

Interfaith program of the IARF
South Nyanza Region Kenya Chapter
5th October 2013

Minute 1. Opening

The meeting started by receiving a word of prayer from Bishop Martin Mwambu followed by other leaders. Religious leaders present were Christians, African religions, traditional worshipers, the area chiefs and a Muslim.

Bishop Peter Odede called the meeting to order and welcomed members, observers and visitors. He acknowledged the presence on the stage of the IARF Kenya chapter Secretary General Rev. Lawrence Adera, the chapter National Treasurer Bishop Martin Mwambu and the region representatives Pastor George Arina and the region secretary Fr. Abraham Ogwambo who would also take the minutes of the meeting. Bishop Peter then called the IARF Kenya chapter Secretary General to present what he had to the congregation.



Minute 2. Opening speech by Rev. Lawrence Adera

“Shalom! Brethrens,

“I would like to thank you all for showing interest to attend this meeting. For many years since the IARF was formed no one even have thought of having such wonderful program in this region or in the rest of Kenya as whole and I want to tell you that we are lucky to find our self in IARF community in Kenya, I would say that we are lucky and we must appreciate that by see everyone fully participating in all IARF programs and most fulfilling the IARF agenda in Kenya. For this purpose, I would like to recognize the president of IARF the Most Rev. Mitsuo Miyake, the IARF secretariat office, the Administrator Brother Robert Papini, the IARF secretariat office, our beloved brother Bishop Dr. Jefferson Tasleem Ghauri, Rev. Yukari Miwa and Rev. Takahiro Miwa for their support towards the formation of the IARF Kenya Chapter and to the whole IARF council members

I also thank all of you for taking your time to be an IARF community in Kenya. In the presence, let me to recognize some distinguished guests, the area chief, Fr.

Dalmas of African Legion religion, the Bishop of Africa Israel religion and brother Imam who has taken his time to share this event with us.

“As IARF community, we are committed to fulfill the mission of the IARF in Africa as a whole.

I therefore thank all members who have attended this program and also thank those whom have demonstrated their interest to join the IARF community in Kenya, together, we shall make it happen.

My God bless you all.

Welcome”.



Minute 3 Introduction

Bishop Peter Odede the host requested all members to stand and introduce themselves.



Minute 4. Interfaith Program

After the IARF introduction, Bishop Martin Mwambu took over, to present the interfaith program, which he did in detail.

Minute 5. Open session for questions

Members were given time to ask questions, which were answered with much discussion.

Key points discussed;

i). **Peace** was the key message raised by different leaders.

ii). **Rights of young girls** - especially on early marriage. Female genital mutilation was also raised with concerns. These came after one of the elders sought our advice on how IARF can help the local community which still practices FGM.

Minute 6. Vote of thank and appreciations

Appreciation came from different leaders who promised to work closely with the IARF leaders in this region to fulfill the agendas for the region.



Group photo

After a word of prayer from Pastor Oguma of New Life Ministries, the seminar was adjourned at around 4.45pm as members left for the lunch break.

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