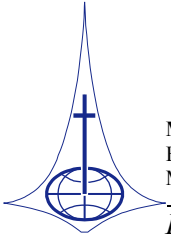


LUTHERAN COMMUNION IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN AFRICA (LUCCEA)

COMMUNION LUTHERIENNE D'AFRIQUE DU CENTRE ET DE L'EST



MEMBER CHURCHES/EGLISES MEMBRES : EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF ERITREA, EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN KENYA, EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN TANZANIA, MALAGASY LUTHERAN CHURCH, KENYA EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH, ETHIOPIAN EVANGELICAL CHURCH MEKANE YESUS, EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CONGO AND LUTHERAN CHURCH OF RWANDA

LUCCEA – Youth/Jeunesse de LUCCEA

THE STATEMENT OF LUCCEA YOUTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY, 2007.

We the LUCCEA Youth leaders from member churches began our meeting in St. Magdalene Canossa in Arusha Tanzania on April 12th to 13th, 2007. The meeting created awareness to us about, corruption, violence, HIV/AIDS, sexual abuse, drug abuse and unemployment which are interrelated. We came to terms that we live by being transformed by the renewing of our minds (Rom. 12: 2) and live in Christ's likeness speaking boldly about these sensitive issues in love. We also agreed to help People Living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA) against stigma and discrimination.

As LUCCEA is our communion, all of us agreed to work for LUCCEA to be economically sustainable and planned to design short and long term projects. We express our appreciation to the LWF-Youth secretary for participation and involvement in our General Assembly.

We received reports from the various member churches and were encouraged by implementation of the various skills to the congregations at the grass roots. Our major challenges were lack of funds and Youth Desks in some member churches.

We committed ourselves to make the approval of the LUCCEA Youth Sunday in the last week of the month of August a success for financial self reliance.

We now have a new leadership structure which will promote a vibrant Youth ministry in our member churches and make flexible coordination and communication possible (copy of structure attached).

PROJECTS

We came up with a number of long term and short term projects. We saw the great need for vocational training to the member churches to empower youths in poverty eradication while at the same time creating employment opportunities.

RECCOMENDATIONS

1. *LUCCEA youth must have two representatives from every member church in the General Assembly with a gender balance.*
2. *President and Secretary of LUCCEA Youth to visit the member churches to share vision, mission and objectives of LUCCEA Youth.*
3. *Delegates from member churches to visit each other to encourage and consolidate progress.*
4. *Member churches to make precise and timely contributions to LUCCEA and to the LWF.*
5. *The member churches without Youth Desks need to have them established.*

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Build our communion today; it's strengthening power of our Churches/Construire notre communion aujourd'hui, c'est consolider la force de nos Eglises.

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