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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

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This agreement is made this _____ day of _____ 2019

Between

THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN TANZANIA NORTHERN DIOCESE with its registered offices located at ELCT ND Building, Market Road, P.O.Box 195 Moshi hereinafter referred to as "ELCT ND" on one part

And

THE DIOCESE OF STOCKHOLM IN CHURCH OF SWEDEN with its offices located at Klara Södra Kyrkogata, of Postal Address Box 16306 Stockholm hereinafter referred to as "DoS" on the other part.

WHEREAS;

1. That both ELCT ND and DoS herein referred to as "Parties" representing two largest number of Churches in the Lutheran World Federation, share the same history, aim and mission which is to rejoice and spread the love and reconciliation of Jesus Christ
2. That despite living in different contexts, parties strive to understand how context shapes our churches, strengthen trust between Church Leaders and between churches and share a future in which they can strengthen each other
3. That both ELCT ND and DoS understand the importance of prayers and committed to pray regularly for each other. This is a cross cutting issue and should appear in all activities.

1.0 THEREFORE, THESE ARE THE MAIN OBJECTIVES:

- 1.1. To care for the creation. Observing that defending the creation is the most acute global issue currently, there is a need to listen to different perspectives of both parties to be able to strongly support the environmental challenge we face to find relevant theology to do so.
- 1.2. To continue developing and deepening Christian education and teaching. It is central to the Evangelical Lutheran heritage and calling to interpret the gospel of

Jesus Christ in every time and context and to let our churches continually be renewed and reformed.

- 1.3. To promote equality and respect gender justice in the Church - especially to promote women in leadership.

2. In fulfilling its objectives, Parties shall engage the following measures;

- 2.1. Exchange of experiences in teaching Christian faith.
- 2.2. To encourage young people to engage in the relationship between our churches
- 2.3. To promote mutual learning through exchange programs and personnel at parish and Diocesan level observing the gender balance.
- 2.4. Arrange in-depth and mutual seminars concerning common objectives.
- 2.5. Building of partnership at the grassroots and facilitation of parish to parish partnership and coordinate projects run by parishes in DoS in collaboration with partners in ELCT ND.
- 2.6. Sharing everyday congregational life with each other through different possible means of communication.
- 2.7. To scale up our commitment to address causes and the impact of climate change. i.e supporting the use of reliable and environmental friendly energy sources.
- 2.8. To share and respect theology shaped by our traditions and the contexts in which we live.
- 2.9. To promote women leadership by encouraging women to contest for leadership positions, apply for vacant positions and take part in day to day activities of the Church and community as a whole
- 2.10. We acknowledge the UN Sustainable Development Goals and we join forces in realizing the importance of the churches contribution in fulfilling those goals.

3. Miscellaneous provisions;

- 3.1. Both parties mutually agree that the purpose of this agreement is to set out terms and condition mutually agreed in respect to objectives of their relationships and its objectives set out in this MoU. This agreement shall not in any manner whatsoever alter the organizational structure, composition of committees nor the decision making structures already established by both parties.
- 3.2. Notwithstanding this agreement, both parties shall remain autonomous bodies and no party shall interfere with the administration or operation of the other unless the same is contrary to the objectives of this agreement.

- 3.3. That all measures taken to accomplish the objectives in matters as selection criteria for exchange candidates, expenditures and project plans shall be by mutual agreements.
- 3.4. That each Party is at the liberty to donate human and financial resource for the purposes stated in this MoU. Financial resources shall be transferred directly to ELCT ND or DoS accounts. The financial resources shall be used solely for the purpose of meeting the expenses of performing the objectives of this agreement and not in any other manner.
- 3.5. That both parties commit to prepare project plans, curriculums and activities, annual reports of activities plans for execution and budgets these shall be submitted to the other Party for opinions and scrutiny.
- 3.6. Both parties to this agreement commit to have an accountable and transparent ways of cooperation and operations using the practices of good governance. All communications made between Parties shall be official and must be directly to the persons appointed by each party to be responsible for correspondences.
- 3.7. That both parties commit to honor decisions made by the other Party. Provided that no decision shall be made in tyranny or abuse of power. All decisions affecting this agreement shall be made with a prior approval of the other party. Such approval shall not be unreasonably withheld.
- 3.8. That each party commits to inform the other of any known transactions, activities or partnerships between any of parties Parishes. Nonetheless, this agreement does not jeopardize in any manner all existing partnerships.
- 3.9. That both parties shall conform to the clauses of this agreement and shall observe and perform their duties in good faith.
- 3.10. This agreement may be reviewed and amended from time to time upon mutual consent of the parties.
- 3.11. That both parties commit to inform one another and reach mutual decision in case where any of the responsible persons act against to this agreement. In an event a dispute occurs, the same shall be settled amicably.

3.12. That the duration of this agreement shall initially be for a period of years commencing on, upon expiry of the duration period parties shall arrange a meeting for purposes of reviewing activities, projects and challenges in the performance of this agreement. Further, strategies and way forward shall be set.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, PARTIES HAVE EXECUTED THIS AGREEMENT AS APPEARING HEREINUNDER.

Signed and Stamped by

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

IN TANZANIA NORTHERN DIOCESE

this ____ Day of ____ 2019

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In witness;



Svenska kyrkan 
STOCKHOLMS STIFT

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Name: Fredrick D. Shoo

Signature: + Fredrick Shoo

Title: Bishop

Date: 23rd September 2019

igned and Stamped by
DIOCESE OF STOCKHOLM IN
CHURCH OF SWEDEN

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In witness; , Maria Bergstrand

Name: Andreas Holmberg

Signature: 

Title: Bishop of Diocese of Stockholm

Date: 23rd September 2019