About FECCLAHA:
Fellowship of Christian Councils and Churches in the Great Lakes and Horn of Africa (FECCLAHA) is a regional ecumenical organization seeking to provide a platform for sharing perspectives on issues of common concern, particularly regarding peace building and conflict transformation in the Great Lakes and Horn of Africa region.

Officially launched ten years ago in March, 1999; FECCLAHA aims at fostering strong ecumenical cooperation. It encourages its members to take ownership and responsibility for problems in the region and proactively seek solutions to these challenges.

FECCLAHA Membership:
It draws its membership from churches and national councils of churches of nine countries in the Great Lakes and Horn of Africa region. These are: Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda, Sudan, Tanzania, and Uganda.

FECCLAHA Vision:
The creation of communities that are inclusive, harmonious, and living an abundant life in the Great Lakes and Horn of Africa.

FECCLAHA Mission:
To enhance peace and reconciliation in the Great Lakes and Horn of Africa by facilitating ecumenical cooperation and fellowship within the framework of holistic Christian ministry.

FECCLAHA Core Values:
**Human Dignity:** We recognize that all people are created in the image of God and should enjoy abundant life.

**Compassion:** We acknowledge and seek to bring healing and contribute towards building healthy communities through mediation, forgiveness, and reconciliation.

**Justice:** We advocate for equity in accessing services and national resources guided by truth, integrity, and transparency.

**Peace:** We work towards establishment of environments that are secure, where people live in harmony, accept, and respect one another irrespective of their race, ethnicity, religion, gender, and physical status.
Message from the Executive Director

In 2009 FECCLAHA launched its 2009 – 2013 Strategic Plan, a modest attempt to build on our history, experience and lessons to respond to what we consider as the fundamental challenges to peace, justice and conflict transformation in the region. We acknowledge the fact that the strategic plan is a living document and if our history is any guide, it will be challenged and shaped by experience. However in peace and conflict transformation, the Holy Scriptures and our own practice teach us that we need clear signposts. This new strategic plan seeks to do that in a context where we are for the most part choosing to take the road less travelled.

Building on our vision, mission, history, context and the character of our institution, we have elected to focus on the four broad themes, namely:

(a) Peace building;
(b) Governance and Public Accountability;
(c) Human Security; and
(d) Institutional Strengthening and Capacity Building.

Guided by the above themes, in 2009 we continued to engage in various activities that sort to fulfill our mandate of being peace makers in the Great Lakes and Horn of Africa. The following pages present those key initiatives and processes undertaken by FECCLAHA during the reporting year.

I wish to express my appreciation to our members, ecumenical partners, and other stakeholders in peace building within the region and beyond for their continued support and accompaniment.

Fred Nyabera
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Peace building is at the heart of FECCLAHA’s mission and vision. The organization, in collaboration with other ecumenical partners and like-minded organizations, has continued to support peace and conflict transformation initiatives in the Great Lakes and Horn of Africa region. Under this thematic area of focus, the organization’s strategic goal is pursuing social justice and sustainable peace in the region. The following is an account of the activities performed under peace building that the organization has continued to engage with in the region.

Currently, FECCLAHA continues its efforts towards the release of over 400 women and children and some Lord’s Resistance Army (LRA) ex-combatants who have expressed the wish to be voluntarily disarmed, demobilized, rehabilitated, resettled, and reintegrated. FECCLAHA has also continued its advocacy with the LRA High Command for a cessation of attacks on civilians and the closure of the Northern Uganda peace process through the signing of a unilateral declaration of the cessation of hostilities. Additionally, FECCLAHA is advocating for the signing of the FPA by General Joseph Kony in the presence of the United Nations (UN) Special Envoy for the LRA Affected Area and other stakeholders.

2. The Ecumenical Peace Initiative on Eastern Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)

In collaboration with the All Africa Conference of Churches (AACC), FECCLAHA co-facilitated for church leaders from Burundi, DRC, Rwanda, and Kenya to engage in shuttle ecumenical diplomacy. This was in a bid to mitigate in the Eastern DRC conflict.

The ecumenical delegation met with President Paul Kagame of Rwanda and President Joseph Kabila of the DRC in November 2008 and with the National Congress for the Defence of the People (CNDP), which was then under the leadership of General Laurent Nkunda, in the first week of January 2009.

In addition, the delegation held meetings with the facilitators of the Eastern DRC Peace Process. These were: His Excellency Olusegun Obasanjo—the United Nations Special Envoy for the Great Lakes Region; His Excellency Benjamin Mkapa—the African Union/International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (IC/GLR) Envoy; Ambassador Liberata Mulamula—the Executive Secretary of the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (IC/GLR); and Ambassador Rodard Van Degeer—the European Union (EU) and Ambassador to the Great Lakes Region.

The objectives of these meetings were to give impetus to the churches engagement and accompaniment of the DRC peace process and the nascent democracy; dialogue with the strategic stakeholders on the various ways of fostering peace and reconciliation in the DRC; share the ecumenical experiences with the aforementioned strategic personalities and explore avenues of collaboration; assess and gain greater understanding of the CNDP’s grievances and dialogue with the movement on ways of fostering peace in the country; and dialogue with and encourage the CNDP to seize the opportunity offered by the Nairobi peace negotiations to put to an end the current political crisis.
Prior to the above mentioned process, the delegation met in Nairobi for a preparatory meeting and for an evaluation meeting after the first round of the shuttle diplomacy. Through the shuttle diplomacy the communication channels between the ecumenical stakeholders and the key actors in the Eastern DRC peace process was highly strengthened. In addition, the initiative gave impetus to the churches engagement and accompaniment of the peace process. The ecumenical diplomacy of conflict management has also contributed to the progress noted in the restoration of diplomatic relations between Rwanda and the DRC.

3. Living Letters Mission in Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)

FECLLAHA participated in a Living Letters solidarity visit organized by the World Council of Churches (WCC) which aimed at visiting different parts of the DRC which are: South and North Kivu (Bukavu and Goma); Nkaba (Kimbagist Church); Bas-Congo; and Kasai-Oriental area.

Living letters is an initiative by the WCC whose aim is to visit areas affected by different calamities to personally meet and talk to survivors. The large team usually from different ecumenical bodies is divided into small ecumenical teams, comprising of 4-5 people, are expected to listen, learn, and share approaches and challenges in overcoming violence and peacemaking.

