

## **USHIRIKA WA NEEMA REPORT TO THE DIACONIA MEETING 2017**

Ushirika wa Neema; a community of sisters in the ELCT - Northern Diocese has 78 sisters serving in different capacities. God has been with us through out in our serving Him. We receive an average of 2-5 new girls annually. The new sisters are trained in different capacities to equip them with knowledge that enables them serve in the changing world.

### **LEADERSHIP**

In 2015 we elected new leadership. Our senior mother, Sr. Agness Lema retired officially and she was succeeded by Sr. Elistaha Mlay. Rector Aaron Urrio also retired his duties and Rev. Javason Mrema took over his duties. The installation of the new leaders took place on 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2015 and begun their new duties in January 2016.



Confirmation Of the young sisters

### **OUR SERVICE**

We serve in the church mostly working with children in kindergartens, orphanage centre, primary and secondary schools. Some of our sisters work with disabled children, children living in difficult environment and youth counseling. Some of us also deal with small projects in the convent for sustainability of the community.



Children in our Neema Kalali orphanage.

The orphanage has 39 children for 1 day - 3 years.

### Challenges

Our community has gone through various challenges including the closing of our Montessori primary school because of the changes in our education system. To recover it we need to reconstruct the buildings, a project that will cost us 578 million Tanzanian Shillings. This is the only Montessori primary school in our area and the children from our Montessori kindergarten move into this primary school as it's a special training that touches all sensorial organs of a child.

The boys' dormitory of our Sisters of Ushirika wa Neema Secondary School (SUN) in the south of Tanzania burnt down on 11<sup>th</sup> /02/2016. It was a difficult moment for the children as well as the sisters and teachers who serve in this school. But we thank God because there were no injuries in this accident. The dormitory is under construction now.

Let's keep praying for one another for peace and strength for all of us do our Diakonia service to God's people.

Sr. Elistaha Mlay

A senior Mother - Ushirika wa Neema

## Report of Ushirika wa Diakonia Faraja to DRAE December 2016

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I greet you on behalf of the Deacons and Brothers of Ushirika wa Diakonia Faraja (UDF) in the Northern Part of Tanzania located near Sanya Juu in the district of Siha between Mount Kilimanjaro and Mount Meru. UDF is property of the Northern Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania.

### Brotherhood

There are 32 Deacons belonging to Ushirika wa Diakonia Faraja. They are ordained by the Bishop. The Brothers share their life in a community of duty, in a community of life and in a community of sending. They are allowed to marry after ordination. To Ushirika wa Diakonia Faraja belong the ordained Deacons with their wives and the widows of Deacons. We take care for them and their children.

The Deacons serve with their ministry in different professions in church and churchly institutions.



### Leadership

Under the global Leadership of ELCT ND and Faraja Board the structure of Leadership in Ushirika wa Diakonia Faraja has two parts:

1. Senior Brother (kaka mkuu), Head of Deacon Training and Treasurer are the executive leadership being responsible for Faraja Diaconic Centre, Budget, Deacon Training and Administration.
2. The members of baraza are six elected Deacons completed by the executive leadership of UDF. They are responsible for brotherhood and community. Personal and other decisions made in baraza the Senior Brother is working on.

### Deacon Students

Ushirika wa Diakonia Faraja offers the Deacon Training to all Diocese of ELCT and to the Evangelical Lutheran Churches in the Neighbor Countries where swahili and/or English is spoken. For the Brothers of UDF the Training takes 6 years: the first three years have to be finalized with the exams and the another three years are for field work and finish the time of probation to grow into the Brotherhood.

Students from other Diocese go back to their Diocese after the exams.

With December 2016 there have been 20 Students in Deacon Training. Three went home to the South-Central Diocese to join the Deacon Community there. If God wishes ten Applicants will join the Interview Days End of January 2017 to join the Deacon Training.

### New Diaconic Centre located nearby Miono, Morogoro Diocese

It was a great blessing for Ushirika wa Diakonia Faraja when Bishop Dr. Fredrick O. Shoo launched the new Diaconic Centre nearby Miono assisted by Bishop Jacob Mameo Ole Paulo, Morogoro Diocese on 8.10.2016.

### Summary

We Brothers of Ushirika wa Diakonia Faraja feel the blessing of our Lord and know him guiding us.

As Brothers we see ourselves among the „least of our Brothers (and Sisters)“ Jesus is talking about in Matthew 25,40. As churchly staff members we are working on the kingdom of our Lord in the different works of mercy Jesus Christ has mentioned there.

Deacon Armin Raunigk  
Senior Brother Ushirika wa Diakonia Faraja



**NORTH WESTERN DIOCESE  
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**NAMALIRA MOTHER HOUSE**

• **SHORT REPORT OF NAMALIRA DIAKONIA COMMUNITY**

The Namalira have 33 Deaconesses who are engaged in various activities as follows:

- Leaders of women and children department, coordinating women and children activities in Parishes and districts
- Social works with HUYAWA program (service for orphans)
- Taking care of orphaned babies at Orphanage Institution
- Social works with vulnerable children at Tumaini Children Center, care and counseling to street children
- Guarding younger people at Secondary and Vocational Institutions of NWD
- Teachers in Pre Schools, Primary, Secondary and Vocational Schools
- Parish Workers
- Hotel managements
- Accountants
- Baking Eucharist
- Tailoring activities
- Electric technicians

Three Deaconesses completed their studies and awarded degree in Education and Diploma in Business administration.

**Challenges:**

- Lack of fund to improve and establish those mentioned projects.
- Lack of modern working tools and transport facilities.

- Lack of fund to re-establish Diakonia school

### Future plan

1. To re-establish Diaconia School
2. To build a new house for retired sisters

Lastly but not least we are very thankful to God who enable us to continue working in this Ministry with challenging condition.

Prepared by,

Sr. Clea Ngemalila

Mother General - Namalira

**Pictures showing some of Activities being done by Deaconesses of Namalira**

**Sawing of Church Clothes is one of projects at Namalira Mother House**





**Making Eucharist at Namalira Mother House for income raising.**



**Care of Orphans at Ntoma Deaconic Institution**

