

Friendship Agreement Between

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania Lake Tanganyika Diocese

And

Haderslev Diocese, The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Denmark

1. Introduction

The ties between ELCT LTD and Haderslev Diocese builds on a new relation from 2017 when Bishop Ambele Mwaipopo of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania Lake Tanganyika Diocese (ELCT LTD) visited Haderslev Diocese on a tour with Pundamilia choir. The ELCT LTD was established in 2014. The church has since its beginning been growing strong in members and parishes. The Sunday Services Worship is well attended by its members be it old people or young ones.

Haderslev Diocese was established in 1922. The diocese has a strong membership base. Many visits the church throughout the year for a variety of activities, but Sunday's participants are scares.

The partnership agreement is an opportunity for the two dioceses to keep building and exploring this relationship.

2. Beneficial bond

The inspiration to enter into a bond with other churches across linguistic, national, and cultural borders is to be found in 1 Cor 12:12-13: "Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. For we were all baptised by one Spirit so as to form one body – whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free – and we were all given the one Spirit to drink." The Church of Christ is a global church, and our understanding of it must transcend any specific historical institution of which we each have been a part. By entering into a bond with other churches than our own, we can acquire a richer and deeper understanding of the Church of Christ, and we can mutually enrich each other.

3. Expectations

We wish that the bonds of friendship and spirit should bear our relationship. The mutual aim must be to support and inspire each other to be Church in different situations and under different conditions. To share and learn from each other's joys and sorrows.

4. Activities

As a starting point, we will engage in the following activities:

- Prayers of Intercession for each other and through the ongoing exchange of subjects for mutual prayer.
- Information Exchange, through visits, e-mails, social media etc., with the aim of gaining a greater understanding of each other's churches and communities – accompanied by the wish to be better able to share each other's joys and sorrows.
- Mutual Exchanges at all Levels (bishops, pastors, church staff, and congregations) with a view to strengthening friendships and inspiring each other. A specific priority is to be given to exchanges on a congregational level.
- The Establishment of Direct Friendships between church congregations in the LTD and congregations in Haderslev Diocese.

- The Sending-out of Deanery/Diocesan Volunteers (young and senior) to and from Haderslev Diocese and LTD, Tanzania to create mutual relationship with a view to strengthening one another.
- Training and learning through symposium and conferences.
- Other Activities which the LTD and Haderslev Diocese can agree to initiate, and which can enrich our relationship.

5. Coordination

We want a lasting partnership agreement where we evaluate and revisit the partnership content of the partnership agreement every fifth year.

Within the ELCT LTD this partnership is anchored with the Diocesan Executive Council and bishop. Where some of the responsibility for this relationship can be delegated to the Diocesan Partnership Committee and Office of the General Secretary.

Within the Diocese of Haderslev is the partnership anchored with the Diocesan Council and bishop. Where some of the responsibility for this relationship can be delegated to the Diocesan Council for Mission, the Diocese consultant for the era's migrants, religious dialogue and project work, and a designated Diocese Pastor.

Signing

1. Haderslev Diocese.

a) Bishop Marianne Christiansen (Marianne Christiansen)signature

b) General Secretary.....(Per Sogaard, chairman of Diocesan Council).....signature

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2. ELCT Lake Tanganyika Diocese.

a) Bishop IMANI CHIBONA (Imani Ahobokole Chibona)signature

b) General Secretary Fredrick Nyong' (name)signature

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