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“^d Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.² Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.³ Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.⁴ Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.⁵ For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.” Psalms 100:1-5.

In this edition of ACTEA E-News, we cover organizational activities for the last 4 months of 2016 in both print and pictures. Among other events, the key features highlighted here include, the ACTEA 40th anniversary celebrations, ACTEA business meetings, conferences held, assessors’ training, and visits to institutions for accreditation services.

We welcome you to enjoy reading and viewing the pictures of the colorful and enriching ACTEA events of the last part of 2016!



ACTEA CELEBRATES 40 YEARS OF GOD'S FAITHFULNESS: 1976-2016

MISSION

"To promote quality evangelical theological education in Africa by providing supporting services, facilitating academic recognition, and fostering continental and inter-continental cooperation."

VISION

"Empowered African theological institutions offering quality Programmes"

MOTTO

"Serving theological education in Africa for excellence and renewal"

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40 years ago, The Association of Evangelicals in Africa (AEA) launched new service agency for evangelical theological schools in Africa, the Association for Christian Theological Education in Africa (ACTEA) then referred to as, Accrediting council for Theological Education in Africa.



Deborah Kato (Dr. Byang Kato's daughter) receiving an award and Certificate of appreciation on behalf of her late father from Prof. Emiola Nihinlola- ACTEA Vice- Chairman

ACTEA was founded in response to the dream of Dr. Byang Kato, the first African General

Secretary of the Association of Evangelical in Africa (AEA). Dr. Kato saw the urgent need for an association for evangelical theological schools in Africa, which could assist them in areas of common need such as secured

academic recognition. The ground work for the new body was laid at a major gathering of theological educators which Dr. Kato convened in Nairobi in November 1975.

In March 1976, the Executive Committee of AEA formally constituted the new project under AEA's Theological and Christian Education Commission. A Council was appointed to plan, initiate and administer the programme and Dr. Paul Bowers, then, a senior lecturer, at ECWA Theological Seminary Igbaja Nigeria, was asked to serve as the first coordinator of ACTEA.



Dr. Paul Bowers receiving an award and certificate of appreciation from Prof. Emiola Nihinlola

THANKSGIVING SERVICE:



On 20th November 2016, ACTEA held a thanksgiving service to celebrate its 40th Anniversary jointly with AEA fraternity for its 50th/Jubilee anniversary. The celebration epitomized God's faithfulness to ACTEA and its services of promoting quality theological education in the African continent. Forty years on, ACTEA continues to service theological institutions for excellence and renewal. And although fraught with sometimes insurmountable difficulties ACTEA not only survived these forty years but also made remarkable progress. God has enabled ACTEA to play a vital role in validating study programmes and capacity-building services for many evangelical theological schools throughout Africa. As a result ACTEA has become widely accepted as the most trusted and effective service body in theological education on the continent. ACTEA is also a founding member of the International Council for Evangelical Theological Education (ICETE), a global alliance of regional associations of theological schools, which in combination cover all parts of the world.

ACTEA LAUNCHED "THE ACTEA STORY" BOOK.

It was during this thanksgiving service that ACTEA launched its book "*Theological Education in Africa: The ACTEA Story*" (currently in the process of being published). This is the first-ever comprehensive history of this strategic continent-wide accrediting and support ministry agency to evangelical theological education in Africa.



Dr. Bowers presenting the "ACTEA Story" book that he wrote, to the ACTEA Executive Director, Dr. Emmanuel Chemengich.



Prof. Nihinlola praying during the book Launch



Dr. Kemp, receiving a copy of the "ACTEA story" on behalf of ICETE

inception in 1976 and with the International Council for Evangelical Theological Education (ICETE) since its inception in 1980. Please find the flyer attached for more information.

SALUTE TO THE FAITHFUL LABOURERS

During the 40th Celebrations, ACTEA took time to salute those who have labored sacrificially not only to translate ACTEA from a dream into a reality, but also to keep the vision alive. These include, unfailing support and generosity of our donors and benefactors, the dedication of our member institutions throughout Africa, and the never tiring Council members and staff. There couldn't have been a more appropriate way to celebrate our 40th anniversary than recognizing this vibrant and united family of faithful co-workers in the Lord's vineyard.

