



In recognition of the immense contribution of PROCMURA to the cause of peace in society and peaceful coexistence between Christians and Muslims in Africa and beyond, during the commemoration ceremony of the International Day of the Golden Rule jointly organised by United Religions Initiative (URI) and the Golden Rule International on the 5th April 2014 at the AACC Desmond Tutu Conference Centre Nairobi Kenya, PROCMURA was conferred with the award of Goodwill Ambassador of the Golden Rule.

The award was presented by the Executive Director of URI Global - The Rev Victor H. Kazanjian Jr. assisted by Ambassador Mussie Hailu - Director URI Africa and Ms Rattan Channa - Global Council Trustee URI. The award was received by Rev Lesmore Gibson Ezekiel, Programme Officer of PROCMURA, on behalf of the General Adviser Rev. Dr. Johnson Mbillah who was on travel.



Rev. Ezekiel Gibson Lesmore, PROCMURA Programme Officer (left) displays the Award just after the presentation by Rev. Victor H. Kazanjian, Jr. Executive Director, URI (middle) and Ambassador Mussie Hailu, The Director URI-Africa (right)



Ambassador Mussie Hailu

In his address before the presentation of the award, the Director of URI-Africa, Ambassador Mussie Hailu commended PROCMURA for the profound manner in which it has carried out its activities in Africa and even beyond, he recounted openly his enriching encounter with the General Adviser at different forums.

He stated unequivocally that PROCMURA is unique in its programme implementation and target and that it has remained steadfast to its founding objective of peacebuilding in the society and peaceful coexistence between Christians and Muslims in Africa.

He concluded by reiterating that the “Golden Rule” which states, “***Treat Others As You Would Want To Be Treated***” permeates all religions of the world and if only all adherents of all the religions will be guided by the Golden Rule our world will experience tranquillity and serenity founded on genuine peace.



Rev. Lesmore Gibson Ezekiel

The Programme Officer, The Rev Lesmore in his response after receiving the Award informed the dignitaries that the General Adviser who was on travel would have loved to be here but unavoidable assignment could not allow him. The Rev Lesmore went on to register the profound appreciation of PROCMURA to the United Religions Initiative - URI Africa for the award presented to PROCMURA.

He assured the audience and the leadership of URI that the award will serve as additional stimulus and energizer in this journey of advocating for sustainable peace in the society and between Christians and Muslims. Violence, the Rev. Lesmore emphasised, should not be an option in resolving dissatisfaction and injustice.

He concluded by saying that the Golden Rule remains an inextinguishable message that PROCMURA will vigorously disseminate. PROCMURA appreciates the unrelenting effort of Ambassador Mussie Hailu for the cause of PEACE in Africa and beyond.

The ceremony was well attended by different personalities of different religions who are committed to the principles of the Golden Rule, religious leaders, and the press.



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- 1. Participants Group Photo
- 2. The Award
- 3. The Medal

This award will certainly spur us to do even more for the cause of durable peace in Africa which is faced with several challenges not least the misuse of religion for political and economic ends that tend to breed intolerance of the religious other and conflicts.

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