FECLLAHA was part of the team that visited South-Kivu (Bukavu) and North-Kivu (Goma). The team of four comprising of representatives from WCC, Finn Church Aid, and a journalist had various meetings with senior church leaders, governors, and deputy governors of both regions. In addition to this, they visited organizations like Panzi Hospital and Centre d’Assistance Medicho-Psycho-Social (CAMPS), organizations best known for offering reconstruction and psychosocial support to survivors of sexual violence in Bukavu. They also had an opportunity to visit and pray with a group of displaced families living in camps and in the town.

These were worthwhile visits for FECLLAHA as they will inform her continued commitment towards accompanying the work in Panzi Hospital in Bukavu and the introduction of the Tamar Campaign in the province and beyond.

i) Solidarity Visit - Women’s Conference in Kinshasa

The solidarity visit was followed by a women’s conference that was held in Kinshasha titled ‘Transformative Leadership for Peace, Healing, and Reconciliation’. Women and church leaders from different parts of the country and denominations, most of whom were members of ECC, were in attendance. During the conference, the General Secretary of the WCC Dr. Sam Kobia gave a presentation on ‘Transformative Leadership on Peace, Healing and Reconciliation’. Present also were other partners of FECLLAHA, like Dr. Andre Karamaga, the General Secretary of the All Africa Conference of Churches (AACC) and other women and Church leaders representing different regions and denominations in the DRC.

The workshop was important as it gave a platform upon which the women and church leaders would voice their concerns on DRC to the General Secretary of WCC. It also created space for the women to network with other women leaders from other countries in the region and provinces within DRC.

This was worthwhile for FECLLAHA as it creates a platform upon which efforts towards spreading the Tamar Campaign and discussions on Resolution 1325 and 1820 can take place.

4. Inter-faith collaboration and cooperation for peace: Christian-Muslim Religious leaders on peace building in the Horn of Africa

FECLLAHA was involved in organizing a religious leaders’ meeting representing the Christian Muslim faiths from the Inter-Governmental Authority on Development (IGAD) countries. The participants, comprising mainly of religious leaders, deliberated upon a wide range of issues related to peace, security, and stability in the Horn of Africa within the context of inter-faith relations in the region. The focus of the discussions revolved around conflicts in Somalia, Sudan, and Northern Uganda. From the discussions, it was evident that the crises caused by these conflicts in these countries had caused a stagnant economy and rampant poverty, mistrust and suspicion, massive violation of human rights and other policies of exclusions and marginalization.

The religious leaders of the region agreed to continuously sustain and intensify their prayers for the region while continuing to engage in sincere inter-faith dialogue, trust building and collaboration for peace. They committed themselves to engaging in value based holistic civic education, establishing linkages with the African Union (AU) and IGAD and engaging in humanitarian assistance to the affected population among many other resolutions that they adopted at the end of the meeting.

This meeting was the fruit of the joint efforts of the Ethiopian Government, the AU, the Ethiopian interfaith Platform, his Holiness the Patriarch Abuna Paulos, the African Council of Religious Leaders (ACRL), the AACC, and FECLLAHA.

This meeting greatly strengthened the Horn of Africa Religious Leaders Peace Initiative, which FECLLAHA has been part of from the very beginning.

5. Accompanying Inter-religious Forum of Kenya to publish a research on “The Root Causes of the Post-Election Violence in Kenya”

FECLLAHA also accompanied the Inter-religious Forum of Kenya in the publishing a research entitled “The Root Causes of the Post-Election Violence in Kenya”. The research was carried out after the post-election violence took place in Kenya with the aim of forming a road map towards healing and reconciliation for the country.
6. Contextual Bible Study Manual on Peace Building and Reconciliation

FECLLAHA is in the process of developing and publishing a Contextual Bible Study Manual on Peace and Reconciliation. This manual aims at creating an affirming environment in which to address issues of community discord. The manual, which contains reflections from a team of scholars and theologians from Eastern, Western, and Southern Africa as well as the United States of America (USA), provides a theological framework to discuss critical issues, while facilitating interface between Biblical narratives and personal stories of those participating in the study. It allows participants to explore Biblical stories of conflict to facilitate for better understanding of personal narratives of violence. This then creates a safe space for discussion, healing, and reconciliation.

Unique in this Bible Study is it highlights the stories of “everyday people” who lead extraordinary efforts of reconciliation in their communities. The men and women highlighted in this section of the text offer their stories of triumph from all over the Great Lakes and Horn of Africa region. As the book’s purpose is in line with his ministry and witness, Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu endorsed the project and wrote the Foreword for the text.

7. Regional Youth Peace-Building Programme

Regional Youth Peace Building Workshop

A one day Regional Youth Workshop on Peace Building took place in September, 2009 in Nairobi Kenya. It brought together 16 young men and women from the Great Lakes and the Horn of Africa region. These include Burundi, DRC, Rwanda, Ethiopia, Kenya, Sudan, Tanzania, and Uganda. They also had a representative from the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region/Kenya (IC/GLR). The youth workshop created a safe learning platform upon which the youth could share challenges and lessons learned in their peace building work in their respective countries. They were able to review and strategize on their progress, familiarize themselves with FECLLAHA’s 2009-2013 Strategic plan and map out ways they can collaborate with FECLLAHA.

The workshop was a major step for FECLLAHA region as it created an opportunity to bring together youth from the Great Lakes and Horn of Africa Region. Moreover, it was unique as the youth had the opportunity to join in the organisation’s Annual General Meeting and engage with other members who attended the Regional Ecumenical Forum (REF).

FECLLAHA’s Executive Committee paid a courtesy visit to the youth workshop where they were encouraged to be peace ambassadors in the region and to participate in deliberations on peace building in the region. Their engagement at the REF was also a learning experience and an opportunity for FECLLAHA constituency to know the work that the youth in the region were involved in. This workshop also gave the youth an opportunity to present their concerns and thoughts to the church leaders through their presentation.
FECLLAHA, through the advocacy and research desk and in collaboration with national and regional institutions, and the ecumenical family, has continually worked towards empowering citizens to hold their governments accountable and responsive to their needs and rights. The following is an account of various activities that FECLLAHA has participated in:

I. Project on the Disarmament, Demobilization, Rehabilitation, Resettlement and Reintegration (DDRRR) of all Foreign Armed Groups and Refugees Living in Eastern Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)

Initiated by the Church of Christ in Congo (ECC) – South Kivu and the support of FECLLAHA and GLEF, the project works towards the voluntary disarmament, demobilization, and repatriation of all foreign armed groups and refugees living in Eastern DRC.

i. The Fourth Steering Committee Meeting on Voluntary Repatriation of Refugees and Foreign Armed Groups Living in Eastern Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)

The Fourth Steering Committee meeting on the Voluntary Repatriation of Refugees and Foreign Armed Groups project was held to receive a progress report on the ongoing repatriation process in Eastern DRC. The Committee also deliberated upon the political and security situation in DRC and the Great Lakes region with a special focus on the future of the project in light of recent developments in DRC and the region. This took place in Bukavu, DRC in April, 2009.

