

## NARRATIVE REPORT

### LEADERSHIP CONSULTATION MEETING

The meeting's theme "Theological Foundation" is from Colossians 3:17.

"Oo wax alla wixii aad ku samaysaan hadal ama shuqulba, magaca Rabbi Ciise ku wada sameeya oo Ilaaha Aabbaha ah ugu mahadnaqa isaga" (Kolosay 3:17).

**Representatives:** (Rev. Hirsi, A; Rev. JS; Pst. BD; Pst. MMY; Pst. AJ; Rev. Abdi O; Mr. KAA; and Mr. O, Hanif).

#### **Agenda:**

#### **Day 1: February 10, 2023**

#### **Topic: Welcoming and Devotion**

Leaders arrived at the leadership consultation meeting hotel and gathered evening for introduction, dinner, prayers and fellowship led by Pastor BD.

#### **Day 2: February 11, 2023**

Topic: Devotion and prayers

Speaker: Pastor. MMY

Biblical reading references:

- Pastor MMY leads the morning prayers and devotion for the unity of the Church and underground house churches in the Somali context in the region.
- He reminded the leadership of the suffering of the faith in Christ and the need to have strong faithful stewardship despite the challenges and persecutions that Somali Christian leaders and members face every day in their own land/areas.

Topic: Servant leadership and unity in the Bible

Speaker: Rev. Abdi, O.

Biblical reading references: Galatians 5: 13-14; John 13: 1-17.

- Rev. Abdi presented the biblical servant leadership principles and unity and he explained the Biblical foundation of servant leadership which describes the example of leadership that Jesus provides.
- Rev. Abdi pointed out the model of leadership that Jesus showed His disciples and the different communities in which he met with them. What should we learn from Him?
- He concluded his presentation with prayers for the unity of the Church.

Topic: Servant leadership and unity in the Bible

Speaker: Rev. Hirsi, A.

Biblical reading references: John 13: 1-13; Acts 2:42-47

This is great to be together as Somali leaders and this is the first time Somali leaders came together to establish such kind of conference.

- following Jesus Christ didn't start with Somalis and it will not end with Somalis. Jesus is to all nations and tribes on earth.
- Somali believers working together for the Gospel may be able to assist Somali communities.
- We, Somali Christian leaders need to learn and reflect on the lessons learned over the last 20 years that we went through and others in the regions including other Christians working among the Somali Christians in the region.
- I am sure, If we cooperate together, we can definitely bring about change.
- To ensure that the Somali Church has a strong foundation, we must assist Somali Christians in developing their abilities, educating them, and teaching them the Bible and other skills.
- We must provide a positive example for those who are already Christians and those who are coming to Christ but need assistance and a thirst for the Word of God.

### **Day 3: February 12, 2023**

Topic: Ordination and services to AJ

Speakers: All

### **Day 4: February 13, 2023**

Topic: Devotions and Prayers

Speaker: Pastor. BD

Biblical reading references: Nehemiah 2:20 and Romans 16:17

- To God, we must demonstrate our unity in good faith and in spirit.
- Together, we can accomplish more for God's Kingdom and His mission among Somalis and elsewhere.
- The Apostle Paul urges us to be on the lookout for individuals who split the Church apart and cause issues.

Topic: Unity in Biblical principles/ Advocacy

Speaker: Rev. JS

Biblical reading references: Romans 10:12-13; Ephesians 2:11-22; Colossians 3:11; 1 Corinthians 12:12-13 and Romans 15:5-6; 12:2.

- The Bible encourages us to share God's goal for Christians to be one and to treat everyone equally because God loves all of His creations and sees them all with the same love and acceptance as a loving Father.
- Christ is in each of us and we are all in Christ, demonstrating the unity of His body; we are to promote others rather than ourselves; and we are to walk in faith and spirit.
- Paul emphasizes the need for unity in Romans 15:5–6, therefore in order to foster genuine trust in that unity, we must serve one another.
- When Paul instructs the Philippian church to be 'like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. Therefore, we need to have the same like-mindedness for us to serve the kingdom.
- 'Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.' – Romans 12:2.
- We must defend the rights of persecuted Christians and other vulnerable people to be helped by our underground Churches and this forum by cooperating with regional and global churches because the Bible informs us about the church's duty in advocating for the broken people.

