About FECCLAHA

FECCLAHA is a regional ecumenical organisation that was formed to provide a platform for members to share perspectives on issues of common concern, particularly with regard to peace building and conflict transformation. Formally launched in March, 1999 and registered in Kenya in February 2001, FECCLAHA also provides a platform to foster strong ecumenical cooperation in taking ownership and responsibility for problems in the region and proactively seek solutions to them.

Since its inception, FECCLAHA has remained consistent to its 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 consists of member councils and churches in the following countries: Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Eritrea, Ethiopia, Rwanda, Kenya, South Sudan, Sudan, Tanzania, and Uganda. FECCLAHA members are:

- Church of Christ in Congo (ECC)
- Christian Council of Tanzania (CCT)
- Eritrea Orthodox Church
- Ethiopia Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus (EECMY)
- Evangelical Lutheran Church of Eritrea (ELCE)
- National Council of Churches of Burundi (CNEB)
- National Council of Churches of Kenya (NCCK)
- Protestant Council of Rwanda (CPR)
- South Sudan Council of Churches (SSCC)
- Sudan Council of Churches (SCC)
- Uganda Joint Christian Council (UJCC)

FECClAHA Vision:

“Together for a just and peaceful society”

FECClAHA Mission:

FECClAHA exists to promote ecumenical solidarity for justice, peace, healing and conflict transformation and reconciliation in the Great Lakes Region and Horn of Africa through advocacy, networking and partnership, capacity building, research and documentation within the framework of holistic Christian Ministry.

FECClAHA Values:

- Human Dignity (Gen. 1:26)
- Compassion (Micah 6:8)
- Peace (Matthew 5:5-8)
- Justice (Isaiah 1:16-18)
- Integrity (Proverbs 11:3)
FECCCLAHA Structure:

FECCCLAHA's structure is made up of the following:
- General Assembly;
- Executive Committee; and
- Secretariat.

FECCCLAHA has a General Assembly composed of its members (churches and national councils of churches). The General Assembly is tasked with the approval of policies formulated and forwarded to it by the Executive Committee. The Assembly also elects the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee is in charge of formulating policies and giving guidance on matters of policy to the Secretariat. It also approves the programmes and budget of FECCCLAHA on a yearly basis.

The Secretariat is in charge of the implementation of policy decisions made by the Executive Committee and the General Assembly regarding the affairs of FECCCLAHA. It also facilitates the day-to-day running of the office and programmes.

FECCCLAHA Thematic Areas of focus 2014-2018

1. Peace Building and Conflict Transformation
   **Strategic Objective:** To promote sustainable peace in the Great Lakes region and Horn of Africa.

2. Governance
   **Strategic Objective:** To empower citizens to hold governments accountable and promote a Constitutional Culture and respect of Rule of Law in the Great Lakes region and Horn of Africa.

3. Gender and Youth
   **Strategic Objective:** To empower men, women, and youth to be effective instruments of peace and gender justice in the society.

4. Human Security
   **Strategic Objective:** To address the threats to Human Security and the underlying causes in the region.

5. Institutional Strengthening and Capacity Building
   **Strategic Objectives:** To strengthen the capacity of the organisation to effectively and efficiently meet its mandate.

The above programmatic themes are addressed through five strategies: Capacity Building; Dialogue; Research and Documentation; Advocacy; Networking, partnership, and collaboration.

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Message from The Executive Director

“Let your Light Shine”

Christian greetings to you all in the name of our Risen Lord Jesus Christ.

The year 2014 was yet another busy and a fulfilling one for FECCCLAHA. It marked the beginning of implementation of the current strategic plan (2014 -2018).

FECCCLAHA continued with its core mandate through various programmes as a way of achieving its mission of promoting ecumenical solidarity for justice, peace, healing, conflict transformation and reconciliation through advocacy, networking, partnerships, capacity building, research and documentation within the framework of holistic ministry.

Significant progress was made within the different programmes, as outlined in this report. More importantly, the accompaniment to the South Sudan Council of Churches (SSCC) in the search for peace, the reactivation of the Great Lakes Church Leaders consultation, the signing of an MoU with the Regional Center on Small Arms (RECSA), the momentum gained in the establishment of Youth Peace Clubs in Burundi and South Sudan in addition to those earlier established in Kenya and Eastern DRC; the mobilization and empowerment of the women in South Sudan through the SSCC National Women’s Programme, and the enhancement of trauma healing skills to Church leaders in Rwanda, among others. Further, FECCCLAHA became a member of the Global ACt Alliance that has strengthened its networks as well as created spaces for strategic networking.

Well aware of the enormous conflicts and governance challenges still pertaining in the region, we believe that the future will build on the successes of 2014 and provide the necessary continuity in achieving FECCCLAHA’s mission and vision.

Our sincere appreciation to all internal and external stakeholders who have consistently contributed to the achievements during the year.

“…may we all be filled with the good things of his house and the blessings of his holy Temple (Psalms 65:5) as we work towards a just and peaceful society.

Elizabeth Zimba Kisiigha
Executive Director
Peace Building and Conflict Transformation

“Peace is the greatest weapon for development that any people can have” – Nelson Mandela

Peace Building and Conflict Transformation is the core focus for all initiatives undertaken by FECLLAHA. Guided by the teaching in Matthew 5:5-9, FECLLAHA aims at working towards the establishment of a secure environment, where women, men, and youth live in harmony, acceptance, and respect for one another. The following is an account of achievements under the Peace Building and Conflict Transformation Programme in 2014.