ACTEA recognized and appreciated the following key individuals and organizational partners who have made vital contributions to ACTEA ministry over the last 40 years:

The late Byang Henry Kato, Paul Bowers, George Foxall, Tite Tiénou, the late Cornelius Olowola, Titus Kivunzi, Moussa Coulibaly, Scott Cunningham, Lazarus Seruyange, Jacob Kibor, the late Douglas Carew, Rich Stuebing, Onesimus Ngundu, Joe Simfukwe, Semeon Mulatu, Philippe Emedi, Bungishabaku Katho, Emmanuel Chemengich, Desta Heliso, Stephanie Black, Florence Kagwamba, David and Ngaruiya, And the organizations recognized were: Theological Training in Africa (THETA), Association of Evangelicals in Africa (AEA), Cornerstone Trust Foundation, International Council for Evangelical Theological Education (ICETE), Evangelisches Missionswerk in Deutschland (EMW), Network for African Congregational Theology (NetACT), White Horse Inn (WHI), Theological Book Network (TBN) and Serve in Mission (SIM).



Mrs. Aiku Carew, receiving the Award and certificate of appreciation on behalf of the Late husband, Dr. Douglas Carew.



ACTEA EXECUTIVE AND COUNCIL MEETINGS 2016.

The ACTEA Executive Committee and Council meetings took place in Nairobi just a few days before the "Anniversary Thanksgiving service". Among other resolutions, the ACTEA constituencies renewed its commitment to the growth, development and sustainability of ACTEA. Thus, on matters of financial

sustainability, members resolved to raise funds toward the Office project. They were informed that a key ACTEA partner had awarded us US\$150,000 (with \$100,000 of this amount tied to matching grant to make a total of \$230,000) towards the purchase of the one-floor of the AEA office block for financial sustainability of ACTEA. ACTEA Council and stakeholders will need to ensure completion of the project by raising remaining funds to complete purchase of the one-floor or at the least, one-half floor of AEA office building.

ACTEA administration is currently raising funds to fulfill the matching grant challenge and complete the total target of US\$600,000 required for the one full floor. We encourage and invite those desiring to make donation to kindly email ACTEA office through these emails: adm.ass@acteaweb.org and copy echemengich@gmail.com.



Dr. Bowers, Dr. Kemp and Jim Olang visiting the AEA Office building under construction

Another significant issue was the Consultant taking Council members through Strategic Planning process and seeking their feedback toward establishing the first ever ACTEA Strategic Plan document covering 2017-2021

period. This document has been finalized and is due to be distributed to ACTEA stakeholders from 1st March, 2017.



ACTEA Council Members, at the Kenya school of Law in Karen, Nairobi, where both Council meeting and ACTEA 40th Celebrations took place.

Finally, the ACTEA Executive Committee and Council members held election for new members to serve for the next 3 years, Nov 2016 to Nov 2019. While Chair and Vice-Chair retained their positions, the new Treasurer is Dr. Benjamin Musyoka, the new Vice-Chancellor of International Leadership University based in Nairobi, Kenya.

The 40th anniversary was a great celebration to mark and praise God for His faithfulness in the four decades of making ACTEA a leading agent in its core mandate represented in its mission, *“to promote quality evangelical theological education in Africa, by providing supporting services, facilitating academic recognition, and fostering continental and inter-continental cooperation.”*

OVERSEAS COUNCIL: EAST AFRICA REGION INSTITUTE



ACTEA Executive Director at the Institute

The 3 regional Institutes for Excellence in 2016 focused on the questions related to “Outcome/Impact-Based Assessment of Theological Education in Africa.” The last of these Institutes for Excellence was for East Africa region and was held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 20-23 September 2016.

Over the last two years, Overseas Council has been working with several schools, most of them ACTEA, in developing processes for evaluating the impact of their theological education in the ministry of their graduates, to help them bring about transformative revisions in their educational model – curriculum, methodology, and domains.



ACTEA STAFF VISITS TO INSTITUTIONS

In the last part of 2016, ACTEA staff visited 2 institutions in Nigeria, 1 in Cameroon, and 2 in Ethiopia to assess them in response to their application for accreditation. In addition, Visitation Team (VT) was undertaken for LIFE Theological Seminary, Nigeria and Mekane Yesus Seminary in Addis Ababa.. Here below are brief descriptions of each of these institutions.