Topic: Transformational Leadership/Diakonia

Speaker: Mr. O, Hanif

Biblical reading references: John 15:16; 2 Corinthians 5:14; Mark 10:35-45; Micah 6:8 and John 21.

- A leader should have a vision and be concerned about the physical and spiritual needs of followers and others.
- Jesus' followers took no chances when it came to carrying out their visions. A leader should rely on the strength of prayer and be humility.
- According to biblical principles, we should support and pray for our leaders who benefit people in the name of Jesus, including those in the church, missions, and organizations. As we are aware that being a leader is not an easy task, we must support our leaders.
- We can learn so much from Jesus' transformational leadership, e.g. The woman in the well is a good example. Biblical leaders often shared the burden of leadership and trained others to take leadership responsibilities. For example, Jesus spent much time with his twelve disciples; Daniel had three close friends; Joseph and Nehemiah organized well and delegated responsibilities to others.
- Jesus says that he has chosen us and sent us out to bear fruit, and that fruit should abide. As a result, the seeds grow as we minister. When we sow a good seed, it keeps growing. Movements will not sprout from a bad seed, sadly. We must therefore learn what constitutes good seed and how to plant it.
- We are obligated to seek justice for the weakest among us, to care deeply for our neighbors, and to follow our God in a life of compassion and mercy.
- Christ's love and care for us inspire us to show compassion to others.

### **Day 5: February 14, 2023**

Topic: Devotion and Prayers

Speaker: Pastor. AJ

Biblical reading references: 1 John 4:20

- We must encourage and pray for Christian leaders to inspire them. For the sake of Christ, we must correct one another while also loving one another.
- Valentine's Day is observed today. St. Valentine's Day is thought to have been created by the Catholic Church to honor these men, whom they considered to be martyrs. Today is a day of remembrance for Somali believers who have lost their lives because of their faith in Christ as well as for those who endure daily persecution (such as imprisonment, abuse, and oppression). As far as we are aware, there are still believers who are being imprisoned and sentenced as a result of their faith today.

Topic: Evangelism and Discipleship for Somalis

Speaker (s): Pastor. MMY and Rev. Abdi, O.

Biblical reading references: Rev. 14:7; Luke 12:11-12

- Evangelism is about leading Muslims to Christ and then disciplining them slowly
- The global and the regional Christian church struggles with the disciples of Somali believers in Christ from a Muslim background because of the culture and the previous faith. Therefore, we need to understand as Somali Christian leaders and help, advice and guide our global and regional Church to become effective of reaching out the Somalis.
- We need to disciple and invest a disciple that has a character like Jesus who can pass on the leadership to others, a servant not an individual who just want to survive alone and don't like to cooperate with other believers.

### **Day 6: February 15, 2023**

Topic: Devotion and prayers

Speaker: Mr. KAA

Biblical reading references: Psalms 133:1; 1 Corinthians 1:10; John 13:35; 2 Corinthians 13:1; Romans 14:19 and Acts: 14:19.

- Mr. KAA mentioned that Paul spoke repeatedly of believers as one body in Christ.
- It is Godly and blessed when brothers in Christ live together in unity.
- We need to persevere unity and work together for the sake of God's Kingdom.
- We have a responsibility to be faithful stewards and reach out to those who need to hear the Gospel.

### **Day 7: February 16, 2023**

Final goodbye and departure

## Conclusion and the way forward

### Action points

- Agreed and there is a common understanding for this leadership consultation meeting
- Leadership and board of directors ( steering committees) formed and selected.
- Constitution and mandate to be developed.
- There should be regular communication and networking.
- Appointing leaders (Chairperson, Deputy chair and Secretary)
- Experts and Elders
- National/international connections
- Speakers on behalf of the forum/network
- Expanding the Code of Conduct and disciplinary action
- Yearly leadership consultation meeting
- Strategic plan for 3- 5 years to be developed in this year 2023.

