

**TANZANIA GPEN REFORMATION AMBASSADORS MEETING
HELD IN ARUSHA ELCT HQ ON 13 MAY 2019.**

A. Members attended

1. G. Mgya – Finland: Chairperson
2. Mimii B. Mziray – Lake Victoria
3. Salome Lali - Mwangaza
4. T. Mwenisongole – MCT-TEKU
5. R. Axwesso – ELCT
6. Christowaja – ELCT

B. Absentees

1. G. Lyimo – Agape Seminary
2. I. Msambwa – Kidugala Seminary
3. I. Muller – Advisor

Gerson Mgya who chaired the meeting informed the ambassadors that Imani Msambwa and Godrick Lyimo were in their schools because the form six students were in their final exams. As heads of the schools they had to be there until exams are over. But what they were asked to do, was done and would be reported.

C. Opening the Meeting

1. The chairperson opened the meeting at 9.15am with a word of prayer.
2. The chairperson took a time of welcoming and introducing the members about the meeting and about the whole issue of GPEN reformation and the new ambassadors' members.

D. The Agenda of the Meeting

1. Chairperson went through the Matters aroused from the previous meeting held on 28 March 2019 through 'WhatsApp' group meeting. One of the goals of the meeting was to implement goals of GPEN reformation.
2. It was also reported that this is the first meeting of ambassadors where we now have eight (8) members, while at the beginning there were only two (2) ambassadors.
3. We were also reminded that the churches/denominations should equally be involved through GPEN reformation. The church should play its role on trying to reach different schools in our churches.
4. We (all members) reported and discussed on where we have reached in connecting/linking schools and colleges/Universities in Tanzania and neighboring countries such as Kenya, Uganda, Zambia, Malawi with GPEN reformation etc. The presentations were as follows:

- 4.1 Salome Lally who is working with Mwangaza in Arusha is responsible in connecting schools which she is involved with in ELCT. 'Elimu rasmi' special

education was done to all Lutheran church in Tanzania: related to life skills, science, and health education: 65 schools in Tanzania (Lutheran schools) were involved.

- 4.2 Mimi Mziray has worked and is continuing to link all Protestant schools in Lake Zone. She has worked in area such as schools around Lake Victoria, at Nyakato Theological College, 6 dioceses: In region of Tabora, Shinyanga, Mwanza, Bukoba, Karagwe, and Kigoma etc.
- 4.3 Godrick. Lyimo: Linking schools in Northern regions such as Kilimanjaro, Tanga, Arusha, etc.
- 4.4 Gerson. Mgya: Being the coordinator of all members but help to link schools from Southern Diocese in collaboration with Imani Msambwa (i.e. Iringa, Njombe, Ruvuma etc.). He also made connections with some Moshi schools, Kenya, and Uganda. He is continuing to link more schools: 6 schools were already linked, 5 more schools are to be linked such as Vunjo, Lwandai etc.
- 4.5 R. Axwesso & Christowaja have written 72 letters to different schools on GPEN reformation and three quarters of them have responded positively. They are also involved to connect all ELCT schools and others where possible to expand the vision of GPEN reformation.
- 4.6 Tuntufy. Mwenisongole was given a task to link different schools in Mbeya, Songwe, Rukwa, Morogoro and Ruvuma. It was reported that he has succeeded to link more than 75% protestant schools in those areas and promised to continue working with other schools/colleges which have been informed already but have not succeeded to join yet.
5. It was also agreed to create forum in schools: that will promote peace, talk/write against corruption in Tanzania (publications) and Social ethics.
6. There should be presentations and activities of what have been done in our schools and the way forward on implementing issues related to ethics, peace and justice. But we should also invite other neighboring countries to GPEN reformation.
7. It was also reported that the ELCT Provincial Board in collaboration with Educational Secretariat on 27 March 2019 received the idea very well on the idea of implementing on this. While in Dodoma the General Secretary of CCT also received on this idea of supporting the goal of GPEN reformation very well. Furthermore, the Educational Director of ELCT Southern Diocese also received very well on the idea of implementing the idea of GPEN reformation.
8. **Challenges and the Way Forward:** Some of the challenges discussed involved funds, facilities, posters, and internet connection (technology). It was therefore resolved that:

- 8.1 We need more posters on educating people on this GPEN reformation.
 - 8.2 Make follow-ups by even calling them by phone instead of depending on letters only.
 - 8.3 We can also begin linking them by ourselves, but after getting their consent through communicating with owners of schools or colleges.
 - 8.4 Involve Christian education secretaries from dioceses that have schools we focus
 - 8.5 Visiting and linking with 'WhatsApp' groups (coordination).
 - 8.6 Equipping people with education on how to use technology as one of the goals of GPEN.
 - 8.7 Preparing workshops to train people particularly to the spokesperson or head of schools.
 - 8.8 Preparing workshops which will equip people on the work of GPEN reformation.
9. **Activities** should be planned as one of the way forward:
- 9.1 Activities should be done through zones or much preferably in regions. Activities of running workshops using students gathering such as University Students' Christian Fellowship, Tanzanian Secondary Students' Christian Fellowship (UKWATA in Swahili), Theological Institutions meetings, and other church meetings just to inform the mass about GPEN reformation works.
 - 9.2 Prepare activities such as games, drama, poems, debates, workshops etc.
 - 9.3 It was agreed that Christowaja and Salome possibly Rev. Axwesso should find some time to attend National Easter Conference in Dodoma 12 to 16 June 2019 and present something about GPEN reformation there.
 - 9.4 It was resolved that Mimii will try to look on visiting schools in Bukoba, Karagwe and other areas in Lake Victoria and come up with some activities that can be reported to GPEN reformation.
 - 9.5 It was further agreed that the Masai Girls should be the first school to visit before August 2019 (Moringe should be visited at the same time).
 - 9.6 Then the second should be in the Moravian church in Mbeya before October 2019 (the school will be selected later).
 - 9.7 We also agreed that we should all continue thinking of activities to be done to link and run some workshops. And all that will be done as activities should be sent to Dr. Mgaya for information or post directly to GPEN website.
 - 9.8 The aim of GPEN should not be forgotten of bringing about peace through our students and the rest of people in our communities. All things should be recorded or documented as activities of Tanzanian ambassadors. One of the articles should be on corruption (misuse of the office and abuse of power), gender-based violence which all of this peace is being jeopardized.

9.9 G. Mgaya should continue to be the chairperson of the group and all other members as his helpers as the group members continue to grow.

9.10 Meetings of the group of ambassadors was also discussed and came up with the resolution that: Every Friday of the end of the month starting at 9am to 10am.the meeting will be conducted, possibly with ‘WhatsApp’ or ‘skype’ in live communication.

9.11 Finally, we were also invited as ambassadors of GPEN reformation to write different articles concerning the works and goals of the organization.

E. Closing the meeting

The chairperson closed the meeting with a prayer at 4pm.

Rev. Dr. T. Mwenisongole
Recording Secretary

Rev. Dr. G.Mgaya
Chairperson