1. The Great Lakes Church Leaders’ Consultation

FECLLAHA in collaboration with the Protestant Council of Rwanda (CPR) held the Great Lakes Church Leaders’ Consultation on Peace, Healing, and Reconciliation in the Great Lakes Region in Kigali, Rwanda. This consultation provided a forum for Church Leaders and programme officers (peace/advocacy) to identify issues of common concern within the region both country specific and regional, as well as, develop plans of action aiming at promoting sustainable peace, healing and reconciliation among the people in the Great Lakes Region.

The background upon which the consultation was held was the myriad conflicts ranging from high level political to ethnic and domestic violent conflicts in the Great Lakes region. These have left great scars in people’s relations and feelings of revenge and counter revenge. In order to address both the past violence and any existing tension whose potential of contributing to the recurrence of violence is high, several efforts have been and are being put in place by state and non-state actors. These efforts target building and sustaining a culture of peace through development of strategic...
conflict management systems and promoting healing, reconciliation and development in the region. However, to realize sustained and community-driven strategies; state and inter-state efforts will need to partner with institutions that have the mobilizing power, and these include religious organs such as the Church.

The consultation provided a safe space for peer learning where participants were able to share experiences and learn from one another. The consultation was also critical as it equipped FECCLAHA Secretariat and its members with information that will facilitate the development of informed priorities for national, regional, and cross border interventions for the year 2015 and beyond.

Further, the consultation provided participants with space to engage with the International Conference on the Great lakes Region (ICGLR) and reflect on the contribution that the church can make to promote peace, healing, and reconciliation in the Great Lakes Region. Ambassador Elaine Berthe Mokodopo, the Programme Officer for Gender, Women, and Children at the ICGLR made the presentation that provided details on specific areas for possible partnership with the Church in the region. In her presentation, she said that the Church ought to stand for the truth and advocate for love and not hatred; for unity and national reconciliation. The Church must do this notwithstanding the political situation or political parties’ ideologies.

A total of 10 participants (5 church leaders and 5 programme officers) participated in the consultation that took place from 16th to 19th September, 2014. These were drawn from Burundi (National Council of Churches of Burundi-CNEB), Democratic Republic of Congo (Church of Christ in Congo – eCC), Rwanda (Protestant Council of Rwanda – CPR), Tanzania (Christian Council of Tanzania – CCT), and Uganda (Uganda Joint Christian Council –UJCC).
2. Engagement with the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR)

Strategic and mutually beneficial partnerships remain critical to FECCLAHA's continued engagement in peace, healing, and reconciliation in the region. Utilizing its good working relationship with the ICGLR, FECCLAHA participated in ICGLR Pre-Extra Ordinary Summit (April, 2014) and the Extra-Ordinary Heads of States Summit (July, 2014) of Heads of States and Government on Youth and Unemployment both of which took place in Nairobi, Kenya. The Pre-Summit provided an opportunity for FECCLAHA to participate in the process of preparing documents that will serve as a framework for the youth agenda in the region. These documents are: the ICGLR Youth Accord, 3-year Youth Forum Action Plans and Strategic Plan. These documents were approved during the Heads of States Summit in July, 2014. In addition to approving the documents presented by the Youth, the Heads of State Summit discussed about how governments can promote youth employment in the Great Lakes Region, in order to strengthen peace and stability efforts in the region.

As a result of the continued interaction with ICGLR, the long pending Memorandum of understanding was revised and plans to finalize the process are underway. This will formalize and structure FECCLAHA partnership with the organisation and will create space for more engagement with state duty bearers and heighten the advocacy role of FECCLAHA members in the region.

3. FECCCLAHA and CAPA Joint Mission to Burundi

Timely and effective response to early conflict warning signs remains a key concern and responsibility for FECCLAHA and its constituency. To this effect, FECCLAHA in partnership with the Council of Anglican Provinces of Africa (CAPA) undertook a fact finding mission to Bujumbura, Burundi on the 9th to 11th April, 2014. This was precipitated by the increase of reports on Burundi, largely by the media, on the building tension in the country ahead of the general elections in 2015.

The delegation met with the leadership of the National Council of Churches of Burundi (CNEB), heads of member Churches of the national council of Burundi, various senior government officials from the President’s Office, the Burundi Land Commission, and the Ministry of Home Affairs. The delegation also met with representatives of Christian Aid and the African Centre for the Constructive Resolution of Disputes (ACCORD). Some of the emerging concerns which are leading to the rise in tensions in the country include: the debate
on whether or not to amend the current constitution so as to allow the current President to vie for a third term. Additionally, the varied interpretation of the provisions of the current constitution on the same has caused a lot of tension and confusion in the country that the country could plunge back to violence. The respondents also reported that politicians were using the media to send out messages aimed at polarizing the citizens along ethnic lines. There was also dissatisfaction from other stakeholders that the proposed electoral law review bill, which was presented in Parliament for debate, did not address all issues.

All stakeholders that the delegation engaged with during the mission, hold Churches in high esteem and believe that the Churches are well placed to engage with the Executive and other relevant bodies on finding a solution to concerns causing rise in tensions. It was therefore important for Burundi Churches, under the auspices of the National Council of Churches of Burundi (CNEB) to harmonize their position on the ongoing political stalemate in Burundi. The delegation was comprised of Rev. Canon Grace Kaiso, the General Secretary of CAPA and Mr. Philomen Okeyo, the Finance and Administration Manager in FECLALAHA. There have been ongoing consultation with the leadership in CNEB and plans are underway to accompany the national council ahead of the general elections in the country.

