



Summary Minutes DRAE Executive Committee 2017

The DIAKONIA Region Africa-Europe (DRAE) Executive held its annual meeting February 1st - 5th 2017 at the Diakonie Neuendettelsau / 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 2016 unanimously. Although the Executive Committee have worked on development of funds and appropriate reduction of costs. In the future, Conferences should be financed by fundraising and new membership is sought and encouraged.

The Executive Committee signified sadness in losing The Diaconal Association of the Church of England **DACE** as a Member. It is a Member until the World Assembly.

The ExCo worked on the Contitution. The goal is to rework the **Constitution**, Bye-Laws and Aims of DRAE and to match and/or differentiate them with/between the ones of DWF.

The election of the **DRAE President** will take place at the next World Assembly. The ExCo reviewed which representatives have completed their time of office. In most of the groups a new representative is sent from another Member organisation by an agreed rotation system. Five members of the DRAE Executive Committee represent DRAE on the Executive Committee of DWF.

The ExCo prepared the World Focus' and Regional meetings during the **DIAKONIA Assembly in Chicago** and flashed out the planned jubilee assembly in Scotland 2019. Place of meeting is the Queen Margaret University Musselburgh near to Edinburgh.

After the meeting with **Eurodiaconia** CEO Heather Roy in 2016, the DRAE ExCo discussed a **memorandum of understanding**. The signed memorandum will be showed on the website.

During the meeting the Executive Committee **visited two institutions** who introduced their work. A trip to the "Rummelsberger Diakonie", a project of Diaconal Work in Bavaria. This huge institution focuses on the training of deacons and in life support of handicapped, ill and elderly people. The second institution was the place of the meeting, "Diakonie Neuendettelsau", an institution with two communities. The President gave appreciation for the Institution's invitation and hospitality to the DRAE Executive Committee for this meeting.

On Sunday, the members of the Executive Committee were involved in the church service and contributed to different parts of the liturgy in the morning worship at the Institution's church.