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The General Secretary
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ZAMBIA.

NORWEGIAN CHURCH LEADERS' VISITATION PROGRAMME - SOUTHERN AFRICA.

Dear friend.

When I visited Zambia in August/September last year I informed your colleagues together with the chairman Mr. Simuchoba about the programme which is being planned for this summer. I informed that I would revert to the matter when plans were more precise.

The Norwegian Ecumenical Committee on Southern Africa, in co-operation with the Centre for Partnership in Development at Diakonhjemmet where I am at present, is organizing a study programme for some 25 Norwegian theologians and lay church people. Most of them hold key positions in their respective churches. Being mostly a Lutheran country we are extremely happy that a good number of the participants come from other denominations, ranging from the Catholic church to the Baptist and Pentecostal churches.

The programme is being sponsored by government and private organizations, like Norwegian Church Aid. It will bring the group to the region of Southern Africa from June 10th to July 1st 1988.

It is intended that during the first two weeks groups of 3 to 5 participants will take part in visitation programmes in one of the following countries: ZAMBIA, ZIMBABWE, ANGOLA and BOTSWANA. It is our hope that in each country the programme will be worked out in close contact with the Christian Councils.

In ZAMBIA we count on Mindolo Ecumenical Foundation to be involved, as well as the Zambia Christian Refugee Service. In Botswana Archbishop Makhulu will give us advice on the programme and in Angola CAIE and bishop Emilio de Carvalho will organize the programme.

The Lutheran World Federation programmes in several of the Frontline States receive considerable support from NCA and the Norwegian Government. Part of the visitation programme will therefore take the groups to LWF sponsored projects and the LWF field offices will assist with logistics.

The programmes in the different countries thus include visits to refugee

projects in rural and urban areas, as well as other development and church activities which receive Norwegian assistance in one form or another. The groups will also be briefed by Norad and embassy officials as they come to the different countries.

After the two weeks of visitation, the whole group will come together for a one week seminar organized by the ZIMBABWE CHRISTIAN COUNCIL in Harare. A number of theologians and church people from the region will participate in Harare to facilitate the summing up of and reflection on the programme.

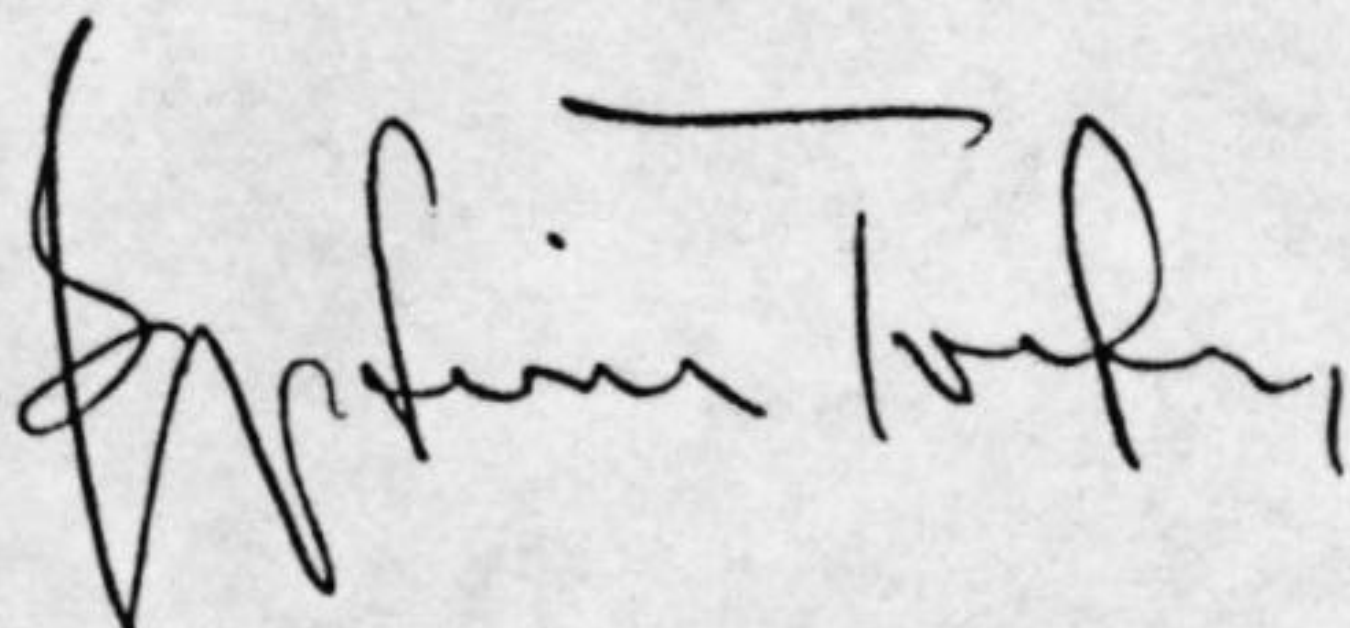
In Zambia the group shall also meet with SWAPO and ANC officials. It is also hoped that the visitors shall be able to go with the SWAPO priest Rev.HAIKALI to NYANGO.

Enclosed you will find a tentative programme for the two weeks the group is to spend in Zambia. I would appreciate if you discuss it with members of staff to see if your Council will be in a position to assist.

A similar letter is being sent to the ZCRS Director, The Director of Mindolo Ecumenical Foundation and Rev. Katalala Haikali of SWAPO to draw them into the planning. If you can assign one of your senior staff members to coordinate together with one from ZCRS, it will be much appreciated. Please let us know as soon as possible what local expences we should be prepared for.

Thanking you in advance for your co-operation,

Yours sincerely



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cc. The Director, Mindolo Ecumenical Foundation
The Director Zambia Christian Refugee Service
The SWAPO Chief Representative, Stockholm
Rev.Katalala Haikali, SWAPO Lusaka.
The Chief Representative of ANC, Oslo

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NORWEGIAN CHURCH LEADERS VISITATION PROGRAMME
SOUTHERN AFRICA - JUNE 1988.

ZAMBIA - JUNE 10th - 24th

FRIDAY	JUNE 10TH	DEPARTURE	OSLO
SATURDAY	11TH	ARRIVAL	LUSAKA
SUNDAY	12TH	CHURCH PROGRAMME	
MONDAY	13TH	CCZ ORIENTATION ZCRS NORAD	
TUESDAY	14TH	UNHCR CCZ REFUGEE COUNCELLING SERVICE MAKENI CENTER CHURCH PROGRAMME	
WEDNESDAY	15TH	UKWIMI SETTLEMENT	EASTERN PROVINCE
THURSDAY	16TH	UKWIMI	
FRIDAY	17TH	LUSAKA REST	
SATURDAY	18TH	TO MINDOLO	CHURCH PROJECTS ALONG ROAD
SUNDAY	19TH	MINDOLO	
MONDAY	20TH	MINDOLO	
TUESDAY	21TH	TO LUSAKA	CHURCH PROJECT ALONG THE ROAD
WEDNESDAY	22ND	NYANGO	WESTERN PROVINCE
THURSDAY	23RD	NYANGO -	TO LUSAKA IN THE AFTERNOON
FRIDAY	24TH	DEPARTURE FOR	ZIMBABWE

There will most likely be 4 participants from Norway.
If the programme requires the group may be split.
All expences will be covered by participants/organizers.

SUBJECT TO ALTERATIONS - PLEASE FEEL FREE.

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