4. Solidarity visit and Mission to South Sudan

In consideration of the upsurge of conflict in South Sudan in 2013, Mrs. Elizabeth Kisiigha the Executive Director of FECLAHA, undertook a solidarity visit to the country in March, 2014. In addition to being in solidarity with the council and the people of South Sudan, the visit aimed at exploring possible areas of accompaniment for South Sudan Council of Churches (SSCC) and also to follow up on how SSCC would pursue the objectives of the newly formed South Sudan Ecumenical Network (SSEN).

Consultations were held with the Ag. General Secretary of SSCC, Rev. Mark Akec Cien and courtesy visits to the offices of Norwegian Church Aid (NCA), Christian Aid, Finn Church Aid, and Dan Church Aid undertaken. Some of the emerging concerns included the high level of insecurity in South Sudan that was affecting delivery of emergency aid to the internally displaced persons; the need for trauma healing and psychosocial support for not only citizens but also Church leaders; the urgency of having SSCC observer team presence in Addis Ababa among other concerns.

In regards to the progress on SSEN, Mrs. Kisiigha was informed that a working group composed of 6 members had been formed and endorsed by the Board of Trustees. However, the committee mentioned the need for technical and professional back up so as to heighten advocacy and communication within the network. It was decided that SSCC would work on a project proposal on the same and submit the same to partners. As a follow up to this mission, FECLAHA contributed to providing technical assistance in preparing the project proposal which SSCC disseminated to partners.
“Why shall I wait for someone else? .... Why don’t I raise my voice? Why don’t we speak up for rights?”
– Malala Yousafzai

FECCLAHA promotes integration of gender and youth as their participation at all levels and spheres of life is critical to achieving holistic and sustainable peace and development in the region. Guided by FECCLAHA core value on human dignity, drawn from Gen. 1:27, we recognize that all people are created in the image of God and therefore should have an abundant life. The following is an account of the Gender and Youth Programme.

1. Regional Youth Peace Building Programme

A. Youth Peace Clubs Initiative:
Youth Peace Clubs (YPCs) provide spaces for youth to be active players and contributors to peace building and conflict transformation in the region. It provides safe spaces for the youth to jointly identify and address the underlying gaps and challenges which make them vulnerable to being perpetrators of conflict as opposed to being peace workers. Since July, 2011 FECCLAHA has sought to build a critical mass of youth peace builder in the region through conscientizing, enhancing their capacity, and accompanying the youth leaders to mobilize other youth in their communities. As a result of the ongoing trainings undertaken by FECCLAHA in partnership with the national councils of churches in South Sudan, Kenya, Democratic Republic of Congo and Burundi together with collaborating organisations, specifically, Mukuru Slum Development Project (MSDP) in Nairobi and the International Movement of Catholic Students (IMCS), a total of 33 YPCs have been formed across the region. Currently, there are 11

2 Born in 1997, Malala is a Pakistani activist for female education and the youngest ever Nobel Peace Prize Laureate. She is known mainly for human rights advocacy for education and for women in her native province of Northwest Pakistan, where the local Taliban had at times banned girls from attending school.
YPCs in North Kivu with a total membership of 500 youths; 4 YPCs in South Kivu; and 14 YPCs in Mukuru Slums with a total membership of 415 youths; and in Burundi 4 YPCs with a membership of 63 youths (33 male and 25 female) have been formed within public and private universities in the country. The following is a progress report on the launch and continuous accompaniment of YPCs in different countries during the year.

i) Launch of Youth Peace Clubs (YPCs) in Eastern DRC/South Kivu, Burundi and South Sudan

FECLAH in collaboration with the national councils of churches in Eastern DRC (ECC-South Kivu), Burundi (CNEB), and South Sudan (SSCC) held 4 Training of Trainers (ToT) for Youth leaders on Peace Building and Conflict Transformation, Leadership, and Orientation to YPCs and a total of 112 youths (55 male and 57 female) have been trained. During the year, a three-days ToT in South Kivu took place on 4th to 6th June, 2014 and had a participation of 30 youths (16 male and 14 female) mainly drawn from ECC member churches. Two workshops were also held in Burundi on 4th to 5th August and 14th to 18th December, 2014 which had the participation of 30 (15 female and 15 male) and 32 participants (18 male and 14 female) respectively. The participants were drawn from member churches in Bujumbura, Makamba, Gatumba, Kayanza, Rumonge, Matana, Gitega, Muyinga, Kirundo, and Buye and representatives from International Movement of Catholic Students (IMCS). In attendance also were Mrs. Nguedjeu Angeline Nkwenkam, the Regional Lobby, Advocacy, Conflict Transformation and Democratization in ICCO and Ms. Aime Balibuno, the chairperson of the Organisation of Young Christians for Development (OJCD) in North Kivu. The OJCD was formed as a result of FECLAH’s trainings on YPCs in July, 2011 and its continued accompaniment. Lastly, in South Sudan, a three day

3 5 in Churches, 2 in High Schools, and 1 in Goma, Masisi, Nyiragongo, and Kalehe
4 179 female and 236 male.
training took place from 4th to 6th December, 2014 and had the participation of 20 youths (14 female and 6 male).

