23rd August, 2019

From: The President of the Association of Consecrated Women in Eastern and Central Africa - ACWECA

To : Chairperson of the National Association (Conference of Women Religious Superiors) for;
- Eritrea - ACWE (Association of Consecrated Women of Eritrea),
- Ethiopia - CMRS (Conference of Major Religious Superiors of Ethiopia),
- Kenya - AOSK (Association of Sisterhoods of Kenya),
- Malawi – AWRIM (Association of Women in Religious Institutes of Malawi),
- Uganda - ARU (Association of Religious of Uganda)
- South Sudan - SSSA (South Sudan Sisters Association)
- Sudan - SSA (Sudan Sisters Association)
- Tanzania - TCAS (Tanzania Catholic Association of Sisters)
- Zambia - ZAS - (Zambia Association of Sisters)
- Zimbabwe – CMRS (Conference of Major Religious Superiors of Zimbabwe)

Dear Sisters,

18th ACWECA PLENARY ASSEMBLY

Greetings of peace and joy in the name of Jesus Christ Our Lord from the Board of Directors of ACWECA, the Secretary General and all those working in the ACWECA Secretariat offices. May the fullness of the Holy Spirit’s gifts be upon you always.
The theme of the 17th ACWECA Plenary Assembly in 2017 was; "Revitalize our Solidarity for deeper evangelisation in today’s complex reality within the Region". Through this theme we were reminded the importance of solidarity in addressing complex realities in our society as consecrated persons.

We were challenged to move away from our comfort zones and reach out to those who need us most; the vulnerable groups of society and to reach out to each other in our various communities, especially those who are in difficult areas through the spirit of the mission of ACWECA. This invites us all “to promote the spirit of collaboration and sharing of spiritual, human and economic resources among member National Associations in order to enhance religious formation and strengthen leadership capacity for deeper evangelization”

As a result of the 17th ACWECA Plenary Assembly, we committed ourselves to implement the 2017-2022 Strategic Plan which comprises of four thematic areas:

- Formation and Mission
- Family and Youth
- Justice, Peace and Integrity for creation
- Organization Development and growth

Therefore, looking at the world today which has become a complex reality; we saw the need to re-awaken our prophetic role as religious women within the ACWECA Region in order to strengthen and deepen our evangelization. There is a great need for re-formation of formation that will bring out holistic transformation that we all desire. As ambassadors for Jesus Christ, we are consecrated in Truth to make a difference amidst the challenges of the world and to remain steadfast as Prophets of today, John 17:16-18. Hence, for the 18th ACWECA Plenary Assembly, we chose the theme: RE-AWAKEN THE PROPHETIC ROLE: “A CALL FOR RE-FORMATION TOWARDS HOLISTIC TRANSFORMATION IN ACWECA REGION TODAY”
The 18th ACWECA Plenary Assembly will take place in Kenya from 22\textsuperscript{nd} to 29\textsuperscript{th} August, 2020. Our Secretary General Sr. Eneless Chimbali, SBVM will be writing to you a letter with more practical and concrete details regarding that Plenary Assembly.

By this letter, I convoke the 18\textsuperscript{th} ACWECA Plenary Assembly. This is a unique opportunity to gather together, to support, to encourage and to share the wisdom of our experiences as Sisters from the ACWECA Region.

Wishing you all God’s abundant blessings,

Sr. M. Cecilia Njeri, LSOSF
PRESIDENT

CC : Board of Directors
     : Secretary Generals of the National Association (Conference of Women Religious Superiors)
     : Chairman of the Association of Member Episcopal Conference of Eastern Africa – AMECEA