



"If you want to walk quickly, walk alone
If you want to walk far, walk together".

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AFRAM MATTERS – 8

Dear Fathers
Provincial, Regional and Mission Superiors,
Zonal Area Coordinators,

As we await the feast of the Pentecost 2017, it is my pleasure to come along to your office! My descent on your desktop is with the latest issue of AFRAM MATTERS, thus updating you on the recent events that shaped life within our Zone. Thank you for giving your kind attention to these available information; and even for passing it on to your respective PRM confreres for their information and inspiration as well.

CAUCUS MEETINGS

The year begins with the caucus meeting at the Collegio in Rome - this is the planning session of the Extended Generalate Team, which includes the four Zonal Coordinators. The January 2017 meeting was largely oriented towards the planning and preparation for the New Provincials' Workshop of June 2017, and the forthcoming General Chapter in June-July 2018. It goes without saying that the second caucus meeting of the year, scheduled now for 8 -14 June 2017, will also orient heavily towards the immediate preparation for the New Provincials' Meet (*which is to take place from June 18 to July 1, 2017*) and the follow-up on the preparations for the GC.

TREASURERS' WORKSHOP

As was scheduled, all the Treasurers of our PRMs faithfully gathered around the Treasurer General **Stephan Gerdes**, who came from Rome to Nairobi, Kenya for their training workshop. This took place from January 23 to February 05, 2017. This was a recommendation of the 10th Zonal Assembly which had taken place in Nairobi almost a year earlier. A few lines from the Report of **Godwin Fiawoyi** (GHA), the

AFRAM Coordinator for the Treasurers, would give you a gist of what happened: "... The workshop comprised 18 participants and four facilitators, all from 11 different nationalities... the aim of the workshop was to offer an ongoing formation for the participants... it was also a response to Resolution 1.1.3. of the 17th GC, which stresses the financial self-reliance of our PRMs as a priority for the Society.... Financial self-reliance is not only about raising funds, but also training good financial administrators, having sound and reliable accounting system, and good budget planning and control. The topics covered at the workshop included: fund raising, project management, investments, basic financial accounting, reporting and financial administration in the Society".

Godwin concludes his report saying: "A good number of the participants are new in the office – this means there is the issue of continuity in the treasury. Treasurers do not necessarily have to change when there is a new provincial administration. Experience on the job is very important and it is acquired over time". This last observation is very pertinent to our Zone highlighting the need for our PRMs to have trained and experienced treasurers administering the temporal goods of the Society, and for a considerable period of time assuring stability. Obviously, that remains one of our major concerns.

EXECOM MEETING

The AFRAM Zonal Executive Committee (ExeCom) met in Kabwe and Lusaka (ZAM), Feb 17 – 22 of this year. What topped the agenda was to do an on-the-spot study on establishing the proposed (*by the Zonal Assembly of last year*) New English Language Novitiate house for the Zone – and it's for that reason that the meeting was held there. The recommendation of the ExeCom finally was to begin the novitiate programme there in our Kabwe facilities in July 2018, with **Martin Kawana** as the Novice Director. Martin, a Zambian native, was a missionary for seven years in BRC, including doing formation ministry for a while there. He will take up a 9-month religious formators' training programme from this July to be ready for the new task from next year. Plans are afoot to shift the entire programme eventually to our own property in Lusaka West once the buildings are ready to host the novitiate.

The ExeCom considered other matters as well during the meeting like assigning the present novices (*25 of them this year*) to the different theologates, taking stock of the present situation in our CFCs in terms of formators and students, requesting KEN to identify the lay participant from AFRAM for the next GC, appraising the latest situation of our confreres and those people of South Sudan living in the refugee settlements in the Arua diocese of Uganda, appreciating the initiative of our confreres in TCD to begin a aspirancy/postulancy programme there, checking the latest position of the Zonal Funds (*AFRAM has Formation and Social funds invested there*) at the Teteringen Missionsprokur, noting and appreciating the annual reports sent in by the Zonal Area Coordinators of BPM, Communication and Finance/Treasurers, etc.

At the meeting the outgoing Vice Chairperson, **Willibrord Kamion** (CNG) was sincerely thanked for his collaboration in the ExeCom during the last three years. His successor as (*the new*) provincial, **Alpha MAZENGA**, will assume that role in the ExeCom from June 1 2017.