➤ ST. FRUMENTIUS' ANGLICAN THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE (SFATC)

St Frumentius' Anglican Theological College opened on 26 August 2015. They applied for the affiliate status on January 2016. ACTEA executive Director visited the institution on 17th September 2016.



➤ RE-ACCREDITATION OF MEKANE YESUS SEMINARY (MYS)



Visitation Team to MYS

Solomon (EFGTS)

Mekane Yesus Seminary is one of our fully accredited schools. It is located in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. MYS had applied for the re- accreditation, which happens after every 10years. The ACTEA Visitation to MYS took place from the evening of Sunday, 25th September through the afternoon of Friday, 30th September 2016. The Visitation was planned in regard to the accreditation of MYS's 4 study programmes offered at the institution ranging from Bachelors to Masters programmes. The visitation team comprised of the following; Rev. Dr. Emmanuel Chemengich- Team leader (ACTEA) Dr. David Ngaruiya (ILU), Rev. Mateso Akou (ACTEA) Rev. Dr. John Jusu(OCI),Dr. Gishu Jebecha(MKC) Dr. Dwight Singer (ACTEA), Dr. Habtamu



➤ EVANGELICAL CHURCH WINNING ALL (ECWA) THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, KAGORO–(ETSK)

Evangelical Church Winning All (ECWA) Theological Seminary is located in the town of Kagoro, in Kaduna State, Nigeria and is the earliest theological training institution in ECWA having been founded in 1931.

In response to ETSK's application, our Accreditation officer,Mateso Akou and Dr. Dwight Singer visited the institution for an assessment exercise for its 11 study programmes offered at the institution ranging from Certificate to Doctoral programmes.

➤ UNITED MISSIONARY CHURCH OF AFRICA THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE (UMCATC).

United Missionary Church of Africa Theological College (UMCATC) is located in Ilorin, Kwara State, Nigeria. The institution has an outstanding history of steady development having surpassed its Jubilee celebration by ten years.

ACTEA conducted the assessment on 5th and 6th October 2016 for 7 of its study programmes ranging from Diploma through Doctoral.

Dwight, UMCA President Rev. Dr. Moses Tswanya, Mateso, Vice President Rev. Gbenga Odebiri, General Secretary Rev. David Bawa, UMCATC Provost, in UMCA (United Missionary Church of Africa) National Secretariat, President's office



➤ THE APOSTOLIC BILINGUAL SEMINARY (TABS),



The Apostolic Bilingual Seminary (TABS) is located in Kumba, South West Region of Cameroon. TABS has been in existence since 1967 as training institution of The Apostolic Church Cameroon. ACTEA conducted the assessment exercise from 10th to 11th October 2016.

Dwight and Mateso seated with TACC Gen Sec on Mateso's right and TABS Vice Rector on Dwight's left, with some faculty and staff of TABS

➤ ASSESSMENT FOR FULL ACCREDITATION OF LIFE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY (LTS).

LIFE Theological Seminary is located in Ikorodu, Nigeria. LTS moved into the Candidacy Status in 2015 and immediately started working on their Self-Evaluation Report (SER). The ACTEA Visitation Team (VT) of five visited the institution for 5 days. The Team Leader was Rich Stuebing and other VT members were: Mateso Akou, Dwight Singer,, Stephen Baba (ETSK), Emmanuel Oyemomi (BCT), and Dele Ayankeye (NBTS).



The Visitation Team to LTS

ASSESSORS TRAINING: EAST, SOUTHERN, CENTRAL AND WEST AFRICA.



Participants who attended the Assessors Training in Nigeria.

ACTEA conducted two “accreditation assessors' training session”. One was held in on 21st November, 2016 in Nairobi, Kenya, for Southern and Eastern of Africa participants, and the other on 24th November, 2016, at Nigerian Baptist Theological Seminary (NBTS), Ogbomoso, Nigeria for the western and Central Africa participants.

