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MOTHERS' UNION LITERACY AND FINANCIAL EDUCATION

Mothers' Union and Five Talents are now working in partnership in order to provide some of the literacy program participants with training in business skills and savings-led microfinance with a view to enabling groups to save and lend, budget, and plan businesses. The long-term goal is to empower them to take a lead on development issues within their own communities.

In March the Province welcomed Naomi Herbert from Mary Sumner House and Suzanne Schultz from Five Talents for an evaluation of the programme. In April Anna Pienaar from Five Talents, Eva Björkander the Program Manager of Läkarmissionen, and Andrew Maclay a trustee of Five Talents visited the programme.

Commenting on her visit Eva Björkander said, "Building the capacity and self esteem of people is truly rewarding.... It is my conviction that the key to achieving all of this is dedicated people and my impression is that you have many of those."

LOSS OF UK AID

The Province welcomed Sally Keeble from the Anglican Alliance. She joined the Archbishop and Provincial Secretary in making the case for four African countries including Burundi that have lost their place in the UK aid programme. The Most Rev. Bernard Ntahoturi spoke of his dismay at the closure of DFID's office in Bujumbura and the loss of UK aid as "not encouraging messages" for Burundi or the Great Lakes' region. Sally Keeble hoped that, while working to achieve some shared objectives in the short term, in the long term the countries would be included back into the DFID programme.

ANGLICAN ALLIANCE

Rev Pedaculi Birakengana, Provincial Secretary, attended the first Anglican Alliance consultation in Nairobi co-hosted by the Council of Anglican Provinces of Africa (CAPA) in April. He said, "It was very good to assemble as delegates from Africa and other regions of the world to discuss the opportunities and potential that the Church has to develop communities in effective ways. The Alliance will make it a priority to advocate for the Provinces of the Anglican Communion in the areas of relief and development." Representatives from the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund of Canada and AngliCORD provided valuable guidance and insights on the role of church-based development agencies. Economic empowerment, peace and reconciliation, and governance were identified as the three most important areas for advocacy during 2011, with climate change identified as a priority for 2012.

UMOJA CONFERENCE ON COMMUNITY-CHURCH EMPOWERMENT

Organised jointly by Tearfund and CAPA the Province was represented by the Rt. Rev. John Nduwayo, Mathias Nkurunziza, Francois Ndirwami, and Desire Majambere at a conference held in April to look at how communities in Africa can be empowered and transformed using the Church and Community Mobilization Process (CCMP). CCMP is a Bible-based developmental approach that utilizes local resources. Delegates took part in field visits to assess first hand how the method works and might translate to their situations. Church leaders were invited to attend so that they are able to promote the vision for change and development in their dioceses.

FLAME INTERNATIONAL

In May the dioceses of Matana and Muyinga hosted week-long conferences for Anglican and Free Church leaders.

Jan Ransom, the founder of Flame International, spoke of her and the team's delight at the enthusiastic response of delegates and the commitment in Matana to give the teaching to students studying theology.

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