



Summary Minutes DRAE Executive Committee 2015

The DIAKONIA Region Africa-Europe (DRAE) Executive held its annual meeting February 11th – 31st 2015 near Hannover/Germany.

Detailed reports were given on the work of the presidents, the groups, the officers and the situation with the ecumenical contacts. They are available in full with the members of the Executive or on the website.

Finances: The Executive Committee (ExCo) accepted the annual report 2014 unanimously.

The ExCo unanimously confirmed Diane Kaufmann as the **Webmaster** for DIAKONIA-DRAE for the remaining period of the current ExCo.

From 2015, DRAE and DIAKONIA World Federation (DWF) will collect the **membership fees** together. The DRAE Treasurer will send a joint invoice with an explanation to Members. The new method concerning the invoices will also be explained at the next Conference in Norway. African members can send payment with their delegates to the next Regional or World Assembly.

A subcommittee will work on potential new **members**, especially in Eastern Europe. The ExCo discussed the situation of individuals when institutions/members give up their communities. These people have to find and build a group and this group then can join DIAKONIA and DRAE.

The ExCo worked on the details for the **DRAE Assembly 2015**. A meeting for the African members is planned, group work and regional groups. They worked on details for hosting, visa, registration and translation and thought about the spirituality during the conference and the worship times. The ExCo planned the delegates meeting and created the agenda.

The ExCo evaluated the present and future desired **ecumenical connections** of DRAE and DIAKONIA World (KAIRE, Eurodiaconia, CEC, IDC)

During the meeting the Executive Committee **visited two institutions**, who introduced their work. First there was a trip to a monastery, Kloster Wennigsen. There a new spiritual community has been founded. The second outing went to the Diakonisches Werk Hannover. The DRAE Executive Committee also was invited to a **DRAE regional meeting** in Hannover.