

STATEMENT ON AFRICA HEADS OF CONFERENCES SUMMIT

The Africa Methodist Council is a Pan African association of Methodist, Wesleyan, and related Uniting and United Churches. The Council aims to encourage Methodist unity in witness, facilitate mission in Africa, and foster ecumenical and inter-religious activities that will enhance Methodism within Africa and promote the unity of the Methodist family in Africa, showcasing the African identity through the Wesleyan movement.

The heads of conference summit was held at the Methodist Resort Centre in Nairobi, Kenya from 14 – 19 May 2025 under the theme *"Transformation of the Socio-Political and Economic Landscape of Africa: The Methodist Factor."*

The gathering of 55 delegates comprised of the Executive of the Africa Methodist Council, heads of Methodist conferences in Africa, secretaries of conferences, administrative bishops, and general secretaries, as well as senior officials of various Methodist churches and institutions within the African Continent. Also in attendance were the President of the Council of Evangelical Methodist Churches in Latin America and the Caribbean, Rev. Juan Da Dios Peña Gallegos, and Rev. Dr Leo Neto, General Secretary of the World Methodist Council.

The discussions focused on reconciliation and transformational pathways, embracing ecumenism and bridging differences in theological perspectives with other churches, working together on migration and transformation of the socio-political and economic landscape of Africa.

Other conversations included ecumenical cooperation, regionalisation of the United Methodist Church and its meaning to the Methodists in Africa and the role of the church in conflict resolution.

Call for Action

1. To continually uphold our prophetic voice and witness by supporting one another in the fulfilment of our mission - spreading scriptural holiness across the continent.

2. We commit to walking with all denominations in a quest for Africa's socio-political and economic landscape, premised on an eternal hope.
3. We commit to being a reflection of integrity and honesty for our political leaders with the hope of manifesting the possibilities that Africans can achieve.
4. To work in partnership with other Faith-Based communities across the continent that are aligned with the agenda and vision of the AMC.
5. To address the challenges of migration and the internally displaced in the continent, we will forge collaborations with organizations in other continents that work with migrants, thereby enabling the integration of migrants in the places they find themselves.
6. To explore ways of sustaining our work within the Methodist family in Africa and the broader African community.

We therefore commit to fulfilling our divine mandate as Methodists in the continent of Africa. We pray that God blesses Africa, sustains our leaders and guards our hearts as we seek the peace and prosperity of our continent.

Signed

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