



Meeting of the Partnership Committee of Munich South with the Tanzanian Guests on 13.7.23 in St. Johannes

Minutes

Participants: Pastor Christine Glaser (Reverend for the Partnership to Tanzania and Deputy District Pastor), Mrs Marianne Huber (Passion), Mrs Wallner and Mr Thomas Blumenthal and Mr Hans Gottfried Borchart (Andreas), Mrs Anke Rau and Mrs Sylvia Kirscht (Auferstehung), Mr Florian Wilde (St. Johannes), Mrs Ulrike Jendis (Apostel/Petrus), Mrs Christiane Süßmuth (Himmelfahrt), Mr Michael Binder (Philippus), Pastor Boaz Mbilinyi (Kidugala District), Pastor Elly Sanga (Njombe District), Mrs Hilda Chaula (Kidugala), Mrs Maria Lupenza (Njombe)

Minutes: Mr Binder

Targets of our partnership

Our partnership is based in Jesus Christ. He is our common saviour. Therefore, we are one in Christ although we are different.

The main targets of our partnership are

- Sharing experiences and learning from one another:
 - We get in touch with people from another part of the world.
 - We get enriched by meeting people from another culture.
 - We reflect our faith by experiencing different religious spirituality.
 - We see how good and enriching the variety of cultures and values is.
- Praying for one another:
Praying for one another means sharing needs and hardships as well as joy and happiness.
- Supporting one another:
It is good that the parishes support one another

Importance of communication

Important is good communication on both sides. We must stay in contact. "When friends say 'Hello', you must answer," explained one of the Tanzanian guests. Short greetings help to keep the contact.

Exchanging information and pictures about our life and our parishes helps to know more from one another.

Topics might be the weather (and the climate crises), plants and animals in our nature, special events in our parishes (like confirmation). A good mean for communication is WhatsApp as many people use smartphones (also in Tanzania).

Together we want to enforce the communication.

Problems are as follows:

- A parish (on German as well as on Tanzanian side) does not answer to messages and letters. Then the responsible persons on district level should be informed. Maybe they will find a solution.
- The pastors are often very busy. They also often change the parishes. Therefore Mrs Chaula proposed to found partnership committees also on parish level, so that two or more people are responsible for partnership and contact (see Luke 10: Jesus sent his disciples in teams of two).
- Some parishes in Munich-South have a partnership with two parishes in Njombe or Kidugala District. Then it is difficult to know who is responsible on Tanzanian side. A joint partnership committee of the two parishes would be very helpful.

Transparency in all financial matters

Due to our law adopted by our German government and parliament, we are obliged to a high standard of transparency in all financial matters whenever the money is spent by public or churchly organisations. Therefore we need receipts and reports when we transfer money to support projects or others.

Recently, Mr. Ndelele gave a good example how this could work. Concerning a donation from Philippus to Njombe parish, he sent all the necessary documents by WhatsApp (see attachment). In some other instances, documents are missing. Pastor Mbilinyi and pastor Sanga will ask about them. Members from Andreas parish emphasized the importance. They supported some project of Idunda parish in 2021, but still the official receipt and reports are missing.

Partnership enriches

Together we want to strengthen our partnership. So, we agreed to continuously walking together side by side.

Attachment: Some information about the necessary documents for transparency

Transparency

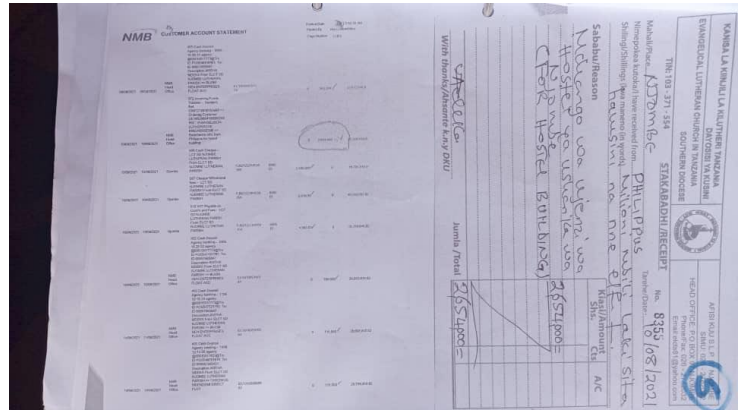
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Step 1 in general before collecting money and donations:

An agreement (in written if possible) is necessary, declaring how much money the German side expects to supply and how the money shall be used by the Tanzanian partner.

Step 2 when the money has been transferred to the account of the district or parish in Tanzania:

A receipt and a copy of the bank statement are necessary.



Step 3 after spending the money:

The receipts from the craftsmen or tradesmen or whoever got the money and a short report signed by the pastor are necessary.