These ToTs are key to rolling out the YPC model in the region as they have contributed towards enhancing the knowledge of youth in peace building and conflict transformation and leadership as well as creating spaces for orienting them to the YPC model. It also created space for mutual learning and sharing of experiences and further jointly identified issues affecting them and developed plans of action for interventions through the YPCs. These spaces have given youth belonging and also spaces for youth to engage their creative ideas and potential in addressing common concerns and contributing to building the society that they envisage through the YPCs. Ultimately, this has contributed to reducing their vulnerability to being used as perpetrators of conflict. At the end of the training, participants were issued with certificates of participation which are a great motivation for the youth.

ii) FECELLAHA Accompaniment to Youth Peace Clubs (YPCs) Initiatives:

Since the inception of YPCs in Eastern DRC in North and South Kivu provinces and Mukuru Slums in Nairobi; FECELLAHA has continued its accompaniment to various activities as outlined in the plans of action developed at the end of the ToT and orientation workshops in those countries. This ensures that they continue to be fervent and active throughout the year.

The International Day of Peace, September 2014:
The annual commemoration of the International Day of Peace on 21st September is key to FECELLAHA’s engagement in peace building and conflict transformation. Thus FECELLAHA has been calling on the national councils of churches to join the world in marking this day. In 2014, the theme was “Right of Peoples to Peace”; to this effect FECELLAHA accompanied YPCs in Mukuru Slums and Eastern DRC to mobilize youth in commemorating the day. In Mukuru Slums, Nairobi the youth held a tree planting ceremony dubbed “Me and You the Seeds of Peace”. A total of 131 persons (82 female and 49 men) participated in the event; these were drawn from both Mukuru YPCs and Community members. Whereas, in North Kivu the OJCD held a cross-border cultural peace forum with participation of 30 youth from North Rwanda/Gisenyi and Goma. The event was guided by the bible verse drawn from Hebrews 12:14 on “seek peace with everybody”.

The International Drugs and Substance Abuse Day, June 2014

Drugs and substance abuse is one of the social problems that youth face today in the region. The Mukuru Slums YPCs in Nairobi, identified it as a priority area of focus and follow up. To this effect, YPCs in Mukuru Slums in collaboration with FECELLAHA, MSDP, and NCCK organized a football tournament with the aim of creating awareness on the effects and dangers of drug and substance abuse in the slum. Participants in this event were drawn from five secondary schools in Mukuru Slums and one from Kibera Slums in Nairobi. This event
provided space for mutual learning and sharing of experiences as well as enhancing cohesion.

**Training on Entrepreneurship and Voluntary Loans and Savings/Group Loan and Savings (VLS/GLS) for Mukuru Slum YPCs, April and October 2014**

Lack of gainful employment among youth contributes towards increased youth vulnerability to engaging in violent conflicts. As part of capacity enhancement of YPCs members in Nairobi, FECCWLAHA in collaboration with Arigatou International, Mukuru Slum Development Project (MSDP) and the National Council of Churches of Kenya (NCCK) – Nairobi Region facilitated 2 trainings on entrepreneurship on 23rd - 24th April, 2014 and 14th and 15th October, 2014. A total of 48 participants (34 male and 14 female) and 33 participants (16 male and 17 female) drawn from the 14 YPCs in the area participated. These trainings were essential as they enhanced the youth’s skills in record keeping and starting up income generating projects among others.

Currently, YPC members in Mukuru Slums are engaged in various Income Generating Activities including garbage collection, farming, and car washing enterprises among others.

On the other hand, FECCWLAHA accompanied OJCD to commemorate the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty. OJCD youth in North Kivu identified high levels of poverty especially among the youth as one of the factors leading to increased number of youth joining and forming militia groups. Commemoration ceremony provided space for youth to reflect and together develop interventions and strategies to address socioeconomic problems that are pushing the youth to form militia groups and joint existing ones. The youth developed plans of action strategizing on how the OJCD will contribute towards addressing the concern. To provide the youth peace clubs members with a source of income, OJCD has acquired a piece of land for farming in South Kivu, Kalehe territory.

**B. Publishing the “Youth Peace Clubs Workbook”**

To further strengthen the YPCs, FECCWLAHA has developed a Youth Peace Club Workbook which will be a useful resource in effectively running the YPCs. It will contribute to sustainability of the YPCs and enable consistency and fervency of the groups. The work book immensely benefitted from input by the YPC members at the Mukuru Slum. Representatives of the FECCWLAHA members and churches also contributed to shaping the work book during the Regional Youth Workshop in Kampala (October, 2013). Plans are underway to translate the book to French and Swahili so as to ease access for all youth in the region.

To further facilitate replication of the YPCs model across the region, FECCWLAHA has prepared a documentary which has documented experiences of the different YPCs in the region. In addition to this, the Youth Newsletter has been an important tool for youth in the region to share experiences and success stories. The contributor’s corner was also introduced this year to encourage youth in the region to add their voice to emerging concerns in the region. In 2014, four issues were published and disseminated widely.
2. Gender Programme

a) Tamar Campaign and Gender Based Violence in Eastern DRC and Burundi

FECLLAHA in collaboration with Federation of Protestant Women (FFP) of the Church of Christ in Congo (ECC/FFP) and the National Council of Churches of Burundi (CNEB) held two workshops on Tamar Campaign and Gender Based Violence. These were held on 27th - 28th May, 2014 (Bukavu) and 23rd - 24th July, 2014 (Bujumbura). The workshops aimed at training and raising awareness on the Tamar Campaign/Contextual Bible Study/Gender Based Violence/trauma healing and the role of the Church as well as creating a space for planning/consultation on possible action by the Churches both countries in addressing Gender Based Violence.

