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Message to be announced in all Catholic Churches and Institutions

MALAWI HOSTING AMECEA 2014 ASSEMBLY

The Episcopal Conference of Malawi is pleased to announce that the Association of Member Episcopal Conferences of Eastern Africa (AMECEA) will hold its Plenary Meeting in Lilongwe here in Malawi from 16th to 24th July, 2014.

The theme of the meeting is “New Evangelization through True Conversion and Witnessing to Christian Faith”. Over 250 delegates (half of them Cardinals and Bishops) from 127 Dioceses in the region are expected to convene here in Malawi for this meeting.

AMECEA was founded in 1961 and comprises the Episcopal Conferences of Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Malawi, Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda and Zambia. Since 1961, this grouping has been holding Plenary Assemblies every three years and Malawi has had the honour of hosting these meetings only twice: 1979 in Zomba and 1995 in Mangochi.

Through such meetings, the Bishops seek to inspire and empower God’s family in the region to a credible and prophetic witness to Christ by promoting Unity, Development, Justice and Peace and Solidarity. Over the years, AMECEA has among other things, established Small Christian Communities as a pastoral priority in the region and has also established such Institutions of Higher Learning and Formation as the Catholic University of Eastern Africa (CUEA), the AMECEA Pastoral Institute, and Blessed Bakanja College. Quite a few people from Malawi – the clergy, religious and lay faithful - have been trained in these institutions. The current Chairman of AMECEA is our own Archbishop, His Grace Most Reverend Tarcisius G. Ziyaye.

The preparation of next year’s meeting is left to us as a hosting country and there is need to join hands together to make this occasion both successful and memorable.

In this context, the Episcopal Conference of Malawi has

- set up a national Committee to spearhead preparatory work for this great even;
- agreed to ask each Catholic to contribute the minimum of K50 towards the expenses of running this meeting;
- set aside Sunday, 9th June, 2013 as the first in a series of three for a special AMECEA Collection;

Vision: Family of God filled with the Holy Spirit living in Harmony, Peace and Solidarity

All official correspondence to be addressed to the Secretary General

- asks each Diocese to form a Diocesan Committee to coordinate preparatory work in the diocese and link with the national Committee;
- entered into an SMS evangelization partnership with Airtel Malawi proceeds of which will support the dioceses and the AMECEA 2014 meeting

A Bank Account has been opened for this meeting and the Conference welcomes donations and contributions:

Bank: National Bank of Malawi
 Branch: Lilongwe Service Centre
 Account Name: ECM-AMECEA 2014
 Account Nr.: 1000211644
 Type: Current

May God bless us all as we actively prepare for the 2014 AMECEA meeting.

Fraternally yours,

Right Reverend Joseph M. Zuza	Chairman and Bishop of Mzuzu
Right Reverend Thomas Msusa	Vice-Chairman and Bishop of Zomba
Most Reverend Tarcisius G. Ziyaye	Chairman of AMECEA and Archbishop of Blantyre
Most Reverend Remi Ste-Marie	Archbishop of Lilongwe
Right Reverend Peter Musikuwa	Bishop of Chikhwawa
Right Reverend Emmanuel Kanyama	Bishop of Dedza
Right Reverend Alessandro Pagani	Bishop of Mangochi
Right Reverend Martin Mtumbuka	Bishop of Karonga
Right Reverend Montfort Stima	Auxiliary Bishop of Blantyre

Dated: 17th January, 2013

National Organising Committee

Co-Chairmen:	Fr. George Buleya & Mr. Peter Kulemeka
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