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(ELCT)**

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**PROJECT TITLE:
ACQUISITION OF COMMUNION SETS
FOR PARISHES IN KARAGWE DIOCESE**

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INTRODUCTION

Karagwe Diocese (KAD) is one of the 20 Dioceses of the entire E.L.C.T. It was originally part of the North West Diocese (NWD) but was later (in 1979) accorded an independent status.

LOCATION

KAD is located in the North East of Tanzania. It is bordered by Uganda in the north and Rwanda in the West. The areas to the East and South are within Tanzania and are covered by the NWD.

MISSION AND OBJECTIVES

The mission of the church is; “To make people Know Jesus Christ and have life in its fullness by bringing to them the good news through words and deeds; based on the word of God as it is in the bible and the Lutheran teachings guided by the ELCT constitution”

The church strives to accomplish this goal in four major ways:

1. Worshipping God through: the word, sacraments, praising, prayer and thanks giving.
2. Proclaiming the gospel of Jesus through preaching by words and accompanying the message with deeds.
3. Participating in community development by providing educational services.
4. Providing both health and advocacy services.

CHURCH ACHIEVEMENTS

The ELCT Karagwe Diocese has made outstanding achievements during the 3 decades of its existence. The number of believers has improved drastically over the past 5 years from about 70,900 in 2003 to the current 126,000 by January 2008. The Church has also managed to position itself as the largest social service provider in the areas under its coverage. Statistics show that KAD provides 63% of the Social services within Karagwe as per the ratings for the private sector organizations within the district. The achievements are reflected through the various health and educational infrastructures that the Diocese has managed to establish overtime. These include; 2 primary schools, 1 Hospital and 2 Dispensaries, 2 secondary schools, a Vocational centre, 1 Bible College, 1 youth Centre, and various income generating projects for women and youth.

THE PASTORAL FUNCTION

The diocese is composed of 8 deaneries and 35 Parishes. These Parishes are served by 60 male and 3 female Pastors; besides the evangelists who total up to 209. The number of evangelists is more less equal to the Congregations they serve because each servant oversees one Congregation. In terms of ratio of Pastor to believer, it can be noted from the figures above that the expression is 1:2,000. And the situation on the ground indicates that each Pastor has a big number of followers to serve.

The major roles of a Parish or District Pastor can be summarised into two:

1. To preach, teach and act as the spiritual leader for the District/Parish.
2. Undertake Pastoral visits and supervise all Development activities within the respective district/Parish as well as assist subordinate Pastors and other staffs in performing well their duties.

The field Pastor in Karagwe therefore has to undertake the Pastoral duties that include preaching and teaching besides administering the sacraments of baptism and Holy Communion. As a rule, Holy Communion is undertaken at every Sunday service presided over by a Pastor. It is therefore vital that each Pastor has a good communion set to use wherever he has to conduct a service in any given congregation.

TABLE 1: THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION SETS IN PARISHES.

PARISH	CONDITION OF COMMUNION SET			
	AVAILABLE	GOOD ORDER	FAIR	BAD ORDER
LUKAJANGE DISTRICT				
1. LUKAJANGE	✓		✓	
2. NYAKAHANGA	✓			✓
3. KAYANGA	✓			✓
4. NYAKA. HOSPITAL	✓		✓	
5. RUKOLE	✓			✓
6. NYABWEGIRA	✓			✓
KITUNTU DISTRICT				
7. KITUNTU	✓			✓
8. KIHANGA	✓		✓	
9. RUNYAGA	✓			✓
10. RUGELA	✓			✓
MABIRA DISTRICT				
11. MABIRA	✓			✓
12. NYAMILEMBE	✓			✓
13. BUSINDE	✓			✓

14. NYAKATUNTU	✓		✓
15. KISHANDA	✓		✓
IHEMBE DISTRICT			
16. IHEMBE	✓		✓
17. BISHESHE	✓		✓
18. KASHESHE	✓		✓
19. NYAKAYANJA	✓		✓
NGARA MISSION			
20. NGARA MJINI	✓	✓	
21. NJIA PANDA	✓		✓
KYERWA DISTRICT			
22. KYERWA	✓		✓
23. NKWENDA	✓		✓
24. KAISHO	✓	✓	
25. NYARUTUNTU	✓		✓
26. KACHATO	✓		✓
27. KARUKWANZI	✓		✓
28. RWABWELE	✓		✓
BWERANYANGE DISTRICT			
29. NYABIYONZA	✓	✓	
30. KAYUNGU	✓		✓
31. MAZINGA	✓	✓	
32. KANDEGESHO	✓		✓
MURONGO DISTRICT			
33. MURONGO	✓		✓
34. RWENKENDE	✓		✓

35. NYAKATERA	✓		✓
TOTAL	35	7	28

STATEMENT OF THE PROBLEM

As observed from table 1 above, the communion sets currently in use are in bad order. They have been serving since 1970's and have therefore become dilapidated and rusty.

DESCRIPTION

A total of 35 sets are needed to replace the ones currently in use. A full set contains a cup, plate, wafers and a cross.

PROJECT OBJECTIVE AND IMPACT

The current sets are indecent and hygienically unworthy. Acquisition of new sets will make the performance of holy communion a more dignified task.

PROCEDURE

The sets can be procured in Kampala or transported from Europe. In Kampala, each set costs 1.5 million Tanzanian shillings.

CONCLUSION

Jesus blessed the Sacrament of Holy Communion by stating that *“I am the bread of life. Your fathers ate Manna in the wilderness and they died. This is the bread which comes down from heaven, which a man may eat of it and not die”*. He clarifies his words by adding that *“I am the living bread which came from heaven; if any one eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread which I shall give for the life of the world is my flesh.”* God bless you for your support to Karagwe diocese in its endeavor to acquire good Communion sets.