The Committee urged the Church of Christ in Congo (ECC) to enhance the sensitization and mobilization of refugees and armed groups living in Eastern DRC for Disarmament, Demobilization, Repatriation, Resettlement, and Reintegration (DDRRR). The ECC was also urged to provide more transit centres/camps for refugees and combatants willing to be voluntarily repatriated and to enhance partnership with the government in the DDRRR project.

The establishment of an International Criminal Tribunal for the DRC and the appointment of a United Nations (UN) Special Envoy for the FDLR affected areas was also discussed. It was proposed that the Special Envoy obtain two deputies drawn from the DRC and Rwanda. The Committee also called on the international community to sustain advocacy for durable solutions to the FDLR and Rwandese refugees’ problem in the DRC. These include voluntary repatriation and resettlement in other countries. The communiqué from the meeting was shared widely including with a visiting team from the United Nations Security Council.

FECLLAHA supported the voluntary repatriation project implemented by the Church of Christ in Congo (ECC) and worked cooperatively with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR). The UNHCR repatriated 14,469 Rwandan civilians in 2009. The big number of Rwandan civilians repatriated by the UNHCR in 2009 is attributed to the sensitization and mobilization done by the project by ECC which included the provision of transit camps and other logistical support.

2. Research on the Politics of Identity and Exclusion: Citizenship, Nationhood and Belonging in the Great Lakes Region

FECLLAHA in collaboration with Life and Peace Institute (LPI) are carrying out a research on the ‘politics of identity and exclusion: citizenship, nationhood, and belonging’. This is in response to a request from churches in the Great Lakes region during a conference in 2005. The research findings will facilitate for a deeper understanding of the various constructions of identity and their manipulation for political gain.

The Second GLEF Summit received an update of the study process and affirmed it. A pilot phase in the DRC has been undertaken and a report is set to be released in the first quarter of 2010.

3. Engagement of Civil Society Organizations with Governments and Multilateral Institutions to support implementation of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA)

There have been concerted efforts to support the full implementation of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA). The Sudan Council of Churches (SCC), a member of FECLLAHA, presented a communiqué during their General Assembly and an appeal for the full implementation of the CPA in August and October, 2009 respectively.

“\textit{This is what the Lord says: Do what is just and right. Rescue from the hand of his oppressor the one who has been robbed. Do no wrong or violence to the alien, the fatherless or the widow, and do not shed innocent blood in this place.}” 
(Jeremiah 22: 2-4)
Additionally, the SCC core group meetings and the Sudan Ecumenical Forum (SEF) meetings in March, August, and November, 2009 have engaged with the governments of Sudan and Southern Sudan. They have also engaged with the friends of the Inter Governmental Authority on Development (IGAD) and guarantors of the CPA noting the delays in the implementation of key aspects of the agreement. They urged all stakeholders to exercise caution and vigilance and ensure full implementation of the CPA.

4. Great Lakes Ecumenical Forum (GLEF)

GLEF is a platform that was jointly formulated by FECCLAHA and the AACC supported by church leaders from Burundi, DRC, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda and other strategic partners in the region. Among other objectives, GLEF creates a common ground for advocacy, dialogue, and co-operation for peace building and reconciliation in the region for the ecumenical family in the Great Lakes Region and beyond.

i. Great Lakes Ecumenical Forum (GLEF) Core Group Meetings

FECCLAHA co-hosted the Fourth GLEF Core Group meeting that was held in Nairobi, Kenya in February 2009. During the meeting, the different country representatives gave a deep analysis of the prevailing political, economic and social situation in their countries as well as how it relates to the entire region. Some of the major outcomes of the meeting were:

- Support to the project on voluntary repatriation of refugees and armed groups living in Eastern DRC;
- A call for deeper analysis of the root causes of the forced expulsions of foreigners living in Burundi;
- Deliberations on the possible need for a solidarity visit to Burundi; and
- The need to consider the regional implications of the FDLR combatants dispersed into DRC forests by the joint military offensive of the Armed Forces of the Democratic Republic of Congo (FARDC) and the Rwanda Defence Force (RDF).

This meeting was followed by the fifth GLEF Core Group Meeting that was held in May 2009. The main aim of the meeting was to review the coordination of the forum in light of the institutionalization of the focal point persons and to set the date for future core group meetings. It was resolved that the AACC would host the coordination of the same for the next two years.

Members also sought to review their engagement with some regional inter-governmental bodies to facilitate discerning the role of the church in impacting meaningfully on national and regional policies being put in place for the benefit of the people.

ii. Second Great Lakes Ecumenical Forum (GLEF) Summit

The Second GLEF Summit that was held in Kigali in May 2009 discussed at length the politics of identity and exclusion: citizenship, nationhood, and belonging in the Great Lakes region. It also focused on the illegal exploitation of natural resources and the role of the Church in turning bountiful resources of the region into a blessing where they addressed the nexus between the illegal exploitation of natural resources and sexual gender based violence in Eastern DRC. This resonates with FECCLAHA’s focus during the Regional Ecumenical Forum (REF) held in Nairobi, Kenya in September, 2009 where the ecumenical forum committed to develop an effective regional ecumenical advocacy on natural resource governance/management.

Gathering together over 50 participants drawn from: Churches and national councils of churches in Burundi, DRC, Rwanda, Tanzania, and Uganda, the Summit attracted lively deliberations and reflections on solutions to the problems in the region. This included discussions on the FDLR problem in Eastern DRC coupled with the failure of the government in DRC to establish state authority throughout the country. These were viewed as possible threats to regional peace and security.

The following decisions were taken regarding the future engagement of the forum.