In both countries the Church leaders proposed that adoption of the “Tamar Circle/Tamar Listening Groups” model would be appropriate. “Tamar Circles/Listening Groups” are community based groups that consist of between 20-25 people (men and women) who meet often to reflect on issues concerning GBV within their context and come up with ways they can address the challenges identified. This model is currently been used by the Interfaith Platform the Interfaith Platform against Sexual Gender Based Violence in Eastern DRC who participated and shared their success in using the Tamar Campaign and the Contextual Bible Study Manual and methodology in the community based groups. The use of this model, “Tamar Circles”, will facilitate the process of stepping down the campaign to the community level and create a structures that will ease follow up by FECLLAHA and the respective national councils of churches making them more sustainable. The groups will ensure that there is fervent and consistent dialogue on gender based violence at the community level as well as provide a tool for the Churches in both countries to engage in issues on GBV which will ultimately result in greater impact at the grass roots. This process has commenced in ECC/FFP with the formation of 3 Tamar Circles in different churches in Bukavu.

Participants in the workshop comprised of church leaders: in Bukavu a total of 36 church leaders (19 women and 17 men) and
in Burundi a total of 32 church leaders (14 women and 18 men) participated. Participants were mainly drawn from the national council of churches member churches in the country. Plans are underway to follow up and accompany members in Eastern DRC and Burundi to establish and strengthen the “Tamar Listening Groups”.

b) Church leaders Training on Trauma Healing in Rwanda

This year marked the 20th anniversary since the Rwandan Genocide where in a span of 100 days an estimated 800,000 men, women, and children perished: entire families were killed and women systematically and brutally sexually violated. Tragically, today there is still a high level of trauma in the population in Rwanda and this has contributed to slowing down the healing and reconciliation process in the country.

To facilitate the Church leaders’ to adequately provide holistic support (Spiritual and psychological) to those that are traumatized, especially during the three month period of the Commemoration and Remembrance of the Genocide Against Tutsi, FECLLAHA in collaboration with the Protestant Council of Rwanda (CPR) facilitated training for Church leaders on Trauma Healing from a Biblical perspective in Kigali, Rwanda on 19th and 20th June, 2014. Through the training the Church leaders’ capacity in trauma healing/counseling was enhanced. They were taught practical and professional skills of trauma healing and counseling as well as how to utilize the Contextual Bible Study Methodology for the purpose of creating safe spaces for healing within their communities. There were 35 Church leaders/workers from the Anglican Church, Baptist Church, Pentecostal Church, Friends Church, Presbyterian Church, Seventh Day Adventist, and the Salvation Army among others. CPR undertook follow up training in other parts of the country in the South and North and radio talk shows on Radio ‘Inkoramutima’ in October, 2014.

Further, FECLLAHA contributed towards the production of a Liturgical Prayer Booklet for Church leaders in Rwanda entitled “Imfashanyigisho Ku Bujyana na Liturujya Mu Gihe Cyo Kwibuka Jenoside Yakorewe Abatutsi Mu 1994 Mu Rwanda”. Compiled by CPR, the liturgical booklet contains Liturgy/prayers and Bible passages that Church leaders will be utilizing for special prayer sessions in commemoration of the Genocide, with a focus on healing and reconciliation. This will be a useful tool for Churches to be used during the “Genocide Memorial Week of Rwanda”.

5 (Education Material on Counseling and Liturgy during the Commemoration of the Genocide against Tutsi in 1994)
c) Accompaniment to National Women Programme - South Sudan Council of Churches (NWP - SSCC)

FECLLAHA in partnership with KAIROS Canada has continued to accompany the National Women Programme in SSCC (NWP-SSCC). The reactivation of this programme has made coordination of women led initiatives more effective and efficient. It has continued to grow into a strong and vibrant advocacy office mobilizing women in the country to add their voice to the peace process in the country.

Tragically, the upsurge of conflict in parts of South Sudan in December, 2013 and the effects of the same on the level of stability and security in the country through the year hampered women activities. Nonetheless, the NWP-SSCC was instrumental in mobilizing women for monthly prayer meetings which were often coupled with peaceful processions in Juba. These provided spaces for women to call for peace in the country. The women also made solidarity visits to UNMISS camps in Juba and Jonglei State; where they not only listened to the internally displaced persons (IDPs), but also held discussions on peace and reconciliation and distributed Non Food Items (NFIs) to men and women living in the camps. These were important activities as they brought women from different denominations and tribes together which will contribute to peaceful coexistence. Further, the National Women Programme Coordinator for SSCC, Mrs. Agnes Wasuk, was part of the delegation of Church leaders who participated in the ongoing peace negotiations in Addis-Ababa. This was an initiative led by the office of All Africa Conference of Churches (AACC) Ecumenical Special Envoy to South Sudan and Sudan. The role of the delegation was not only to provide pastoral accompaniment to the process but also to identify areas for continued advocacy. Mrs. Wasuk participated in the process in February and June, 2014. Additionally, in collaboration with the Ministry of Gender, Children, and Social Affairs organized and participated in the launch of the 16 days of Activism against violence on women. A total of 50 women from various member churches took part in a peace procession during the commemoration ceremony.

