

The Anabaptists Church Worldwide International Headquarters

The International Headquarters of the ACW are being constructed on 31 acres in Bunda, Tanzania, 4 miles east of Lake Victoria. The church had opened a National Proposal request from all of our National Churches, for detailed submissions of individual proposals for a new location of the Church's International Headquarters. The Church's headquarters were located in Johnstown, Pennsylvania until 2010, when the National Presbytery voted to relocate the International Headquarters within the Eastern Hemisphere, where the majority of our national churches are located.

With the Prime Meridian dividing the world into two Hemispheres, whereby both the United States and United Kingdom are in both, it seemed appropriate that the International Headquarters not be located in the United States nor in England, but rather in one of our countries wherein it would be most central, and wherein the testimony of Christ and the unity of the church would be seen as each national church being subject one to another (1 Peter 5:5) as "members in particular" of one body, inclusive of the United States and UK. The International Presbytery felt before God, that it was paramount that the location should be a witness in itself that the members in the United States and UK, not appear to be overlords of the smaller nations, "not that other men be eased, and ye burdened: but by an equality, that now at this time your abundance may be a supply for their want, that their abundance also may be a supply of your want: that there may be quality" (2 Corinthians 8:13, 14) in our subjection one to another, as members one of another. Clearly it is much easier for the churches in the U.S. and U.K. to come to the churches in the Eastern Hemisphere, than for the churches in the East to come to America.

Accordingly, in the submissions from each National Church, the proposals were reviewed, and the proposal prepared by the late Bishop Alphonse Lutakakwa of Tanzania, appeared to be more suitable. Before the presbytery could meet to decide, the untimely death of Bishop Lutakakwa brought most of the International Presbytery to Bunda for his funeral, and thus began the direction of God in the final decision to accept the Bunda proposal. Accordingly, the Church has now purchased 31 acres, with an agreement to acquire 65 more acres of surrounding land, within the next 15 years, on which the Church is expecting to construct both their International Headquarters, the Tanzania Headquarters along with a Medical Hospital and Medical Officer & Nurse's Training College, and a Bible College.

The Phase One project plan includes the construction of the International Church Headquarters, which includes the Church auditorium, National Bishop's Residence, Bible College Classrooms and the first phase of the Vocational

School's Logging, Grading and Woodworking Facilities. The first phase will also include the fencing and closure of the 31 acre plot, along with roads, entry gates and site work needed for all site utilities, along with the initial restructuring of the existing rice paddies into a Hydroponic Agricultural School, scheduled to be operational by the beginning of Phase II in the summer of 2018.

Phase II Project Plans involve the construction of the ACW Bunda Medical Training Facility, in which the Church has partnered with IMEC for the construction of a 25 bed hospital and Medical Training School facility to train Assistant Medical Officers and Nurses in accordance to Tanzania Requirements, in the goal of sending out medical ministers of the gospel throughout all of Africa. The Facility will offer free medical treatment to church members, and emergency care for the community that involves an emergency trauma and surgery unit, as well as an Emergency Infectious Disease unit. The Church has been given over \$3 million dollars of hospital equipment for this phase, and plan design and approval is in the processing. Dr. Mukome Nyamhagatta has accepted the position as Chief Physician in charge of the hospital and Medical School and is presently working with the President of the College to finalize and obtain approval of the Medical College curriculum.

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