- A focus on natural resource governance in the region: This was with the aim of checking the illegal exploitation of natural resources and to halt the resource curse. This also includes examination of the nexus between the illegal exploitation of natural resources and sexual gender based violence in Eastern DRC. There was also a proposal for regional advocacy on natural resource governance and the facilitation of sharing of best practices in the five countries;
- A search for durable solutions to the FDLR problem in Eastern DRC: This includes increased support to the ongoing project on the voluntary repatriation of refugees and armed groups living in Eastern DRC. There were overwhelming proposals from many country delegations for the government of Rwanda to engage in dialogue with the FDLR towards a peaceful resolution of the conflict and an end to the suffering of Congolese civilians. However, this was rejected by the Rwandese delegation; and
- Accompaniment of churches and governments in the forthcoming elections in the region: Burundi (2010); Rwanda (2010); Tanzania (2010); DRC (2011); and Uganda (2011); and the study on the politics of identity and exclusion: citizenship, nationhood and belonging in the Great Lakes region.

In attendance also were parliamentarians from the Amani Forum – The Great Lakes Parliamentary Forum on Peace; ecumenical partners; the IC/GLR; and other invited guests. This year also had an improved representation of women and youth from the five GLEF countries.

iii. Orientation of Great Lakes Ecumenical Forum (GLEF) Focal Point Persons

The GLEF Focal Point persons appointed by the National Council of Churches of Burundi (CNEB), the Protestant Council of Rwanda
(CPR), the Church of Christ in Congo (ECC) and the United Methodist Church of Congo met in Nairobi, Kenya from 4th to 6th August 2009 for their orientation to GLEF. The orientation, co-facilitated by FECCLAHA and AACC, focused on the following areas: introduction to the ecumenical movement; the vision, mission, history and past achievements of GLEF; strategic partners and the mandate from the Second GLEF Summit; the role of GLEF focal point persons; the Great Lakes conflict system: the epicentre of the conflict system and current developments, regional issues of concern, interventions and key actors in the region, strategic continental and regional governance institutions and actors; the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (IC/GLR): Pact on Security, Stability and Development in the Great Lakes and Protocols; and advocacy.

The GLEF focal point persons then developed work plans that cover the period to the next GLEF Summit set to be held in 2010. This was essential as it not only facilitates for a smooth transition but also maps the way forward for GLEF.

5. International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (IC/GLR)

i. Visit to the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (IC/GLR) Secretariat:

A delegation from the FECCLAHA secretariat visited the IC/GLR Secretariat in Bujumbura, Burundi on 7th July 2009 with the aim of reviewing the engagement FECCLAHA and GLEF has had with IC/GLR. The delegation that met with Ambassador Liberata Mulamula, the Executive Secretary, charted out new commitments in line with the organizations’ strategic plans and vision for the Great Lakes region. It agreed that the two organizations would develop a memorandum of understanding to formalize their long relationship and facilitate effective undertaking of complementary cooperation in peace and security issues, projects and programmes in the Great Lakes region and Horn of Africa. A draft memorandum of understanding is now under consideration by the two organizations.

ii. Participation in the Third Summit of the Heads of State and Government of the IC/GLR

Bishop Dieudonné Mbaya Tshiakany, the FECCLAHA Chairperson, had the opportunity to underscore FECCLAHA’s position and recommendations on the approach to end the FDLR problem in Eastern DRC during the summit of the Heads of State and Government of the IC/GLR that took place in Lusaka, Zambia from 6th to 10th August, 2009. The Chair was responding to the summit’s special emphasis to the search for a regional approach to end the problem of the FDLR in the DRC and that of the Lord’s Resistance Army/Movement (LRA/M). He also briefed the summit of the efforts that the organization was taking towards the closure of the Northern Uganda conflict. These efforts are strategic as they strengthen the organization’s focus on Track II ecumenical diplomacy of conflict management as stated in FECCLAHA’s strategic plan 2009 – 2013.

Closely related to this, the Chair, Bishop Dieudonne Tshiakany also represented the organization and GLEF in the Southern Africa Development Community (SADC) Heads of State and Government Summit. This was held in Kinshasa, DRC from 7th to 8th September, 2009 with the theme ‘Security for Development’. The Bishop also participated in the Civil Society Forum where he highlighted the need to address the illegal exploitation of natural resources in the DRC and the nexus it has with sexual gender based violence, an area of focus as stated in FECCLAHA’s strategic plan.
The Great Lakes and Horn of Africa region is characterized by multifaceted threats facing the populations in the region. This is as a result of the continual civil wars, genocide, and displacement of populations in the region. The Human Security thematic focus within FECCLAHA aims at addressing the threats to security for humans like Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALWs) and the underlying causes of the conflict in the region, for example illegal exploitation of natural resources.

I. Consolidation of peace building in post-peace settlement Burundi: Promotion of legal protection mechanisms for exposed groups

FECCLAHA in partnership with Dan Church Aid (DCA) and working closely with the National Council of Churches of Burundi (CNEB) has continued her efforts towards strengthening of the legal framework in Burundi for the prevention of sexual violence and the protection of women and children from sexual violence. Through the Women, Family, and AIDS department in CNEB, FECCLAHA has facilitated for improvement of a legal framework in Burundi for the prevention of sexual violence and protection of women and children from sexual violence.

The first phase of the programme was commission of a research on Burundian legislation as well as mapping out existing Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) providing psycho social support to victims of SGBV. The research was to identify the legislation’s strengths and weaknesses, gaps in its implementation, map out organizations and relevant stakeholders to partner with in addressing SGBV, and gather specific contextual information to guide in the implementation of the project.

This phase was then followed by a stakeholder’s workshop where the findings were presented to Church leaders and various CSOs representatives present in the meeting. This was also a platform upon which the participants and facilitators discussed about the IC/GLR protocol and its relevance to the Burundian community. The Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Human Rights and Gender, Mrs. Scholastique Ndihoreye presided over the opening ceremony. Present also were Bishop Dieudonne Mbaya Tshiakany, the Chairperson of FECCLAHA, and Reverend Isaac Bimpenda, the President of CNEB.
The third phase of the process was hosting a conference with the aim of mapping out a national campaign strategy and working plan for 3 years, until 2012. This would ensure sustainability of the programme. Through a facilitated approach, the participants deliberated upon an appropriate strategy to aid in ensuring the implementation of the law. Currently, plans are underway to produce advocacy and campaign materials for use to commemorate the International Women’s Day on 8th March, 2010.

The result of this process is that firstly, the voice of the church is prominent in the fight against SGBV. Secondly, with the initial efforts in place and a three year advocacy strategy, CNEB is in a position to continue the work as an equal partner to other CSOs in Burundi as regards addressing SGBV in the country.

2. Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALWs)

For decades, small arms and light weapons are tools that have been used to threaten security in the region. Their easy movement across borders not only fuels wars, conflicts, and genocides in the region, but also facilitates for illegal exploitation of natural resources, one of the underlying causes of conflict in the region. The SALWs programme is aimed at enhancing knowledge of small arms and light weapons in the Great Lakes and Horn of Africa as well as its related impacts on different segments of society. It explores appropriate policy options, supports individual members/initiatives on small arms and light weapons and influences our constituency agenda in order to prioritize small arms and light weapons work.

i. East African Action Network on Small Arms (EAANSA)

Strategic plan Development and Board meeting

FECLAHIA in seeking to add the voice of the church in the fight against proliferation of small arms and light weapons engages with various working groups and partners. This places it strategically as a partner in playing its role as a partner in the efforts to curb the vice in the region. EAANSA is one of the bodies that the organization closely collaborates with in addressing SALWs in the region. FECLAHIA is a member of a Working Group that serves as a technical committee of EAANSA, an umbrella body of civil society organizations in East Africa working in the field of human security.

ii. Strategic Planning meeting

The board members together with representatives from the Nairobi based working group on small arms, which FECLAHIA is part of, and RECSA engaged in the process of developing a five year strategic plan that is to run from 2009-2013 and the vision to run EAANSA. The strategic plan is the tool that is being used to extrapolate a two year work plan to be implemented in 2009-2010.

The Four broad objective areas of focus for EAANSA over the next five years are:

- To strengthen and ensure the effective running of the EAANSA network;
- To facilitate for effective delivery of EAANSA Mission;
- To influence policies and actions on Arms;
- To manage the EAANSA secretariat effectively.

A consensus was reached on the EAANSA mandate for the 2009-2013 period as: Promoting actions of civil society; and influencing the management of arms problem.

This clarifies the role of EAANSA as a convening and facilitating network of members through its regional and national network platform as well as through individual CSO actions.

The mission according to the constitution is to contribute towards the ‘achievements of a more just and violent free environment, sustainable peace, development, human security and respect of human rights’.

iii. Conference of Religious Leaders on conventional weapons June 2009

FECLAHIA in collaboration with African Council of Religious Leaders (ACRL) jointly held a meeting to deliberate upon small arms and light weapons. Religious leaders drawn from the FECLAHIA sub-region came together with government officials and civil society organizations at the Conference of Religious Leaders on Conventional Weapons: Small Arms and Landmines, in Nairobi, Kenya on 16-18 June 2009. The Conference had two goals: to strengthen existing disarmament projects that are being conducted by faith communities, and also to initiate new ones. By encouraging active participation and sharing, this Conference was also an opportunity for information sharing, communication and partnership.

In order to achieve these goals, the conference had the following objectives:

- To explore the sources and effects of small arms proliferation and landmine use globally and in the sub-region;
- To explore, as well as compare and contrast some of the legal responses and frameworks to these weapons;
To understand responses from faith communities and others and from their experiences, identify lessons learned, challenges, and successful practices;

To identify urgent areas for action and understand the role that Religions for Peace members can fill.

Importantly, the Conference invited faith-based organizations or leaders currently implementing projects on those subjects to share their success stories and the challenges that they have encountered in their work, as well as identify urgent areas of further need. It was aimed that the conference participants build on that experience to develop their own strategies for action both in cooperation with one another and independently.

3. Tamar Campaign

Tamar Campaign is an initiative within FECCAHA that seeks to challenge and equip the church to not only acknowledge the existence of GBV but also speak out against the vice in the society. Launched in 2005, the initiative seeks to respond to the plight of the women whose bodies have continually been used as the battle field leaving them wounded. Using contextual bible studies, Tamar campaign offers a tool that church leaders can use to provide safe spaces and opportunities for healing for survivors of GBV. The following is a brief account of the initiative’s engagements this year.

i. Joint Assessment of FECCAHA and Nairobi Women’s Hospital-Gender Violence Recovery Centre in Eastern DRC (Bukavu)

The Tamar Campaign sought to facilitate an engagement between the personnel of Panzi Hospital in Bukavu and Nairobi Women’s Hospital-Gender Violence Recovery Centre (GVRC). The objective of this was to develop a program between the two institutions that allows Panzi Hospital staff to receive support that will ensure that they are able to continue to work in this dreadful context. Additionally, the Tamar campaign would continue to engage with its niche; equipping church leaders in Bukavu to speak out against these atrocities and develop programs that facilitate space for spiritual support and healing to the survivors and family members who are equally affected. This took place in April, 2009 in Bukavu Eastern DRC where the Deputy Programmes Manager- Gender Violence Recovery Center, GVRC Counselor, and representatives from FECCAHA participated. The following were the recommendations made after the assessment:

- There is a dire need for trained counselors to offer psychological interventions not only to the survivors of rape but also to their family members. Therefore through developing a comprehensive relationship between Nairobi Women’s Hospital (GVRC) and Panzi Hospital, both organizations will detail ways which both can provide support and share expertise;
- The need to create a well established networking system to avoid duplication of services. A forum that brings together various actors responding to sexual violence in Bukavu so as to establish and strengthen areas of competence of each organization;
- The nature and effects of sexual violence and HIV awareness needs to be intensified for the Religious leaders. The church is an institution well established and widely accepted in Bukavu to be used to reach out to a wide spectrum of the community;
- The need to have Post Exposure Prophylaxes (PEP) and Anti-Retroviral Treatment (ART) readily and consistently available to ensure that HIV&AIDS infections are minimized and treatment and management is optimized in the case of infections. There were also discussions on the administration of emergency contraception, like PEP 72 hours after the sexual assault;
- Support Church of Christ in Congo (ECC) efforts with Tamar Campaign;
- Using the data collected for sensitization efforts starting with religious leaders in Bukavu; with the aim of reaching to other areas.