Throughout this process, FECLLAHA’s role has mainly been to enhance the capacity of NWP-SSCC by providing mentorship, support/accompaniment, and technical skills. This is in line with FECLLAHA’s mandate and strategic focus.
Human Security

“If real development is to take place, the people have to be involved.” – Mwalimu Julius Kambarage Nyerere

Human Security in the region is both a driver and consequence of the protracted conflict in the region. Drawn from Isaiah 1:16-18, FECLAHHA encourages and builds the capacity of members to provide a voice to the voiceless and promote internal environments that promote justice. The following is an account of the Human Security Programme:

1. FECLAHHA Signs MoU with RECSA

FECLAHHA signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Regional Centre on Small Arms in the Great Lakes and Bordering States (RECSA). RECSA Executive Secretary, Mr. Theoneste Mutsindashyaka and FECLAHHA Executive Director, Mrs. Elizabeth Z. Kisiigha welcomed the partnership as it will greatly contribute to efforts of addressing proliferation of small arms in the region.

Mrs. Elizabeth Kisiigha (Executive Director of FECLAHHA) and Mr. Theoneste Mutsindashyaka (Executive Secretary of RECSA) during the signing ceremony. Looking on is Mr. Mugasa, Political Liaison in RECSA. Photo by FECLAHHA

6 Mwalimu Julius Kambarage Nyerere served as the first President of Tanzania previously Tanganyika from 1961 until his retirement in 1985. This quote is from his Book “Uhuru na Maendeleo” (Freedom and Development), 1973.
This took place on 5th September, 2014 in Nairobi, Kenya. The five-year agreement will facilitate joint initiatives on small arms in the region with a focus on advocacy, research and documentation, peace building and conflict transformation, capacity building, and partnership building among others. As a result of the partnership RECSA facilitated during the baseline survey dissemination workshop in November, 2014.

2. Small Arms and Light Weapons Baseline Survey Regional Dissemination Workshop

The Baseline Survey dissemination workshop was a follow up to the baseline survey on Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALWs) in the Great Lakes and Horn of Africa undertaken by FECCLAHA in November, 2013. The survey is a useful tool for FECCLAHA because in addition to sharpening FECCLAHA’s engagement with SALWs, the survey outlined entry points for FECCLAHA and its members’ engagement; it identified linkages and opportunities for collaboration between FECCLAHA and other Civil Society Organisations (CSOs); and also outlined the strategic role of the Church in addressing proliferation of SALWs in the region. Field studies were carried out in Burundi, Ethiopia, Kenya, South Sudan, and Uganda. The remaining half of the membership: Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Eritrea, Rwanda, Sudan, and Tanzania; constituted largely of secondary sources based on broad desk research. The baseline survey on the state of SALWs in the Great Lakes Region and Horn of Africa focused on the following: situation analysis, the protocols and other international/regional legal instruments on SALWs with a specific focus on the Nairobi Protocol. Emerging issues, recommendations, and entry points for the strategic engagement of the FECCLAHA and the members was outlined.

The baseline survey dissemination workshop therefore sought to present the findings as well as validate and enrich the findings. The workshop also provided space for capacity enhancement on the international and regional instruments including the Nairobi Protocol and an understanding of the RECSA structure at the national level so that the members can effectively engage with the National Focal Points in the different countries. There were also sessions on planning follow up activities at the national council and church level and at the FECCLAHA Secretariat level.

The baseline survey dissemination workshop took place in Nairobi, Kenya, from 5th to 6th November 2014. It brought together General Secretaries and Senior Programme Staff from the National Council of Churches of Burundi (CNEB), Ethiopia Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus (EECMY), South Sudan Council of Churches (SSCC), Protestant Council of Rwanda (CPR), Church of Christ in Congo (CC), Uganda Joint Christian Council (UJCC), Christian Council of Tanzania (CCT), National Council of Churches of Kenya (NCCK) and Sudan Council of Churches (SCC) and the Guests from the Regional Centre on Small Arms (RECSA), Norwegian Church Aid (NCA).

3. Human Trafficking

FECCLAHA has embarked on the review of the existing protocols and other legal instruments pertaining to Human Trafficking. This is a follow up to the consultation that was held in October, 2013 on “The Role of the Church in Human Trafficking”. The Study and review of the Protocols/conventions, legislation on Anti-Human Trafficking, and other international/regional legal instruments on Human Trafficking has been undertaken with the aim of simplifying them for the use and reference by FECCLAHA Church leaders. Further, the review focused on ongoing engagements around the instruments/protocols/legislation in the region and also outlines possible entry points for FECCLAHA. These simplified materials will be used by the Churches in the region to undertake awareness raising, advocacy, and where possible offer assistance to the victims of Human Trafficking. The review report was disseminated to member councils and churches to be used as a tool/material for their further engagements with right holders and duty bearers.
1. African Faith Leaders’ Summit on Post 2015 Development Agenda

FECLAH is a member of the Interfaith Steering Committee on the Post 2015 Development Agenda. To this respect, FECLAH was part of the organizing committee of Africa Faith Leaders’ Summit on Post 2015 Development Agenda that took place in Kampala, Uganda from 29th June to 2nd July, 2014. The Summit provided an opportunity for faith leaders from across Africa to present their input to shaping of the new agenda for Sustainable Development Goals which will be the successor framework to the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) due to expire at the end of 2015. This was especially unique because it was the first time that faith leaders were being consulted in shaping a very important framework that will be the primary reference to policy formulation and development in the countries in the world. FECLAH was tasked to coordinate the Women Pre-Summit on 29th July, 2014 which pushed for full participation and inclusion of women and investment in religious, political, socio-economic, and cultural structures that promote women’s status in society. On 2nd July, Faith Leaders presented a statement to the representatives of the High-Level Panel of Eminent Persons on the Post-2015 Development Agenda.