These one-day training events helped participants acquire knowledge and skills to evaluate or assess institutions toward an award of ACTEA

accreditation status. The participants became

“Certified ACTEA accreditation assessor” to assist ACTEA office in facilitating accreditation services to new applying institutions and Visitation Team events to member institutions.



Participants having a discussion at the Assessors Training in Nairobi

ANNUAL FEES AND REPORTS.

If your institution has not submitted reports and applicable fees for year 2015/2016 and 2016/17, please remember to do so as soon as possible. (Note: All ACTEA institutions should have received their annual notices by now!!).



This is one way of keeping institutions accountable to the ACTEA Standards we have mutually agreed to maintain. You can do this by, completing and sending your institution's Annual Report and Annual applicable Fees for 2015/2016, a requirement for ACTEA institutions, and ensure that you make this report a high priority and send it to: adm.ass@acteaweb.org, with a copy to: actea.africa@gmail.com and adm.ass.actea@gmail.com.

Further, if your institution has any pending annual reports ensure that you send this Report as soon as possible.

Finally, for the institutions with debts or arrears, kindly plan to clear it soon

and communicate the same or your intended action plan to ACTEA office.

As you prepare to send your institutional payments, here are a few important guidelines to ensure successful payment transactions without problems:

First, it is important to notify ACTEA office by email when funds are sent to assist us know the source of a fund wire transfer that appears on the bank account statement. *Secondly*, payments by cheque or wire transfer, should be payable to, "ACTEA". But Bank deposits, or Wire transfers, should be made to the following ACTEA bank account details in Kenya:

The wire transfer details are:

Bank Name: CFC Stanbic Bank

Account Name: AEA / ACTEA

Account Number US\$ (Dollar): 0100003273557

Branch: Upper Hill Medical Centre

Swift Code: SBICKENX



OUR INSTITUTIONS' PRAYER CONCERNS:

Thanksgiving: Thanksgiving for God's faithfulness and provision to us and our institutions.

Fundraising to purchase Office space for ACTEA

Pray for the ongoing fund-raising towards the purchase of one-floor of AEA's new office building. Kindly inform us of any partners that may be work with us toward achieving this goal for our own office space and to rent the rest for income needed to fund ACTEA operations.

Accreditation and Re-accreditation: Join us in praying for ACTEA institutions currently engaging in the process of getting their study programmes accredited or re-accredited. Pray for wisdom, renewal of

strength and good health for the leadership teams involved in writing the Self Evaluation Reports (SER).

Financial Stability: Pray for financial stability of our theological institutions and ACTEA organization. Many institutions are also putting up physical development which need to be completed on time to support various programmes. May the Lord provide resources immeasurably for the continuity of the gospel and theological education in Africa.

Peace and stability: A good number of African countries are facing political instability. Let us all pray that the Lord grants Africa peace and an end to wars and conflicts. May we be instruments of peace in Africa, and let us continue to love each other as Christ has loved us and maintain peace with each other.



UPCOMING ACTEA EVENTS & DIRECTOR'S 2017 TRIPS

Note and pray for the success of the following upcoming meetings:

- ❖ **Eldoret GATE Year 3 Workshop:** 8th - 11th February 2017:
- ❖ **International Programme for Academic Leadership (IPAL) :** 22nd – 24th February 2017.
- ❖ **Visitation Team Events to:** (1) University of Shalom, Bunia, Democratic Republic of Congo: 1st -7th April 2017. (2) Kima International School of Theology (KIST), Kima, Kenya: 3rd – 7th July 2017. (3) Friends Theological College (FTC), Kaimosi, Kenya: 25th -29th April 2017.
- ❖ **Nairobi GATE Year 4 workshop: 23rd – 26th April 2017:** The Global Associates for Transformational Education (GATE)
- ❖ **Global Theological Initiative; 13th -15th July 2017:** This is post-doctoral forum for scholars from 9 countries East and Horn of Africa.

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If you have library news or questions, please feel free to contact David Fitz-Patrick at dfitz@bisa.org.za so that he can include them or help where possible via our ACTEA Librarians eNews.

“When the pioneers began the operation in 1976, little did they realize that they were laying an academic and spiritual foundation not for a kiosk but for a skyscraper”- The Late Dr. Tokunboh Adeyemo @ ACTEA 10th Anniversary.
