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Church Transformation Network

Champion Biannual Report

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| Particular | Number engaged | Pastors involved | Lowest chapter reached | Highest Chapter Reached | Remarks |
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| Pastors | 1,880 | 900 | | 9 | |
| Clusters | 112 | | | | |
| Facilitators | 474 | | | | |
| Coaches | 18 | | | | |

1. Please provide 1-2 testimonies on how this training has impacted the personal life of a pastor(s) within the Church.



Revd Charles Longo is the Parish Priest in St Andrew Parish in Juba Diocese, in his testimony (speaks in Arabic) he says; he had learned three important new things as a facilitator, and is guiding his pastoral ministry. These three things are; Pastors' Personal life, family and Church life.

Another impact story is from Eastern Equatoria, "This book has changed my life", said evangelist Bension, the youth leader in St Paul Cathedral. Now he is taking care of God's people under him. Bension appreciates CTN and ECSS for bringing this life changing ministry to Easter Equatoria and especially Torit Diocese.

2. Please share how the pastoral Ministry training has impacted relationships among pastors of small group.

This pastoral Ministry indeed has a lot of impacts, especially when it comes for small groups; pastors are united, strengthened and they learned from each other. Though the Episcopal Church stresses the prerequisite for ordination to be a Theological certificate, this book is more than a theological degree. Its practical, uniting and it's what every church leader needs.

3. How has participation in this program impacted pastors' ministries (E.g. Are they preaching more frequent, providing counselling services...etc).

Obviously, many pastors have benefited from this network. Someone in Rumbek Diocese told me this program is going to change the Church, and I believe this is changing the Church. When

pastors come together, there is already a fellowship which was not prioritized, enabling learning process, it enables breakthroughs, praying together and ministering as one body.

4. What have pastors applied from the training to improve their relationships with their local congregation's leadership?

Young pastor in one of the parishes in Juba Diocese said, I have been in the Church for many years but I did not realize the importance of sermon preparation until I learn from Pastoring the Flock of God. Ms. Jane expressed her joy in sharing the gospel in a new and improved style.

5. What do pastors need to be better equipped to accomplish their pastoral responsibilities. (For example, I would like training in)

Many pastors are caught by surprise! Some of them are inquiring of counselling books, family and group leadership guides.

6. What is the Biggest Challenge pastors are facing in their pastoral ministry?



In South Sudan there are sixty-four tribes, four are major- most of them speak local languages. Although they have the books but they can't facilitate in English. The second challenge is being a natural calamity, many areas of South Sudan

are covered with flooding in the last three years. Most areas in Eastern Bhar El Ghazal, Jonglei and Upper Nile where thousands of people have been displaced from their areas with desperate needs of shelter, food and health services.

The third Challenge is insecurity around conflict areas, in Equatoria and Jonglei and Upper



Nile.

The fourth Challenge being a distance between a diocese and their parishes due to a vast area. In Western Equatoria, the distance between one parish to another is not shorter than sixty-five miles.

7. What might be improved about the way pastoral training is managed.

- I. The Episcopal Church of South Sudan is governed by Archdeacons and Rural Deans where some of them can read, we encourage them to be added as facilitators in their own languages. We have though wisely if only few copies to be translated and printed for the facilitators in local languages.
- II. For the distant parishes, they could do their facilitators training in a form of a conference, where they would gather in one place for three days and complete the course. Of course, this may need transportation, accommodation and meals.
- III. Basically, to sustain any program, there is a need for monitoring and evaluation officer. Since we have mission coordinators, they could be supported monthly with a transport to enable them monitor these dioceses at least once every month.

Thanks,



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