FECLAH has also joined the Youth thematic/interest group within the African Faith Leaders Initiative Platform on Post 2015. This group aims at serving as a youth-specific follow-up that is geared towards galvanizing and amplifying the youth voice, within the African Interfaith Initiative on Post 2015 and the wider development landscape. Other organisations in this group are: Kenya Movement of Catholic Professionals (International Catholic Movement for Intellectual & Cultural Affairs (ICMICA)- Pax Romana, Kenya chapter), International Young Christian Students (IYCS) – Africa, International Movement of Catholic Students (IMCS) – Africa, African Council of Religious Leaders—Religions for Peace (ACRL—Rfp), Kenya Muslim Youth Alliance/ Supreme Council of Kenya Muslims (SUPKEM), World Student Christian Federation (WSCF) and Arigatou International—Nairobi.

“When spiders’ webs unite, they can tie up a lion” – Ethiopian Proverb
2. Ecumenical Regional Youth and Students Consultation on Peace Building, Conflict Management, and Reconciliation

FECLLAHA jointly organized the Ecumenical Regional Youth and Students Consultation on Peace Building, Conflict Management and Reconciliation with the Nairobi Peace Initiative (NPI–Africa) in Juba, South Sudan from 7th to 11th December 2014. The consultation brought together 48 youth from Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, South Sudan, Tanzania and Uganda. The Consultation aimed at defining a regional youth conflict prevention and transformation framework. It provided space for experiences sharing and mutual learning. In addition to this, participants came up with a communiqué that articulated issues in the Great Lakes and Horn of Africa, interventions strategies and recommendations to various right holders and duty bearers.

3. Networking and Partnership Meetings

Human Trafficking is an emerging concern in the region and a new area of focus in the strategic planning period for 2014-2018. To this regard, FECLLAHA held a meeting with the International Organisation for Migration (IOM) Regional Director with the aim of exploring areas of collaboration and partnership. The Church is a strategic partner for advocacy as well as awareness raising and providing assistance. This meeting enriched the ongoing Human Trafficking Survey document and also facilitated continued future engagements with the country office.

Additionally, a meeting was held with the Human Rights Officer at the Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary General for the Great Lakes Region at the United Nations (UN) office in Nairobi. The meeting aimed at exploring areas of collaboration in implementing the Regional Benchmarks under the commitment of the Peace, Security, and Cooperation (PSC) Framework. To follow up on this, FECLLAHA will share the plans of action developed during the Great Lakes Church Leaders’ Consultation in Kigali, Rwanda in September, 2014 so as to identify areas for partnership and collaboration.

FECLLAHA, Mamlaka Hill Chapel, and the International Catholic Movement of Students Paxi Romana (IMCS) Africa have developed a 3-year plan of action (2015-2017). The focus of the partnership is ensure that the youth agenda and peace building is being addressed in schools. The YPCs model will be key in facilitating the process. To structure and formalize this partnership, FECLLAHA has signed an MoU with the IMCS in January, 2015.

FECLLAHA jointly undertook an evaluation of the partnership with the Mukuru Slums Development Project (MSPD). The evaluation covered the period between June, 2013 to September, 2014. The purpose of the exercise was to assess the progress made, successes and challenges with the aim of informing future planning.

4. Participation in the Act Alliance Kenya Forum (AKF)

FECLLAHA membership to the Act Alliance was approved in the beginning of the year. FECLLAHA has been an active member of the Act Alliance Kenya Forum (AKF) and specifically it is a member of the Advocacy Working Group. The AKF is an important platform for FECLLAHA not only for networking and capacity enhancement, but also to be able to undertake joint initiatives. In addition to participating in the monthly AKF meeting, FECLLAHA took part in the ACT Alliance Africa and Middle East Consultation (March, 2014), ACT Alliance Regional Climate Change Training and Consultative meeting (May, 2014), the workshop to develop the 3 year Capacity Development Plan for AKF (June, 2014), and the workshop on Space for Civil Society (December, 2014) among others. Further, the Executive Director of FECLLAHA was nominated by the AKF to participate in the Act Alliance General Assembly that was held in Punta-Cana, Dominican Republic in October, 2014.
Institutional Strengthening and Capacity Enhancement

“We cannot tire or give up. We owe it to the present and future generations of all species to rise up and walk”
— Wangari Maathai

For FECLAHA to deliver on its strategic plan, it requires the requisite institutional arrangements and capacity. The following is an account of all core activities under this programme which seek to support systematic capacity building of the Secretariat, Staff, and the Executive Committee.

1. FECLAHA Executive Committee Meetings

In line with the organisation’s constitution, FECLAHA held two Executive Committee meetings in March and October in Tanzania and Uganda respectively. The Executive Committee is a key organ within FECLAHA governance structure. It provides guidance on matters of policy as well as approving the organisation’s annual programmes and budget. Currently, the Executive Committee consists of 7 members with the Chairperson being Rev. Dereje Jemberu from the Ethiopia Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus (EECMY). In addition to carrying out its Constitutional mandate of approving the audit report for the year 2013 and programme plans and budgets 2015, members discussed about the need to review FECLAHA’s Constitution so as to accommodate the changing context and reactivation of the Programme Advisory Committee. The Executive Committee also deliberated upon the security situation in Burundi and South Sudan and provided guidance on FECLAHA’s response to the same.

