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REPORT

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Leadership for Peace and Reconciliation Meeting

24 -28 December 2022 in Somalia

We, a group of 8 leaders and representatives from various house churches and fellowships, gathered in Somalia for a meeting from December 24 through December 28 to talk about peace and unity in the Somali Church. We admitted our own wrongdoing, misinformation, and spreading lies against one another and God's household, and we asked for forgiveness.

Luke 23:34, which states that forgiveness is the only path to inner peace, served as the foundation for our forgiveness.

Prayers were offered by all the leaders for the Somali nation to be freed from the clannishness, gloom, and slavery brought by the Muslim world, especially the Middle East.

Leaders who are minority persecuted believers in the nation realized that it is our collective responsibility to foster a positive environment for our children, our grandchildren, and future generations by upholding the principles of truth, justice, honesty, and compassion.

We are chosen by the Lord in the same way that the Lord appointed the watchmen for the prophet Ezekiel. As a result, all leaders ought to uphold a Godly character in accordance with the Scriptures.

To reach the unreached Somali community in the Horn of Africa, the Somali Church requires unity, truth, justice, peace, integrity, and compassion.

Due to division and a lack of peace within the Church, the Somali Church watches and does not speak out firmly when brothers and sisters in Christ are killed, put in jail, mocked, or forced out of their homes. Wake up, wake up, Somali Church!

Church in Action

The Church has historically played a significant role in peace-making within the Church and outside the Church. Therefore, the Somali Church is now taking serious steps to work on unity and solution for peace and reconciliation through the following:

- 1. Advocacy (Human rights)
 - 1.1 Right to Equality (Galatians 3:28, James 2:1-5, Leviticus 19:15)
 1.2 Right to Liberty (Galatians 5:1, 2 Corinthians 3:17, 2 Peter 2:19)
 1.3 Right to Justice (Isaiah 1:17, Proverbs 20:10)
 1.4 Right to Life (Psalm 139:13-16, Isaiah 44:24)
- **2. Peace- conflict resolution** ("Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God"- Matthew 5:9).
- **3. Forums** to bring together stakeholders and build bridges between leaders to overcome mistrust and disagreements ("Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice! Strive for full restoration, encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you"-2 Corinthians 13:11).

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