The team that carried out an assessment in Bukavu, Eastern DRC that will aid to facilitate future engagements of FECCAHA, Gender Violence Recovery Centre (GVRC) and the Panzi Hospital. From the left: Ms. Alberta Wambua (GVRC), Rev. Shelvis Smith-Mather (FECCAHA), Ms. Judy Waruhiu (FECCAHA), Dr. Denis Mukwege (Panzi Hospital), Ms. Ruth Naitore Kimaathi (GVRC), and Prof. Justin Kahanga (Centre d’Assistance Medico Psycho-Sociale (Camps) - CELPA)
The above recommendations are informing the continued work in Eastern DRC, with a workshop set to happen with the aim of creating a platform for reflections on the role of the church in supporting the institutions and the link on GBV, HIV/AIDS, and masculinity.

ii. Exposure visit of the Congolese women Peace Builders in Uganda

A delegation of women from Church of Christ in Congo (ECC) visited the Uganda Joint Christian Council (UJCC). The aim of the exchange programme was to expose 10 DRC women who would learn from the Ugandan women on conflict situation and coping mechanisms. This exchange also gave the women from DRC an opportunity to acquire knowledge and skills to empower them economically. The exposure also empowered the women in DRC with knowledge, information and strategies in the fight against HIV/AIDS.

iii. Translation of Tamar Campaign Manual to Kiswahili and planned Revised Edition

The Tamar manual has continued to be a valuable tool in the region. First published in 2007 in English and French, it has now been translated to various languages including Amharic which is beneficial for the members in Eritrea and Ethiopia. In conjunction with the Young Women Christian Association (YWCA) in Dar-es-Salaam, the Tamar Contextual Bible Study manual has now been translated and published in Kiswahili. This is pertinent as it facilitates widening of the scope of use within the Kenyan and Tanzanian population.

iv. 16 Days of Activism against Gender Violence 2009: Commit. Act. Demand

This is an international annual event that is commemorated annually and FECLLAHA has been involved in the same celebrations since 2005. This year’s activities were pegged on the rallying theme “Commit. Act. Demand”. Led by the Ecumenical Initiative on HIV& AIDS (EHAIA) the ecumenical organizations formed a coalition named “Churches United Against Gender Based Violence” in which they organized different activities throughout the celebrations. These organizations included Norwegian Church Aid (NCA), Organizations of African Instituted Churches (OAIC); African Network of Religious Leaders Living with or Personally Affected by HIV/AIDS (ANERELA); Ecumenical Disability Advocates Network (EDAN); among others. The following are some of the activities that were carried out:

- A Church service at Kibera Slums in Kenya: FECCLAHA was involved in organizing a church service that took place in Kibera Slums in Kenya where a group of about 30 Church leaders gathered for prayers to commemorate 16 Days of Activism against Gender Violence. There was a sermon drawing a nexus between the Joseph story and the Bible passage on the Woman caught in adultery drawn from John 7:53-8:11. The aim of the sermon was to draw and discuss positive masculinity as a way forward in preventing perpetration of gender based violence (GBV).

In addition to this, there was a presentation from a service provider who partnered with the ecumenical coalition aiding with capacity building for pastors. The pastors were helped in understanding the steps to take while dealing with a rape survivor to facilitate obtaining timely medical, psychosocial, and legal help in good time. This was beneficial information as the pastors are in a better position to respond or advise their congregation members on what to do in situations of sexual violation.

From the discussions, the pastors alluded to the fact that GBV, especially domestic violence, was a concern in that area. In addition to the sermon and presentation, there was edutainment where short skits from a youth group in the Church and a puppetry from one of the partner organizations. These facilitated the unpacking and further reflections on the message against GBV in Kibera. There was Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) material that was distributed to the pastors with information on organizations that address different aspects surrounding GBV. The pastors expressed their interest in a continued collaboration in addressing this vice with the Churches United against Gender Based Violence. This is a worthwhile initiative that managed to benefit the grass root community.

Joint Interdenominational Prayer for Peace in the Horn of Africa: FECLLAHA and AACC and in collaboration with other ecumenical organizations hosted a church service that was held at the All Saints Cathedral Church in Nairobi, Kenya. The aim of the event was to dedicate special prayers for Peace for the Horn of Africa region. This was also to commemorate the International Human Rights Day and mark the end of the 16 Days of Activism against Gender Violence celebrations. Among those present were the AACC Vice President, the Most Reverend Robert Abaagye – Mensah; and His Grace the Most Reverend Benjamin Nzimbi among others. Represented were members from the Catholic Church (AMECEA); OAIC; AACC; FECLLAHA; EHAIA; among others. Rev. Dr. Japhet Ndhlovu gave a sermon calling increased peace efforts in the Horn of Africa. This formed a platform upon which the ecumenical family can stand in solidarity with different countries in the region.
FECCLAHA continues to work with other ecumenical and international organizations in jointly deliberating on common concerns in the region. As a learning organization, networking and partnership with other organizations addressing issues of common interest is of paramount importance. The following are some opportunities for learning, networking, and partnership.

I. Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALWs): Working Towards 2012: Southern and East Africa Action for a Strong Arms Trade Treaty

FECCLAHA was represented in a meeting hosted for the civil society from the Southern African Development Economic Community (SADC), Great Lakes, and Horn of Africa on “Working towards 2012 United Nations Conference on an Arms Trade Treaty” which was held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia in December 2009. Among other things, the meeting’s objective was to prepare civil society input to the Regional Governmental workshop on an Arms Trade Treaty (ATT) and to deepen the knowledge and capacity of the participants on an ATT. During the workshop, participants had the opportunity to share best practices and skills in lobbying and campaigning, with emphasis on elements that are required for a strong and robust ATT, as agreed by the UN resolution 64/391 of the 2nd December 2009.

The civil society organisations represented committed to support Governments to input effectively into the ATT process at the United Nations. This will facilitate for the world to develop peacefully without the threat posed by lack of international regulations to effectively control conventional weapons.

The meeting was hosted by the United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Africa (UNREC), the International Action Network on Small Arms (IANSA), and Oxfam International. It drew participants from Angola, Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya, Malawi, Mozambique, Rwanda, Somalia, South Africa, Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda, and Zambia. There were special guests from Ghana and Sweden with resource persons from the organising organisations. A representative from the African Union addressed the workshop.

At the end of the workshop, the participants called on their respective governments in SADC, Great Lakes, and Horn of Africa:

- To actively participate in the United Nations Institute on Disarmament Research/ European Union (INIDIR/EU) workshop in Addis Ababa;
- To work closely with civil society in developing their positions on an ATT;
- To request all SADC and RECSA member states to support the ATT process at the UN;
- To actively involve women in the ATT process in accordance with the UN SCR 1325.

i. The Global Week of Action against Gun Violence

The conference took place during the Global Week of Action on Gun Violence, as coordinated by the International Action Network on Small Arms (IANSA), a global civil society group. Each year activists around the world use the Global Week of Action against Gun Violence to raise awareness, campaign for better gun laws and push for stronger regulation of the global arms trade.

