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DIAKONIA WORLD FEDERATION ASSEMBLY 2025

Dear Friends.

I am very happy to invite you to the DIAKONIA World Federation (DWF) Assembly 2025 that will take place in Moshi, Tanzania 7th -12th July 2025. The theme of the Assembly will be *Dancing the faith – Drumming up hope*, and we will explore the theme from different perspectives.

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania, Northern Diocese and our member organisations Ushirika wa Neema and Ushirika wa Diakonia Faraja will be the hosts of the Assembly together with the Executive Committee of DWF.

Assembly Dates

The Assembly will be 7th – 12th July 2025. The 7th is the arrival day. Registration will open at noon and the program will start at 6 pm. The Assembly will close on the evening of 11th July with the 12th as departure day. A preliminary program for the Assembly is attached.

Venue and accommodation

The main venue for the Assembly will be at Lutheran Uhuru Hotel. Accommodation will be at the hotel and other hotels close by. The hotels offer single rooms. Couples who wish to share should register separately and contact the secretary. Breakfast will be provided at your accommodation. The rest of the meals will be at Uhuru Hotel. There will be a shuttle service between the venue and offsite accommodation in the morning and evening.

Theme

The theme *Dancing the faith – Drumming up hope*, will guide the Assembly program through the main speakers, Bible Studies, Prayer and Worship, exploring the theme from different perspectives.

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Assembly of Members

The Assembly of Members will meet twice through the Assembly and the agenda will include the election of a new President, endorsing the new Executive Committee, affirming the Constitution and the Bylaws, financial statements, reports and other items. The voting in the Assembly of Members is the responsibility of the delegates who have been given the authority to vote from their organisation. The Constitution states in §6 that each member organisation can send one delegate for every 250 registered members, up to a maximum of five. Each delegate has one vote.

Registration and Cost

Registration is now open – please use the following link:

<https://forms.gle/ySJQ7ymj9gCw6pp69>

The deadline for registration is 31st December 2024.



The cost of the Assembly is 880 Euro and should be paid into DWF's account in Sparkasse Ansbach at the latest 28th February 2025. All payments must be made in Euro.

Payee: *DIAKONIA Weltbund e.V.*
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It is possible to register after 31st December 2024 but then a surcharge of 15% will apply (= 1012€). The very last date to register is 28th February 2025.

The Assembly registration fee covers accommodation, transfer from/to Kilimanjaro airport, shuttle service to/from the hotel in the morning and evening if required, breakfast, lunch, dinner, coffee, water, the local excursion planned in the program, the lectures and the workshops. Flight costs, additional excursions and sightseeing and other transfers are not included in the price.

The Executive Committee and the Moshi Planning Committee are aware of the increasing costs for all of us. We have managed to keep the registration cost very reasonable, and consistent with the previous two Assemblies. We hope it will enable many people from our Member Organisations to attend the Assembly.

Cancellation

If you must cancel your registration this can be done for free until 31st December 2024. In case of cancellation by 28th February 2025, 50% of the conference fee must be paid. In case of cancellation from 1st March 2025, 100% of the conference fee must be paid.

Transport from the airport

The airport for Moshi is Kilimanjaro International Airport. Transport between the airport and Moshi is included in the Assembly fee and will take place on Monday 7th July and Saturday 12th July. There will also be one bus going early Sunday morning 13th July. If you arrive or leave outside these dates you must arrange and pay for your own transport, and accommodation.

Language

The main language of the Assembly will be English but translation into German can be provided if needed. Please indicate on the Registration Form if you will need translation, to enable us to order the correct number of headsets.

Visa

Almost all participants will need a Visa for Tanzania. Normally this is easy to get. After you have registered you will get a letter with information on how to apply and pay for the Visa including an invitation letter from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania.

Safari

The Assembly will not arrange any separate safari for the participants. There are plenty of offers for safari trips and we are happy to supply you with contact information.

Travel Fund

The Executive Committee has been able to allocate a Travel Fund for our members. The Member Organisations can apply until the end of December for help with the fee for the Assembly and the travel expenses for their voting member. The information about the Travel Fund and eligibility will be sent in a separate letter to the contact persons in our Member Organisations.

On behalf of the Executive Committee and the Moshi Planning Committee I invite you to join us at the Assembly. We look forward to our time together catching up with old and new friends.

If you have any questions don't hesitate to contact me or the Secretary, Marianne Uri Øverland (secretary@diakonia-world.org).

Together in Christ,

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads 'Sandy Boyce'.

Sandy Boyce

President DIAKONIA World Federation

PRELIMINARY OUTLINE PROGRAM FOR THE ASSEMBLY

Time	Monday 7 th July <i>Arrival day</i>	Tuesday 8 th July	Wednesday 9 th July	Thursday 10 th July	Friday 11 th July	Saturday 12 th July <i>Departure day</i>
7.30 am		Morning prayer	Morning Prayer	Morning Prayer	Morning Prayer	Morning Prayer
8.00 am		Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
9.00 am		Transport to meeting venue	Transport to meeting venue	Transport to meeting venue.	Transport to meeting venue.	Departures
9.30 am		Opening worship	Worship and Bible Study	Worship and Bible Study	Worship and Bible Study	EC-meeting Options for safari
10am			DIAKAID	DAP Regional Report	Justice Committee	
10.30am				DRAE Regional report	DOTAC Regional Report	
11am		Coffee/tea	Coffee/tea	Coffee/tea	Coffee/tea	
11.45 am		Greetings	Greetings	Greetings	Vacant	
12.00 pm	Arrivals	Presentation #1	Presentation #2	Assembly of Members #2	Presentation #3	
12.30 pm						
1.00 pm	Registration	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	
1.30 pm						
2.00 pm	Snacks, water	Regional meetings	Assembly of Members #1	Afternoon visits	Electives #3	
2.30 pm						
3.00 pm					Evaluation	
3.30 pm	Conference Bags	Coffee/tea	Coffee/tea	Coffee/tea	Coffee/tea	
4.00 pm		Electives #1	Electives #2	Afternoon visits continue	Closing worship	
4.30 pm						
5.00 pm	Trading tables	Free time	Free time			
5.30 pm				Free time	Free time	
6.00 pm	Evening meal	Evening meal	Evening meal	Evening meal	Evening meal	
6.30 pm						
7.00 pm	Cultural program					
7.30 pm		Evening program	Evening program	Evening program	Evening program	
8.00 pm	Welcome					
8.30 pm						
9.00 pm	Evening prayers	Evening prayers	Evening prayers	Evening prayers	Evening prayers	