

SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL

National Council of Zambia – Report shared by the National President, Kenny N. Kachali

First and foremost allow me to say thank you to God Almighty for bringing us thus far. Yes differences have been there but despite those flashes of differences we have remained intact just like when we were elected into office on Saturday, 29th July, 2017 and congratulations to you all for the mature way of resolving our differences. The team which was elected and still the same is as follows;

1. Kenny Nyozomo Kachali	-	President
2. Florence Kangalu Sawasawa	-	Vice President
3. Joel Siachalwa	-	Secretary
4. Rosemary ChambalaMulenga	-	Vice Secretary
5. Lengwe Chilufya	-	Treasurer
6. Sandi Justin Mumba	-	Youth Co-coordinator
7. Chibwe Simon	-	Aggregation Officer
8. Stephen Sinyizya	-	Training Officer
9. Banda Jackson	-	Twinning Officer

My brothers and sisters allow me to share with you what has been the outlook for the year 2018 for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in Zambia as follows;

1.0 Updates on the Mpulungu Accident; as you are aware on 29th September 2017 – a terrible accident happened in Mambwe Particular Council in Mbala Central Council and claimed 17 lives on the spot, with the death toll rising to 23 members after others died in Hospitals and 55 with varying injuries. Our Vincentian brothers and sisters from Dublin, East Region have continued to support the accident victims, including the bereaved families, we say thank you. And am happy to report that a four delegation team from National Council attended the first anniversary and unveiling of tombstones for our Brothers and Sisters in Mambwe Mission with the financial support from Dublin East Region

2.0 Visit of the International President General to Zambia; On 2nd March, 2018, Central Councils Presidents came to Lusaka at the invitation of the National Office to discuss their involvement and participation on the visit of President General from 3rd March to 6th March 2018 Br, Renato Lima de Oleveira.

3.0 Appointments members in various Committees

In order to encourage inclusive participation and effective management of the Society affairs in Zambia, we appointed members of this board in various committees and among the notable committees are; Farm Committee, Mufulira Housing Committee, Project Committee, Education and Bursary Committee, Admin Committee and editorial Committee, am however sad to note that some these committees did not live to the expectations, probably we need to go back to the drawing board.

4.0 Visitations/ Elections in some Council

1. Kawambwa CC
2. Livingstone CC
3. Kashishikishi
4. Mongu CC
5. Monze CC – elections were not held but an interim has since been put in place and keenly following developments in Monze
6. Chinsali/ Mpika/ Isoka demarcation
7. Kasama CC
8. Kasama North CC
9. Kashikishi
10. Lusaka South
11. Lusaka East
12. Lusaka West
13. Lusaka South

5.0 VISITATIONS – LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL

1. Samfya CC
2. Monze CC
3. Kabwe
4. Chipatalso. P/C

The National President and the National Youth Co-coordinator attended CIG organized meetings in Salamanca Spain from June 2018, the meetings attended were different and on different dates but same venue in Salamanca

6.0 Trainings

I would like to commend the National Youth Coordinator and the National Training Officer for their relentless efforts in conducting joint trainings in some selected Central Councils with very little financial support from the National Council. These training with local mobilized resources at Central Council levels were conducted in the following CCs as follows;

1. Luena, Chilubi, and Luwingu
2. Mazubuka
3. Lusaka, South, East and West Central Councils
4. Mpika, Chinsali and Isoka
5. Mansa and Samfya

7.0 Re – Appointment of Regional Coordinators

We have re-appointed coordinator, from the 33 Central Councils we have grouped our Country into 7 zones for effective coordination and the following were appointed as follows;

1. Br. Tyson Kalaba – Luapula Regional Coordinator
2. Br. Peter Mutuka – Copperbelt / North Western
3. Br. Katontoka. B. Muchinga Regional Coordinator

4. Br. Dickson Tembo – South West regional Coordinator , for Southern and Western Provinces
5. Br. Chongo, Lusaka, Central East, involving, Lusaka, Eastern and Central Provinces

8.0 Participation in the Laity organized activities

We appointed the National Youth Coordinator to represent National Council as a committee member for the formed committee to celebrate Golden Jubilee since the establishment of the National Council for the Laity which changed its name to the Zambia National Council for the Catholic Laity.

Attended ZNCCL Golden Jubilee celebration held at St. Dominic's Major Seminary

9.0 Revamping Agriculture Production at Ozanam Chisamba Farm

A consultant was engaged to prepare a business and bankable project proposal for the revamping of ChisambaOzanam Farm for onward submission to CGI and other donors and a report has since been done awaits approval.

