15th May, 2020

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 POSTPONEMENT

Greetings 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. It is our hope that you are keeping safe as we also continue to pray for God’s intervention in this pandemic.

On August 23rd, 2019 we announced the dates for the 18th ACWECA Plenary Assembly to take place in Nairobi, Kenya from 22nd to 29th August, 2020. Since then, the ACWECA and AOSK Board of Directors have been working diligently to make it happen. This occasion is supposed to be a unique opportunity to gather together, to support, to encourage and to share the wisdom of our experiences as Sisters from the ACWECA Region.
As you are well aware, due to the Global COVID-19 pandemic, traveling and gathering in most of our Countries is restricted.

During the ACWECA Board zoom meeting which took place on May 14th, 2020, the ACWECA Board unanimously resolved to postpone the Assembly until August 2021.

During the Assembly, new ACWECA President, Deputy President and Board Members are to be appointed. It is also during the Assembly that Delegates decide on the next Host Country. The constitution is silent regarding actions to take during emergencies like this one. Therefore, the ACWECA Board had to make a decision. The current Chairperson and the Board Members will remain in place until we are able to conduct the Assembly in August 2021, God willing. We shall update you as to when this important occasion will take place.

Let us continue to pray for each other and keep healthy.

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