The East African Action Network on Small Arms (EAANSA) working group, of which FECCLAHA is a member had been requested to assist in the organization of this conference and have its constituency represented as well as make a presentation at the meeting. The presentation was on Disarmament and Development that aimed at addressing the important connection in understanding the link to development. It also aimed at reflecting on solutions to conflict, including disarmament policies or actions that protect the women and the men.

The priority issues that emerged during the discussion were governance and security, gender and disarmament, the demand for Small Arms and Light Weapons and the link between disarmament and development. It was recognized that global warming and climate change is negatively affecting the entire sub-Saharan Africa rendering communities even more vulnerable. The communiqué called for efforts for holistic solutions that consider interrelated factors and emphasize a human security-based approach like alternative livelihoods.

2. Inter-religious initiative in the Horn of Africa: Seminar on Somalia

FECCLAHA, in collaboration with ACRL and LPI, organized a seminar focusing on new developments emerging from the Somalia peace efforts scene. Present at the meeting were international ecumenical partners of FECCLAHA, as well as religious leaders from the Horn and other actors playing a role in the peace process. The aim of this meeting was to strategize on how the three organizations can engage and partner with regarding issues on Somalia.

3. Regional Youth in Peace Building: Global Network of Religion for Children (GNRC-Africa) - Youth Peace Building Training

In the continued quest to learn, FECCLAHA was represented in the Global Network of Religions for Children (GNRC-Africa) youth clubs seminar that was held in Zanzíbar under the theme titled “Lasting Peace between People, Communication, Environment, and Ethics”. This was worthwhile for FECCLAHA as it was a learning platform
for the organisation as it sets out to launch the School Peace Clubs pilot project in Kenya. Currently, in collaboration with Tact Africa, a consulting firm in Kenya, a Youth Peace Building manual has been compiled awaiting implementation in selected secondary schools within Nairobi in the following year.

The conference in Zanzibar hosted various youths representing different youth clubs in Tanzania, mainly from schools in Arusha, Dar-es-Salaam, and Pemba Island. The aim of the training was to create a platform upon which the youths are given the opportunity to exchange ideas on various topics. There were facilitators to coordinate the sessions; these included the Norwegian Church Aid (NCA-Tanzania) office through the Communication for Change Programme (CFC).

4. Tamar Campaign: Fundraising Gala
   Nairobi Women’s Hospital - Gender Violence Recovery Center (NWH-GVRC)

There was a fundraising dinner that took place on September, 2009 in Nairobi, Kenya. This is an annual gala that the organization holds to raise funds towards service provision of the GVRC. FECCLAHA has closely partnered with NWH-GVRC especially in drawing from her experiences in providing psychosocial support to survivors of Gender Based Violence. The organization therefore assisted towards this gala.


FECCLAHA, in her engagement with Amani Forum: The Great Lakes Parliamentary Forum on Peace, participated in the organisation’s General Assembly that was held in Nairobi, Kenya in June, 2009. The theme of the assembly was ‘interrogating the lessons learned from internal displacement in the Great Lakes Region: Are we achieving sustainable peace?’ Among other things the Great Lakes Ecumenical Forum (GLEF) and the role of religious leaders in peace building and conflict transformation in the region were appreciated. Religious leaders were urged to create awareness on the fact that the culture of hatred and exclusion leads to dehumanization and eventual destruction of the Great Lakes region. There is therefore an urgent need for the reconstruction of the heart and soul of the region. Participants affirmed the ongoing collaboration between FECCLAHA, GLEF and the Amani Forum.

In addition to this, the Amani Forum Kenyan Chapter expressed its willingness to collaborate with civil society organizations including FECCLAHA in key undertakings in the region.
Guided by the Institutional Strengthening and Capacity Enhancement strategic goal to strengthen the capacity of the organization to effectively meet its mandate, the Secretariat has this year achieved tremendous improvements in its facilitation role in the Great Lakes Region and Horn of Africa. It enhanced the delivery capacity of its staff and improved its resources which continue to enhance mobility and response time to tackle issues within the region. The following is a report of all efforts towards achieving this goal:

I. Annual Regional Ecumenical Forum (REF)

As a learning organization, FECLHAHA offers a platform upon which members can reflect and focus on issues affecting the region. The Regional Ecumenical Forum (REF) is a strategic opportunity for members of FECLHAHA to share ideas and lessons, discuss challenges, re-strategize and renew their commitment and passion for the fellowship’s mission. This year’s REF coupled as the celebration for the organization as it marked the 10th anniversary and the beginning of a five year strategic plan for 2009-2013.

Guided by the theme ‘Looking Back, Forging Ahead’, FECLHAHA had the opportunity to host bishops, clergy, the youth, and church representatives from the member national councils of churches and churches in the Great Lakes and Horn of Africa. The objectives of this forum were: to socialize the membership to the strategic plan for 2009-2013; to examine key challenges in the Great Lakes region and the Horn of Africa that inform the organization’s future engagement; and to stimulate action for peace and justice in the Great Lakes and Horn of Africa region through timely advocacy during and after the REF.

From the expert presentations, the ensuing discussions, best practices, recommendations, and national and regional action plans the participants committed themselves to perform various tasks.

Present also were representatives of partner organizations like the AAC, the Amani Forum: The Great Lakes Parliamentary Forum on Peace, the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (IC/GLR), the World Council of Churches (WCC) as well as local and international ecumenical partners. For the first time, the youth representing different countries in the region got the opportunity to participate in the forum and the General Assembly. Efforts were also made to ensure that there was improved representation of women in the forum.

2. General Assembly
The Annual General Assembly is an important meeting for FECCLAHA secretariat and the constituency. It is the platform upon which matters of concern especially by the members are addressed and major decisions affecting the programmatic and administrative decisions of the organisation are determined. Present at the General Assembly were FECCLAHA members, partners, and staff members.

3. Executive Committee Meetings
During the year, two executive committee meetings were held whose deliberations and resolutions played a major role in the direction of the work of the secretariat and the development of the new 2009-2013 Strategic plan.

4. Programme Advisory Committee (PAC)
The final draft of FECCLAHA’s 2009-2013 strategic plan was finalized, published, and launched. Present during the official launch of the book on 25th of September, 2009 were FECCLAHA members, partners, and friends. CORAT AFRICA, one of the organisation’s friends, facilitated the strategic planning process.

Additionally, the Program Advisory Committee (PAC), met in September, 2009 where they: reviewed the composition and mandate of the committee; socialized with the 2009-2013 FECCLAHA strategic plan; and reviewed the content of the programme for the Regional Ecumenical Forum (REF), 2009. PAC is an important body within the organization as it ensures that programmatic work is not only in line with the organisation’s mandate but that it is strategic and relevant in meeting the needs of its constituency.

