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ANNOUNCEMENT OF PABCM4 CONFERENCE
ADDIS ABABA, ETHIOPIA, 9 - 14 OCTOBER 2017

Dear brothers and sisters,

Greetings in the name of our Saviour.

We are writing to you as the International Planning Committee for the Pan African Brethren Conference on Missions (PABCM). The next PABCM Conference is to be held, the Lord willing, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 09 - 14 October 2017. The venue will be at the Gudina Tumsa Conference and Training Centre of the Ethiopian Evangelical Church, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. We are expecting 300 delegates (200 from outside Ethiopia and 100 from within Ethiopia). The last conference of this nature was held in 2013 in Nairobi, Kenya, where we came together for a thanks giving Conference. At this conference we discussed progress made and the development of the work in future years and particular issues and problems being faced. You may wish to read about the reports in a book that was produced after the 2004 conference (Pressing on towards the Goal) which could be obtained from Echoes of Service or from Kelvin Samwata in Zambia.

The theme of this conference is: **Towards a Biblical Stewardship Mindset - Romans 12:1-2**

The main speakers for the plenary sessions will be:

- 1. Dr Girma Bekele (Ethiopia/Canada) - Stewardship: Politics & Economics.**
- 2. Isaac Aliwo Ogohi (Nigeria) - Stewardship: Managing Resources.**
- 3. Dr Felix Muchimba (Zambia) - Stewardship: God & Culture.**
- 4. Geshom Chioni (Zambia) - Stewardship: The Great Commission.**

The Key Note Speech during the opening session of the conference will be given by Colin Phelps of OM Africa, South Africa.

The main focus of this conference is to encourage key people in the Brethren movement in Africa where there are local churches, which owe their origins to that movement. The main subject is not therefore overseas mission but the life, health and work of the Lord of the national movements which have resulted from the remarkable missionary efforts of the last 150 years. We can rejoice that while these churches are small and struggling in some places, in a considerable number of countries there is exciting and dynamic growth, as well as ideas which can be valuable for us all.

Our purpose now is to let you know that copies of the brochure and booking form for the conference are now ready and will be sent to those interested. We now want to ask if you will be good enough to pass this information about the conference to key leaders in your country who may be interested in coming to the conference. You are all very welcome.

Our aim is to secure representation from as many as possible of the countries in Africa and we are looking at having 300 delegates to attend this conference, and therefore, your help in contacting the right people would be much appreciated. It would be very helpful if you could pass on this

information to key national leaders, as well as missionaries, in the countries that you are particularly connected with.

It would also be helpful if you could let us have names and postal and email addresses for those key national leaders as we are trying to compile a Pan African master list of key national contacts in the brethren churches.

Leaders who would like to attend the conference will have to meet the conference expenses from their own resources as the Pan African Brethren Conference on Missions Planning Committee has not got funds to help those who are unable to meet the travel costs. Your help in helping to fund those who can't meet these costs will be appreciated. Please pray that the Lord will help us fulfil this work of holding this very important conference. Your help would therefore also be appreciated in encouraging those who may be able to do so to help in funding attenders, whether from your own country or from other countries. Could you please ask bodies or individuals who wish to help in this way to be in touch with me about the help that they may be able to give.

We are conscious that we have been in touch separately about this matter, with some of the organisations to which this message is addressed, but we trust that you will not mind being included in this circulation. We may now be raising points, which we have not previously raised with you.

Application Form and the Conference Brochure can also be uploaded from the IBCM website: www.ibcm.net and follow the PABCM4 link

PURPOSE

1. A meeting of workers and key leaders from assemblies and assembly work from African Countries and Overseas.
2. A forum for discussion of issues of common interest and concern
3. To help each country develop a better international perspective on God's work in Africa
4. An opportunity to build fellowship with our brothers and sisters in other parts of the continent.
5. The ability to learn from the experience of others and share in the progress of the gospel in other parts
6. An opportunity to build ourselves up in the Word of God
7. Develop greater unity through understanding the diversity of the Christian Brethren in Africa.
8. Become aware of needs in other African countries.

TARGET GROUP

Full Time workers, both expatriate and national, key leaders, women and young people

VENUE

Gudina Tumsa Conference and Training Centre of the Ethiopian Evangelical Church, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia (which is just 20 minutes away from the Bole International Airport).

DATE

09 - 14 October 2017

Please join us praying for the success of the conference. This we believe will strengthen and encourage the Lord's work on the African continent.

Together serving the Lord in missions,

In Christ and for His Kingdom,

Kelvin Samwata
Chairman - International Planning Committee