 doesn't stop here and today - this is where it starts!

AFRICAN NATIONS IN ATTENDANCE:

<i>Cameroon</i>	<i>Mozambique</i>
<i>Democratic Republic of Congo</i>	<i>Niger</i>
<i>Equatorial Guinea</i>	<i>Nigeria</i>
<i>Ethiopia</i>	<i>Rwanda</i>
<i>Ghana</i>	<i>Sierra Leone</i>
<i>Kenya</i>	<i>South Africa</i>
<i>Lesotho</i>	<i>South Sudan</i>
<i>Liberia</i>	<i>Sudan</i>
<i>Madagascar</i>	<i>Togo</i>
<i>Malawi</i>	<i>Zambia</i>
<i>Mauritius</i>	<i>Zimbabwe</i>

WORD OF THANKS

Word of Thanks

From our Vice President of Tumekutana 2015 , Veronica Muchiri

TUMEKUTANA 2015 would not have been a reality if it was not for the joint effort of and sacrificial giving of many people and organizations.

We begin by thanking The Almighty God for His love grace, mercy and protection. We planned the conference, but it is God who made it to happen.

We thank The Government of Ghana for their support in the planning and in issuing visas to the delegates.

Our thanks go to the leadership and membership of the two host church;

- The Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Ghana
- The Presbyterian Church of Ghana

Our partners;

- The Presbyterian Church USA
- The First Presbyterian Church in Evanston
- The Church of Scotland
- The Women Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

Key note speaker Rev. Dr. Nyambura Njoroge for her inspiring speech delivered during the opening ceremony.

The guest of honour, Mrs. Lena Allai who was representing the Hon, Minister of State responsible for Gender, children and Social protection in Ghana.

We wish to thank all the resource persons and the speakers who delivered very well researched subject that informed our delegates on topical issues affecting women and society in general.

We give special thanks to our major resource persons: Mrs. Hilary Gbedemah, Dr. Mrs. Lilian Ayete Nyampong, and Rev. Dr. Mrs. Ernestina Afriyie.

We thank the management and staff of Abokobi Presbyterian Women Center who hosted the conference.

WORD OF THANKS

We thank the local planning team that worked very closely with Rev. Dr. Bridget Ben Naimah in preparing for the conference and assisted in the registration process for the delegates.

We thank the women of the host churches in Ghana, for their generous gift of water, given as a symbol of welcome to us all.



We thank Mr. Magnus Edem Dey for his composition of the theme song for Tumekutana, and his leadership in teaching it to us all.

We thank the choirs that came to sing and the technicians who assisted with the sound equipment, recording the event and in photography.

We thank the translators who worked very hard to make sure that all delegates understood and followed the proceedings.

We wish to thank the drivers who transported the delegates to and from the airport, coordinated by Mr. Emmanuel Kporfor.

We thank The Intercessors team who started praying long before the conference began and continued praying during the time of the conference. Though we did not see or hear much from them, they played a crucial role in standing in the gap on behalf of the women.

WORD OF THANKS

We wish to appreciate all the delegates from the 22 African countries from across the continent. Your participation and valuable input contributed greatly to the success of the conference.

We also wish to thank all those who contributed financially towards the conference. Of special mention is the First Presbyterian Church of Evanston in Chicago and the members of the church who have continuously given so sacrificially towards the financing of the conference.

Our thanks to First Presbyterian Church Evanston would not be complete without mentioning our dear sister, mentor, champion and friend, Caryl Weinberg for her unwavering support towards TUMEKUTANA.

We wish to thank the immediate former President of TUMEKUTANA, Madam Monique Misenga for her visionary leadership, her inspiration and tenacity in moving TUMEKUTANA forward.

It may not be possible to mention all those who played a part in making TUMEKUTANA 2015 a success. But we wish to let you know that as the planning team we are truly and eternally grateful for the role you played in making TUMEKUTANA 2015 a reality. We pray that God will bless you abundantly.



Mrs. Veronica Muchiri, former Vice President, Current Treasurer, Tumekutana

ELECTION REPORT

Election Report

REPORT FROM NOMINATION COMMITTEE OF TUMEKUTANA AFRICAN PRESBYTERIAN (REFORMED) WOMEN GATHERING 2105

PREAMBLE

To God be the glory for a successful gathering of Christian women from many nations of the world.

