



### **CHRISTIAN SCHOLARS ON CHRISTIAN-MUSLIM RELATIONS COMMIT THEMSELVES TO PROCMURA'S PRINCIPLES**

Christian Scholars on Islam and Christian-Muslim relations in Africa drawn from Kenya, Tanzania, Rwanda, Ethiopia, South Sudan and Madagascar have declared their commitment to adopt and propagate the ideals and goals of PROCMURA in the African continent. The scholars, most of whom are former graduates of St Paul's University, Limuru, Kenya, and serving in various capacities in their countries, arrived at this decision during a four-day intensive consultation organised by PROCMURA in Limuru.

The consultation was aimed at reintroducing PROCMURA's ideals and goals to the scholars and urge them to work tirelessly with the churches in Africa, to provide guidance on PROCMURA's dual objective of faithful Christian witness that respects the spirit of good neighbourliness and Christian constructive engagement with Muslims for peace and peaceful co-existence towards the holistic development of the human family.

## **STATEMENT OF INTENT BY ISLAM AND CHRISTIAN-MUSLIM RELATIONS GRADUATES FROM EAST AFRICA AND THE INDIAN OCEAN 13<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2012**

We the East Africa and Indian Ocean Islam and Christian-Muslim Relations Graduates, at the invitation of the Programme for Christian-Muslim Relation in Africa (PROCMURA) participated in a consultation with the theme “PROCMURA: WHAT IT IS AND WHAT IT STANDS FOR” The consultation which took place at the Jumua Conference Center, Limuru Kenya from 11<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> July, 2012, brought together over 30 participants drawn from Tanzania, Kenya, Rwanda, South Sudan, Ethiopia, and Madagascar.

Having thoroughly engaged ourselves on the principles on which PROCMURA operates and participated in academic papers presented by participants as well as information sharing, we unanimously agreed to commit ourselves to:

- i. The service of God and humanity.
- ii. Adhere to PROCMURA’s principles of faithful and responsible Christian witness to the Gospel in an interfaith environment of Christians and Muslims that respects the spirit of good neighborliness, and Christian constructive engagement with Muslims for peace and peaceful coexistence for the holistic development of the human family.
- iii. Strengthen network among the PROCMURA’s three Regions (East and Southern Africa, Francophone West Africa and Anglophone West Africa) by sharing experiences and disseminate them to Area Committees for action.

To this extent we do hereby:

- i. Urge PROCMURA to intensify its collaboration with the National Councils of Churches and individual churches to promote its activities.
- ii. Call on all stakeholders within the PROCMURA constituencies to closely work with the ICMR graduates of St. Paul’s University and all others committed to Christian-Muslim relations in Africa to use their knowledge and experience to promote PROCMURA’s programmes in the continent and beyond.
- iii. Call on the leadership of the Churches in Africa to take Christian-Muslim relations seriously and to make it part and parcel of the churches life and ministry in an age where religious extremism seems to be on the ascendency.

In conclusion, we would like to acknowledge the richness of this conference in terms of networking, information and experience sharing, and recommend to PROCMURA to work out a plan of action that would enable consultations of this nature to be an annual event.

**SO GOD HELP US**

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