



Agreement of co-operation between the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Zimbabwe (ELCZ), Church of Sweden Uppsala Diocese and Church of Sweden National Level.

General Background

The Church of Sweden and the ELCZ as members of the universal church united by the body of Christ transcend all ethnical, political and economic boundaries.

Where personal relations are established between people, the possibility of strengthening unity and solving problems that occur from differences in size, social, political, cultural and economical situations improve. This agreement is based on us needing each other as human beings and as churches. We have a lot to contribute and learn from each other to make life more meaningful in line with the mission of God. This agreement is aimed at pastors, deacons and lay people who are involved in exchange and co-operation programmes at national or parish level. It applies to the current situation, in Zimbabwe and Sweden, and especially to the signed parties. Our agreement does not exclude either of the parties having other contracts similar to those already established.

Purpose and Target group

The purpose with this agreement is to deepen and develop the interaction initiated within the previous agreement period. Thus it involves:

- Establishing closer contacts between people from different categories and professions within our churches in order to deepen the sense of communion in Christ,
- Enabling groups and individuals to visit each other, getting to know each other, particularly the living conditions and church life in both our countries,
- Exploring ways forward and discovering possibilities to support each other spiritually and materially.
- Encouraging and supporting twin-parish contacts between our churches, enabling them to take responsibility to further develop their own twin parish projects.

Activities

- Different focus areas might be added by separate agreements where ELCZ and Uppsala diocese commit themselves to the responsibility of furthering the growth of the original agreement, thus fulfilling their aims.

Duration

This agreement prolongs the previous agreement, with some minor modifications. It is valid for four years from the signing and will thereafter be prolonged for a new period of four years if it has not been given notice one year in advance.

2017-12-14

For Church of Sweden, Uppsala Diocese

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Ragnar Persenius
Bishop

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Anna-Lena Arousell Berglund
Deputy Chairman, Diocesan Board

For the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Zimbabwe

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C Faindi
Presiding Bishop

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MM Dube
General Secretary