INTRODUCTION

The nomination committee was constituted by the house to receive names, screen, publish the names as candidates for elections and also conduct the elections.

The committee had the following as members

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| i. | Rev. Dr. Mercy Akpama | Chair |
| ii. | Rev. Rose Marie Ibyishaka | Member |
| iii. | Rev. Tseganesh Ayele | Member |

CRITERIA FOR ELECTION

The committee took into consideration

- i. Regional spread
- ii. Language
- iii. Experience
- iv. Capacity
- v. Integrity

RESULT

After submission, collation, deliberation, consideration of the names, elections were conducted and the following emerged as winners to work as members of the executive committee for three years. They were also given the mandate to conclude the draft constitution and make it available for use.

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| i. | Rev. Dr. Mrs. Bridget Ben-Naimah | President |
| ii. | Rev. Dr. Bukwela Hans | Vice President |

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| iii. | Elder Mrs. Jessie Fubara-Manuel | Secretary |
| iv. | Barr. Mrs. Rebecca Bikoi | Assistant Secretary |
| v. | Elder Mrs. Veronica Muchiri | Treasurer |

REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

The different regions met, conducted elections and came up with the following as regional representatives.

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| i. | Mrs. Priscilla Angvesoma | Central Africa |
| ii. | Rev. Mrs. Rose Marie Ibyishaka | East Africa |
| iii. | Rev. Mrs. Doris Mdani | Southern Africa |
| iv. | Rev. Dr. Mercy Akpama | West Africa |

OBSERVATIONS

The committee made the following observations

- i. Despite the effort of the leadership of the steering committee to get all African women together, North Africa was not able to send any delegate.
- ii. Appreciates the contributions of PC USA for the generational history in the Presbyterian and Reformed family of the world.

CONCLUSION

The committee expresses gratitude for the opportunity to carry out this very important assignment.

We wish all elected officers God's grace to serve successfully in their respective post with zeal and commitment. May the counsel of Solomon in Ecc. 9:10 be your watch word.

Rev. Mercy Akpama Ph.D.

Chairman

Organizational Development

The 2011 Gathering in Rwanda took a number of decisions for Tumekutana to strengthen communications and interaction among the women representatives and to advance their common interests. Enlarged with regional representatives, the newly composed Steering Committee was charged with developing a plan that would raise Tumekutana's status to the next level. The process would take into account organizational questions to guide Tumekutana's activities, ensure its financial dealings, lay out decision-making processes, and address administrative needs. These matters would be incorporated into a constitution.

In February 2015 the Steering Committee decided to organize a face-to-face planning meeting from March 18-22 in Nairobi, Kenya, mostly to draft a constitution for Tumekutana. In preparation for that meeting, in which a restricted number of Committee members would participate, sample documents were collected to help inform the effort. As they met, the sub-committee also debated Tumekutana as name and decided on a change that was included in the draft document. Upon finishing the draft, it was sent around to the Steering Committee members for feedback. In the following months, a number of steering team members provided comments, some in writing and others orally.

As the Steering committee members reviewed the feedback, it was concluded that the task given to the sub-committee may have precluded a preliminary process of reflection to develop a shared understanding of vision, mission, goals and objectives for the entity that Tumekutana seeks to be. It was eventually agreed that formulating these would be foundational for Tumekutana's organizational development. Provisions in a constitution with regard to program, finances, decision-making and administration would all be informed by these elements.

In the days leading up to the 2015 Tumekutana Gathering, the Steering Committee decided it was necessary to report back to the delegates on the initial steps by the sub-committee and present the draft as a product of those efforts, accompanied by a preamble about the drafting process. It was also decided to make delegates part of the process by inviting them into small groups to discuss a set of key questions. Thus on [date] Rev. Bukelwa Hans presented the draft and delegates made their contributions, which the

ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Steering Committee will consider as it develops Tumekutana's Vision, Mission and Objectives to amend and complete the draft. Delegates discerned the following questions

1. What is, according to you, is Tumekutana's particular place, role and contribution within God's larger mission? What is the common interest for those participating in and engaging with Tumekutana that would drive them to actively engage and want to invest? What is the kind of impact that Tumekutana seeks to make?
2. Could you identify and formulate a set of key objectives to be pursued by Tumekutana?
3. Describe for each of the key objectives how you think Tumekutana delegates could organize collectively, and among each other to realize those objectives.
4. What do you see as Tumekutana's opportunities, and which challenges do you foresee? How can the opportunities be exploited, how can the challenges be mitigated?

