

Mission Secretary – Kenya / Tanzania Province

THE PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY 28 – 29TH JAN 2010 HELD AT CFC LANGATA

PREAMBLE:

There should be permanent dialogue/evaluation between our Mission Project and our Mission Practice. This dialogue often brings to light the fact that sometimes we are not doing what we ought to be doing. Leadership, as understood by the 16th General chapter is threefold:

- Administration: we manage things
- Animation: we animate people
- Coordination: we coordinate activities

The animation entails dealing with the “anima” meaning soul, heart and feelings of the confreres. The use of the external authority does not help. We will gain them through the force of our ideas, the nobility of our cause. Are we convinced ourselves of what we are doing? Do we know how important our task is? We are to keep good relationships with our confreres, our lay partners and co-workers.

We have to animate our confreres to love what they are doing. And to animate them we need to be animated ourselves. This therefore brings the role of Coordination. In actual fact, the Mission Secretary has no administrative power.

MISSION SECRETARIES WORKSHOP IN LUANDA, 8 -13TH MARCH 2010- 01-28

PLAN OF ACTION: LUANDA 2009

1. That SVD Mission Secretaries in AFRAM take a PROACTIVE role in spiritual ongoing formation of confreres.
2. That SVD Mission Secretaries in AFRAM encourage and support every confrere in his role as PRIMARY Mission Animator.
3. That SVD Mission Secretaries in AFRAM promote SVD-Lay Associations for mission partnership.
4. That SVD Mission Secretaries in AFRAM explore new and creative ways of fundraising as ministry.

MISSION ANIMATION REPORT / ACTIVITIES FOR YEAR ENDED 2010

1. MISSION SUNDAY

Mission Sunday every year is usually an opportunity for us as a province to sell out our SVD identity to the people we are called to work with. In collaboration with our students in philosophy and theology house, we go to our parishes. We explain to the Christians our charism, apostolate and four-fold characteristic dimensions. In collaboration with the vocations office vocation promotional pamphlets and brochures were distributed during this day to parishioners especially young people who were interested to know more about our congregation.

2. FUNDRAISING: MISSION ENVELOPES

On Mission Sunday we usually print envelopes and distribute to the Christians and SVD partners and collaborators to generously contribute towards the SVD mission in Kenya - Tanzania. This also becomes a powerful weapon in making them a lot more aware of their responsibility in support of the local church and the missions. It would awake a missionary awareness among the laity.

3. MISSION OFFICE ACCOUNT

The provincial and his council granted permission to the mission office to open a separate bank account which is domicile at Cfc Stanbic bank, Waiyaki way with the provincial, the provincial treasurer and the mission secretary as the signatory.

4. CALENDARS

In collaboration with the Communication office, mission office printed 3000 thousand mission calendars at Ksh. 50 per calendar. I thank all the confreres for helping market and sell our SVD identity through the mission calendars. Mission envelopes and calendars raised Ksh. **120,737** which translates to about **USD 1676**.

5. PROVINCE RETREAT, OCTOBER 2009

In the line of ongoing formation the mission office paid for the province retreat of confreres. The total amount was **Ksh. 187,650** that translates to about **USD 2606**

6. CARE OF MISSIONARIES

Sometime back the Province formulated some of its policies. In regard to the care of Kenyan confreres working as missionaries outside the province in consultation with the mission office. As per the policy the mission office meets the medical check up cost and gives USD 100 to the confrere upon arrival and USD 100 while going back.

CONCLUSION:

I must acknowledge that the mission office managed to accomplish the above activities because of the help of confreres in selling our SVD identity in your places of work. Thank you for welcoming us to your parishes and giving us a chance to do mission animation.

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