2. FECLAHA Staff Retreat

FECLAHA staff held an annual retreat in September, 2014 at Elementaita, Kenya. The theme of the staff retreat was “Effective Leadership: Biblical Lessons from Moses” focusing on Exodus 16-18 on the life of Moses. This was drawn from lessons learnt from the leadership training facilitated by Church of Sweden in November, 2013 at the Swedish Theological Institute (STI) in Jerusalem, Israel where two FECLAHA staff members participated. The 4-days retreat provided space for peer-review of achievements and challenges of each programme. Staff discussed ways of strengthening the programmes and addressing the challenges/gaps identified during the sessions. Additionally, the staff concretized the programme and administrative budgets for the year 2015. The retreat also offered space to review proposed amendments and work out a roadmap towards the review of FECLAHA constitution. The staff got a better understanding of the ACT Alliance policy documents including the Code of Conduct and global strategy. The staff Retreat is an important mechanism for FECLAHA staff to not only enhance their team work, but also for reflection and strategic planning. These are all effective pillars for an effective and efficient institution.

7 Wangari Maathai, a Kenyan, was the founder of the Green Belt Movement and the 2004 Nobel Peace Laureate.
3. Capacity Enhancement for FECCLAHA Staff

Ongoing capacity enhancement for FECCLAHA staff has led to greater efficiency and creativity among the staff thus leading to strengthening of the institution. This year, programme staff participated in short-term courses in Peace Building and also Gender and Development. Other trainings included Human Rights and Governance at Hekima Institute of Peace Studies and International Relations, ‘Learning to Live Together’ by Global Network of Religions for Children (GNRC), Outcome Impact Orientation (OIO) facilitated by Bread for the World together with Corat Africa, Training on Contextual Bible Study methodology to address Economic Justice and Gender Based Violence in society by DKA Austria among others.

In addition, Jeannette Uwizeye (Programme Officer for Peace Building and Conflict transformation) and Philemon Okeyo (Finance and Administration Manager) were part of a team of 9 participants who participated in a training on “Sustainable Leadership in Pluralism and Peace Building”. This is an annual programme facilitated by the Church of Sweden and the Swedish Theological Institute (STI) in Jerusalem. The training is instrumental in building the participants’ capacity in leadership, sharing tools that will facilitate adequate follow up to Christian leadership in a pluralist context with multiple religions. The participants were provided with a unique opportunity to study the relevance of the topic from a Judaism, Christianity, and Islamic perspective. The training focused on leadership that promotes conflict prevention, peace building and reconciliation. In addition to listening and engaging with peace practitioners from multiple religious contexts, participants visited various Holy Sites which greatly enriched their spiritual lives and brought the Bible into context. The previous year, two members of staff participated in the event and the experience and lessons learnt contributed to shaping this year’s staff retreat.

4. Relations and Engagement with Partners

Strong and mutually beneficial partnerships are critical to FECCLAHA’s institutional growth. Therefore, ongoing communication and dialogue as well as timely reporting are key principles to the secretariat’s works. To this effect, formal and informal engagements were held with delegates from Christian Aid, Church of Sweden, DKA Austria-Nairobi Support Office, and ICCO. Linked to this, Dr. Hans Spitzeck from Bread for the World: African Department – Unit of Continental Projects together with FECCLAHA staff participated in a worship service at the Friends Church – Maringo in Nairobi, Kenya. This was facilitated courtesy of the National Council of Churches of Kenya (NCCK) – Nairobi Region (NCCK). Further, FECCLAHA Executive Director also met with representatives from the Swedish Council of Churches where possible areas of future partnership and sharing of lessons learnt were discussed at length. These are important engagement that strengthen partnerships.
## Annual Report and Financial Statements

### Statement of Income and Expenditure

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African Council of Religious Leaders (ACRL)
Africa Peace Forum (APFO)
All Africa Conference of Churches (AACC)
Amani Forum: The Great Lakes Parliamentary Forum on Peace
Arigatou International
Association of Member Episcopal Conferences in Eastern Africa (AMECEA)
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Catholic Relief Services (CRS)
Christian Aid
Church of Sweden (CoS)

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DKA Austria
East African Action Network on Small Arms (EAANSA)
Ecumenical HIV & AIDS Initiative in Africa (WCH- EHAIA)
Finn Church Aid
Hekima Institute of Peace Studies and International Relations (HIPSIR)
International Alert
Inter Church Organization for Development Cooperation (ICCO)
International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR)
International Movement for Catholic Students – Africa (IMCS)
Life and Peace Institute (LPI)

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Mukuru Slums Development Project (MSDP)
Nairobi Peace Initiative (NPI)-Africa
Nairobi Women’s Hospital-Gender Violence Recovery Centre
Norwegian Church Aid (NCA)
Pax Christi-Netherlands
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Regional Centre on Small Arms and Light Weapons (RECSA)
St. Paul’s University, Limuru, Kenya
The Christian Organization Research and Advisory Trust of Africa (CORAT-Africa)
The General Referral Hospital of Panzi (GRHP)
World Council of Churches (WCC)