In conclusion, it was agreed that the process of organizational development will continue after the Conference, for the constitution to be finalized before the next Tumekutana.



Small group discussion by Region: French Speaking Africa

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Financial Summary

INCOME	
Carryforward FPE 01/01/13	\$ 54,352.00
Carryforward PCUSA 7/10/13	\$ 8,696.00
FPE Great Commission Fund	\$ 10,000.00
FPE Individual Donors	\$ 35,774.00
PC(USA) ECO Donors (net of fees)	\$ -
World Communion of Reformed Churches	\$ -
WMS of Presbytery of Canada	\$ 7,024.00
FPE Women	\$ 3,500.00
Presbyterian Church of Scotland	\$ 4,990.00
Presbyterian Women PCUSA	\$ -
Conference Attendee Fees	\$ 17,481.00
The Outreach Foundation	\$ 4,750.00
Offering at Opening Worship	\$ 205.00
Cloth Sales	\$ 233.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 147,005.00
EXPENSE	
PREPLANNING MEETINGS (2013, 2015)	
Room and Board	\$ 6,431.00
Transportation	\$ 13,420.00
Communication	\$ 3,567.00
CONFERENCE	
Fundraising	\$ 1,909.00
Local Organizing (Stewards, Transport, Cultural Groups and Choirs, Refreshments, Tours, Media and Misc.)	\$ 11,803.00
Airfare, Local Travel and Visa	\$ 57,271.00
Room and Board, Conference Halls	\$ 24,585.00
Translators (Written and Simultaneous)	\$ 7,390.00
Gifts for Attendees, Speakers, Guests	\$ 4,583.00

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Videography	\$ 105.00
Speaker Honorariums	\$ 1,200.00
Africa Bible Commentaries	\$ 1,704.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 133,968.00
Net Balance	\$ 13,037.00

PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer Requests

On the last day, all the Tumekutana participants joined hands in a circle and shared prayer requests for their countries.

Country	Prayer Request
Burkina Faso	For peace in the country and that God will choose a new leader for the nation
Cameroun	To stop the attacks from Boko Haram militants
D.R. Congo	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To stop the cycles of violence that are occurring with great brutality
Ethiopia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ethiopian women who are being trafficked Girls who are undergoing Female Genital Mutilation (FGM)
Ghana	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For women and children who are banished to camps for being witches For peaceful elections Young women
Kenya	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For the teachers' strike
Lesotho	For a more stable government
Liberia	Young girls and babies (3 months – 12 years old) who are being raped
Madagascar	For the children who are trafficked and to stop the trafficking
Malawi	To end the hunger in the country
Mauritius	To stop incest
Mozambique	For peace. After 20 years of peace, the threat of war is coming back.
Niger	For people to live peacefully together. After years of coexistence tension and conflict has developed and 50 churches were burned down.
Nigeria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For the new president For the 'Chibok girls' who were abducted by Boko Haram in April 2014
Rwanda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For healing from trauma for the hearts wounded on both sides of the conflict For a sustainable peace
Sierra Leone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For women who have been marginalized For relief after the floods

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South Africa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For the rape of young women/virgins in the belief that it cures AIDS to stop and for the young women who have been raped • For the end of drug abuse • For the end of satanic practices • For young children who have been raped
South Sudan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For peace • For economic stability • For reconciliation, healing and forgiveness including by the relatives of those who have been raped and killed.
Sudan	For life under Islamic influences
Zambia	For rain, for the drought to end
Zimbabwe	For people in this time of economic downturn and job losses



Praying for Tumekutana

TUMEKUTANA CONTACT INFORMATION

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