NEW LEADERSHIP TEAMS

Here is the full list of the new teams of leadership in our Provinces, Regions and Missions, assuming office from June 01, 2017:

PRM	PRM Superior	Vice-Sup	Admonitor	Councilor	Councilor
ANG	SOYEPIA , Ladeira João	VAS, Ashwin Francis	LUMWANGANO, Francisco	KARWAYU, Dominikus	ZIARNOWSKI, Krzysztof
BOT	AFAGBEGEE , Gabriel	VATTAPPARAYIL, Sunny	SLAWOMIR, Wiecek	UDJAN, Elfridus Benediktus	VADAKKAN, Joseph
CNG	MAZENGA , Alpha	BUMBA, K. Guillaume	DITONA, K. Léopold	BERANI, Fransiskus	MALEMBA, K. Ange-Albert
GHA	ANGMOR , George	DABROWSKI, Marek	OBENG, A. Andrews	BANGFO, Oswald	MONOTH, Jojo George
KEN	AMISSAH , Anthony	ROTTUK, Justus	GICHUKI, John Mike	AREEPARAMBIL Shaji Michael	GONSALEZ, Francisco
MAD	SONGCOG , Jerry	REGO, Peter	PAWLUKIEWICZ, Krzysztof	TANGUY, Florin	URAN WUWUR, Benediktus
MOZ	FURTADO , Johnson	HULLER, Luli Yan, Laurensius	MATE, Fabian Kalaluka	-	-
SSD	NADUVILEDATHU Francis	DZIDA, Andrzej	KNAOFMONE, Vinsentius	-	-
TCD	KOUBI , Frédéric	PAGA BUU, Gilbertus	KHANENO, G. Davy-Jean	-	-
TOG	KPAKPAYI , Séraphin	TCHANDAMA, Jean-Baptist	BALA WUWUR, Hendrikus	DJAGLI, François-Xavier	SCHWARK, Marian
ZAM	MAPPOORE , Biju George	LIKULANO, Lawrence	AMAUNUT, Klemens	-	-
ZIM	RURON , Matheus	MWIYA, Victor Vincent	MLAMBO, Edson	-	-

We greet with a great sense of gratitude the outgoing PRM Superiors and their council members for their last three/six years of dedicated service in leadership positions: **Marek Marciniak** (BOT), **Willibrord Kamion** (CNG), **Albert Fuchs** (KEN), **Paul Nadolny** (MOZ), **Achille Mpila** (TCD), **Peter Accorley** (TOG) and **Tadeusz Grenda** (ZIM). We wish them well, and abundant blessings on their way in the new ministries they are likely to take up soon, amongst their people. And we wish the new incumbents in those offices God's choicest graces, and to those who continue for another term in the other PRMs, best of all!

NEWS BRIEFS

Verbum Bible

Xene Sanchez (CNG) of VB Kinshasa, informs us that 50.000 copies of the New Jerusalem Bible, printed especially for VB and for use within the AFRAM Zone are already available. **Wojciech Szypula** (KEN), the Zonal Area Coordinator for BPM, had earlier written to all of you in that regard, requesting the PRM superiors and the respective BPM coordinators to get in touch (sanchezxf@gmail.com) with VB, to avail of this opportunity. It is of interest to note that there is a very good discount that's being offered for every copy that your PRM may like to order for distribution in your country/ies! I know of couple of PRMs which have already placed their orders, thank you.

Forthcoming Meetings

The ExeCom has approved the holding of the next **AFRAM Formation Board meeting** sometime during this year in Nairobi once the post-novitiate evaluation is completed. And the next **ExeCom meeting** will take place, February 14 -20, 2018; the venue is yet to be finalized. The next **Treasurers' meeting** will take place in Accra, October 1 -7, 2018. It may be recalled that the next **Zonal Assembly** will take place in Kinshasa in February 2019.

Personally Speaking

I will be attending the next caucus session of the Generalate and the New Provincials' Workshop through the month of June at Nemi... With thanks to each of you for your kind attention to the contents of this news bulletin, may I request you to inform our confreres in the best way possible of what's happening at the zonal level, so that all of us walk together in our zonal adventure here on the African continent.

As always in the Divine Word,

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