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"We can't row the canoe fast with one paddle"
(African proverb)

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Dear Fathers Provincials, Regional and Mission Superiors,

Complete line-up. As June 1 was approaching, the date for the beginning of the new term for most of the provinces, regions and missions in the AFRAM Zone, we were eagerly waiting for the announcement of the new superiors. Here is the final list: Fr. *Zeferino Martins* (ANG), Fr. *Shiju Paul Puthenpurackal* (BOT), Fr. *Bernard Ilunga wa Ilunga* (CNG), Fr. *Thomas D'Mello* (GHA), Fr. *Eusebio Manangbao* (KEN), Fr. *Pius Pandai* (MAD), Fr. *Konrad Klich* (MOZ), Fr. *Teofilo Perey* (TCD), Fr. *Joseph Kallanchira* (TOG), Fr. *Alexander Kaliyanyil* (ZIM).

Gratitude. We want to thank Fr. *Alphonse Amanor*, the outgoing provincial of GHA for his service as chairman of the AFRAM Executive Committee. He succeeded Mgr *Gabriel Kumordji* the one we elected during the AFRAM Zonal Assembly. Soon we need to have a new Chairman. We also thank Fr. *Patricio de los Reyes* who finished his term as provincial of BOT and was our Chairman of the Execom in the last Zonal Assembly. Thanks too to Fr. *John Serrao*, the provincial delegate of KEN.

Reelected Superiors. Congratulations to Fr. *Bernard Ilunga wa Ilunga* (CNG), Fr. *Joseph Kallanchira* (TOG), Fr. *Pius Panday Dosi* (MAD), Fr. *Konrad Klich* and Fr. *Teofilo Perey* (TCD) for their reelection for a second term. Your experience will be of valuable help for AFRAM.

New Superiors. Welcome to the AFRAM Zonal Assembly Fr. *Zeferino Martins* (ANG), Fr. *Shiju Paul Puthenpurackal* (BOT), Fr. *Thomas D'Mello* (GHA), Fr. *Eusebio Manangbao* (KEN) and Fr. *Alexander Kaliyanyil* (ZIM). We hope that we can work together and help each other to develop more Zonal consciousness and interaction in AFRAM.

Evolution. Our Zone has now six provinces: GHA (1977), CNG (1977), ANG (1993), BOT (1993), KEN (1999) and TOG (2008). We have one region, MAD, which has now a council of five instead of three, and three missions MOZ (1997), TCD (2004) and the newest ZIM (2008). We are present in 14 countries with more than five hundred confreres. Our next Zonal Assembly is scheduled for March 2010 in Togo.

Appointment of Coordinators. Among your preoccupations as of now might be the appointment of officials in the province. Please take into consideration the coordinators for Justice, Peace and Integration of Creation (JPIC), Biblical Pastoral Ministry (BPM) and Communications and President of the Formation Board. The Mission Secretary is appointed by the Generalate. If you don't have enough personnel you may designate a "contact person". Please choose those who are conscientious of the CORRESPONDENCE and COMMUNICATIONS. If possible look for a provincial secretary to assure contacts if you are too busy or travelling, to keep the files and many other tasks.

Workshop for new provincials. According to Fr. General's letter of April 18 six superiors of AFRAM are invited to the Workshop for Newer Provincials in Nemi from July 6 to 19: ANG, BOT, GHA, KEN, MAD and ZIM. Have a pleasant voyage and wish to each other soon.

Fraternally yours in the Divine Word,

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