5. Staff Retreat
In a bid to foster teamwork within the organization, all FECCLAHA staff participated in a two day staff retreat. The aim of the retreat was to ensure that all staff members could engage with the new strategic plan understand the challenges, and foresee their role as FECCLAHA works towards implementing the activities. The staff also got an opportunity to reflect upon the operations, working structures, governance, working culture at the secretariat level. The main aim of the retreat was to facilitate for open dialogue so as to create opportunities for diagnosing and proposing remedies from within the organisation.

For FECCLAHA, this is strategic as it strengthens links between the organizations, which are partners and members, involved. In addition, it is an opportunity for experience sharing between organizations.

6. Fredskorpset Exchange Programme (FKE)
The second round of the ongoing Fredskorpset Exchange Programme (FKE) is taking place this year. Different from the previous round that involved three organizations and three participants from FECCLAHA, Ethiopia Orthodox Church/ Development Inter-Church Action Commission (EOC/DICAC), and NCA; this round has incorporated EECMY as a partner giving them an opportunity to send and host a participant. Currently, there are five participants involved in the round of exchanges: two representing FECCLAHA in the two organizations in Ethiopia; two participants in FECCLAHA representing EECMY and NCA; and one participant representing EOC/DICAC in NCA.

Guided by its thematic focus on Peace and Gender in the Horn of Africa, the FKE programme aims at: promoting mutual exchange knowledge, experience, and skills towards conflict transformation and peace-building; building a network of messengers of peace in the region; and identifying and implementing a common peace building engagement. The programme is designed such that a participant gets the opportunity to work and live in a different country. They get the opportunity to not only share their knowledge and expertise at work, but also learn new skills and experience a new culture. The skills learned from the host country should then be replicated in the home country after the one year.

FECCLAHA, since 2006, has hosted various young adult volunteers from the United States of America through its partnership with the Young Adults Volunteers Programme of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Rev. Shelvis Smith-Mather is part of this programme and has served in FECCLAHA secretariat since October 2008. He has worked extensively with the Tamar Campaign, the Kenyan Church’s engagement in post election reconciliation and various theological initiatives on peace building. He also serves alongside, Fred Nyabera as a Co-Editor of FECCLAHAs (soon to be published) Contextual Bible Study Manual on Peace building and Reconciliation.
With a commitment to ensure that American Churches learn from and partner with FECLHA’s reconciliation efforts in the Great Lakes and Horn of Africa, Rev. Smith-Mather spent five months in the United States sharing about FECLHA’s work in the region. He had speaking opportunities with schools, faith based organizations, and denominational leaders. The speaking tour included over 40 venues ranging from Atlanta, Georgia to Chicago, Illinois. During which time, he met with Atlanta’s Mayor Shirley Franklin and the Carter Center’s Peace Office that was founded by US President Jimmy Carter and his wife Rosalyn in 1982 to advance human rights and alleviate unnecessary human suffering in the world. Rev. Smith-Mather also interviewed with CNN. Shelvis spoke with dozens of churches, often facilitating FECLHA’s contextual Bible studies on Peace Building, and urging congregations to engage efforts of reconciliation locally and globally. In the coming year, he will make several short trips back to the US to share about FECLHA’s engagement in the region.

8. Staff Training

To strengthen the capacity of FECLHA to effectively meet its mandate, the organization has facilitated for member of staff to further their studies. This year, two members of staff continued with their studies at the Daystar University and African International University where they are studying Community Development and Organizational Leadership respectively.

To facilitate and ease communication among the national councils of churches and churches in the region and the secretariat, the staff is encouraged to develop their language skills in English, French, and Swahili which are the predominant languages in use in the region. In view of this, one staff member was enrolled at Alliance Française, Nairobi to study French.

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Income and Expenditure Statement
For the Year Ended 31 December 2009

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FECCLAHA Partners and Associates

- Action of Churches Together (ACT)
- Africa Evangelical Enterprises (AEE)
- Amani Forum: The Great Lakes Parliamentary Forum on Peace
- Association of Member Episcopal Conferences in Eastern Africa (AMECEA)
- Agency for Cooperation and Research in Development (ACORD)
- Africa Peace Forum (APFO)
- All Africa Conference of Churches (AACC)
- African Council of Religious Leaders (ACRL)
- Bread for the World
- Canadian Ecumenical Justice Initiatives (KAIROS)
- CARE International
- Catholic Relief Services (CRS)
- Caritas Network
- Christian Aid
- Church World Service (CWS)
- Church Development Service (EED)
- Church of Sweden
- Dan Church Aid (DCA)
- DKA Austria
- East African Action Network on Small Arms (EAANSA)
- Global Network of Religions for Children (GNRC-Africa)
- International Alert
- Inter Church Organization for Development Cooperation (ICCO)
- International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (IC/GLR)
- Life and Peace Institute (LPI)
- Lott Carey Baptist Mission
- Nairobi Peace Initiative (NPI) – Africa
- Nairobi Women’s Hospital — Gender Violence Recovery Centre
- Norwegian Church Aid (NCA)
- Organization of African Instituted Churches (OAIC)
- Pax Christi – Netherlands
- Progressive National Baptist Convention (PNBC)
- Refugee Consortium of Kenya (RCK)
- Regional Centre on Small Arms and Light Weapons (RECSA)
- The Christian Organization Research and Advisory Trust of Africa (CORAT – Africa)
- The General Referral Hospital of Panzi (GRHP)
- United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM)
- World Council of Churches (WCC)
FECCLAHA Celebrates 10th Anniversary

Bishop Rwaje Onesphore of Protestant Council of Rwanda (left) receives a hug from Rev. Ramadan Chan, the General Secretary of Sudan Council of Churches on exchanging gifts.

Ms. Jeannette Uwizeye (left), the longest serving employee of FECCLAHA shares her joy and gratitude in celebrating her 10th Year of service. Ms. Uwizeye is the Youth Programme Coordinator and Administrative Assistant. Alongside is Mrs. Celine Siro, the then Regional Communication Coordinator.

Happy Birthday FECCLAHA: Ladies representing the FECCLAHA region prepare to cut the cake specially made to commemorate the launch of FECCLAHA 10 years ago.

Tamar Campaign’s champion of National Council of Churches of Burundi Mrs. Perpetue Kankindi reminiscing the growth of FECCLAHA. She has actively participated in FECCLAHA initiatives since its inception.