We appointed a team of three members headed by the Vice President Sr. Sawasawa to supervise the Chisamba farm project and the members are as follows;

- Sr. Sawasawa Florence
- Br. Simon Chibwe
- Br. Stephen Sinyinza

10.0 Ozanam Housing Project; Power has finally been connected by ZESCO and the Blocking making project will soon be started

Renovations have started at the Housing project and so we have managed to buy a freezer, Stove, Beds and mattresses for the four students tenants (boarding house).

11.0 Twinning

The twinning officer has sent a list of Conferences for possible twinning

12.0 Aggregation; The Aggregation Officer, gave about 200 Aggregation forms to the

National President for submissions when he went to attend a meeting in Spain for aggregation and am happy to report that some duplicate Certificates have since been issued.

13.0 Office Administration; we have employed another office assistant by the name of Mrs. Juliet Mwansa Mumba replacing Ms. Priscilla Kaunda

14.0 Death Notices

During the period under review, I wish to sadly inform you that we lost one the dedicated members of Society of St. Vincent de Paul who was also the Mpika Central Council President Br. Alex Makumba died on 7th April, 2018 in a road accident as he was coming from Mporokoso, May his Soul rest in Peace

15.0 Youth Activities

The hardworking youth coordinator provided support during the IPG visit to Zambia and through his proposed initiatives which I call the “**Chester House Initiative**” trainings involving about 13 Central Councils have since benefited from this initiative and

currently is busy organizing PANAMA Trip coming in January 2019 and participants to come from Central Councils but self-sponsored.

16.0 RELATIONSHIP WITH THE CHURCH

The relationship with the church is very good and cordial. This could be attested even to the meeting we had with the Director for the Laity Rt. Rev. Bishop Clement Mulenga - SDB of Kabwe Diocese and the International President General, Br. Renato Lima in March 2018, who called for strengthened relationship with the local organizations such as Caritas - Zambia

17.0 Finances

The treasurer General has continued submitting timely financial reports to the twining and finance committees headed by Michael Bowel and some of the financial reports that have been submitted are;

- The Bursary support financial report
- The Mambwe emergency funeral grant funds
- The Admin support for the last three quarters
- The IPG Visit financial support
- The visitation financial support report etc.
- The Bicycle visitation support funds for the Mpulungu Road accident victims

18.0 RELATIONSHIP NATIONAL COUNCIL DUBLIN EAST REGION

The relationship with Dublin East Region has continued to grow from strengthen to strengthen, however this should not make us too comfortable and relaxed especially on financial support but instead be a reminder that we should be looking at self-sustainable initiatives.

Like elsewhere Dublin East Region has not been spared with global economic effects and we shouldn't be surprised when they decide to cut aid to Zambia. In view of this we should be asking ourselves what next if Dublin cuts the financial support?

19.0 CHALLENGES

During the period under I was saddened that despite sending reminders to Central Councils on the need to share activity reports only a few responded while other Councils were rocked in leadership wrangles and some of those Councils with leadership differences were:

19.1.0 Monze Central Council

19.2.0 Lusaka South Central Council

19.3.0 Chipata Isolated Particular Council

Am happy however to inform you that these leadership differences have since been dealt with and the following interventions have been taken;

19.4.0 Forming of form an interim committee in Monze; an interim committee was put in place and gratitude letters were written to the outgoing executive committee members thanking them for the contributions made to the society

19.5.0 Chipata Isolated Council leadership differences; a reconciliation meeting was held and Br. Lengwe and myself attended this meeting and the wrangles have since been resolved

19.6.0 Lusaka South Central Council leadership differences; the delayed elections for Lusaka South Central Council was held after the leadership of Sr. Maria Banda over stayed in leadership after their term of office expired

19.7.0 Delays in submitting the Chisamba (Ozanam farm) Project to CGI

19.8.0 Retrieval of Farm title deeds from Reeds Company; am afraid if we don't this matter carefully, we will be in serious problems, this matter has been giving me sleepless nights and in moving forward on withholding of titled deeds by Red Sea Company, there is need to write a formal letter to the lawyer to make appointment for a meeting with him on the matter

19.9.0 Nonfunctional of the Project Committee headed by Sr. Zulu

19.10.0 Noncommittal by some Board members

19.11.0 None expansion of Central Councils – such as Solwezi Central Council, Chipata Central Council, Mongu Central Council and Choma ISO. P/C

19.12.0 The issue of Spiritual advisor.(We need a spiritual Director) hasn't been fully resolved

Compiled by

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