### Thematic areas:

4.1 **Advocacy** – rights to believers (persecutions and peace).

4.2 **Education**- Discipleship, leadership, and evangelism

4.3 **Diakonia/ Compassion or Mercy** - Emergency and other support for needy believers.

- The next leadership consultation meeting will be communicated and the location
- Promotion, and advertising through SBS and other useful channels.
- Inviting international/regional partners who have an interest in the Somali people and the region (Antioch Church)
- Assessment of the field to find out the believers in the country as well as to verify the number of believers in the region (General survey)
- Dr. Rev. Aweis has expressed his willingness to support education for those who need a full scholarship for Theology Education at the Africa Nazarene University. He would like to help the forum on different platforms to strengthen the unity of the Somali Christians. He will publish a promotion and prayer needs for the Somali Christian Forum in the Somali Bible Society (SBS) journal this coming June 2023.

### Any feedback/open consultation

1. Security Protection and keeping the leaders taking these risks to be protected.
2. Who could come be invited to this leadership consultation meeting for the next meetings?
3. What are the requirements?

### Prayer Needs

1. Please pray for the Somali Christians who are scattered in the region and globally to work together and united.
2. Pray for the Somali Christians who are in jail right now to be released.
3. Pray for the Somali community generally to know the everlasting peace-maker (Jesus Christ).
4. There is a clan fights and wars between the Somali communities this month, hundreds of thousands displaced and hundreds of people dead majority of young children and women, please pray for peace.

## TIMETABLE

*"There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all."* Ephesians 4:4 – 6

### Schedule 10<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> February 2023

s/n	Day	Time	Topic for discussion	Responsible
1.	<b>Feb 10, 2023</b>	1:00 pm -4:00 pm	February 10, 2023	Pst. BD & MYY
	-	5:00 pm- 8:00 pm	Evening fellowship, and gathering and dinner	Pst. BD
2	<b>Feb 11, 2023</b>	7:30-8:30 am	Breakfast	All
	-	9:00-10:00 am	Devotion and prayers	Pst. MMY
	-	10:00- 10:15 am	Tea break	
	-	10:15- 12:30	Servant Leadership and unity in Biblical principles	Rev. Abdi, O.
	-	12:30- 2:00 pm	Lunch break	Pst. MMY
	-	2:00- 4:00 pm	Servant Leadership and unity in Biblical principles	Rev. Hirsi, A.
3.	<b>Feb 12, 2023</b>	7:30-8:30	Breakfast	All
	-	9:00 – 4:00	Ordination of AJ	Rev. JS
4.	<b>Feb 13, 2023</b>	7:30-8:30	Breakfast	All
	-	9:00-10:00	Devotion and prayers	Pst. BD
	-	10:00- 10:15	Tea break	
	-	10:15- 12:30	Unity in Biblical principles /Advocacy	Rev. JS and Dr. Rev. Aweis
	-	12:30- 2:00	Lunch break	All
	-	2:00- 4:00	Transformational Leadership/Diakonia	O. Hanif
5.	<b>Feb 14, 2023</b>	7:30-8:30	Breakfast	All
	-	9:00-10:00	Devotion and prayers	Pst. AJ
	-	10:00- 10:15	Tea break	
	-	10:15- 12:30	Evangelism and Discipleship for Somalis	Rev. Abdi, O.
	-	12:30- 2:00	Lunch break	All
	-	2:00- 4:00	Evangelism and Discipleship for Somalis	Pst. MMY
6.	<b>Feb 15, 2023</b>	7:30-8:30	Breakfast	All
	-	9:00-10:00	Devotion and prayers	KA
	-	10:00- 10:15	Tea break	All
	-	10:15- 12:30	Open consultation	All
	-	12:30- 2:00	Lunch break	All
	-	2:00- 4:00	R &R	All
7.	<b>Feb 16, 2023</b>	7:30-8:30	Breakfast	All
	-	9:00- 11:00	Final goodbye and Departure	All

Acting Chairperson,  
Rev. Abdi O,

