

Communauté de Diaconesses "Abaja ba Kristo" Rubengera. B.P. 56 KIGALI-Rwanda Tel +250788835552 Email: diaconesses.rw@gmail.com Rubengera, October 2021

Dear friends and partners of CD-ABK,

We greet you in the name of Jesus Christ our Redeemer. The Communauté de Diaconesses "Abaja ba Kristo" (CD-ABK) is very thankful to God who allowed us to find this occasion to share with friends and partners some current news and events that generally occurred in Rwanda and particularly in CD-ABK.

First of all, the Corona virus pandemic is getting down in Rwanda and the majority of daily activities is operational despite the remaining measures taken by the government for more prevention. According to Health Minister, "more than two million Rwandans received Covid-19 vaccine, including one million and a half of fully vaccinated.

Rwanda has a target to vaccinate 60 per cent of population by 2022 and currently, 21 per cent of the 7.8 million people are fully vaccinated" (New Times 27 September 2021).

On the CD-ABK side, all sisters are fully vaccinated and we believe that God will wash away all pandemics, including the Covid 19.

Relating to CD-ABK news, from the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021, the general assembly of Communauté de Diaconesses "Abaja ba Kristo" (CD-ABK) elected new leaders: Sister Marie Louise NIYONSENGA has been elected as the Responsible and Legal representative of the Community and replaced Sister Berthe MUKARURANGWA at this poste. Sister Domithille UWIRAGIYE has been elected as deputy and Vice Legal representative of the community.

On 24<sup>th</sup> August 2021, the elected leaders of CD-ABK have been inducted officially and it was a joyful moment for Sisters, pastors, friends and other partners despite the respect of measures against covid 19 .Also, we were blessed to have in this ceremony Board members of friends of sisters in Rwanda from Hollande (Sr.Dorien Peet, Mr. Rene van de Kieft, Mr. Maarten Van Ginkel,

Madam Janny Orebeek and Mr. Veenstra, Remmelt) and the CD-ABK recognize and appreciate their lovely partnership.



Again, we are pleased to inform you that on 31 Juley 2021, four sisters from CD-ABK made a big step towards their spiritual engagement where 3 sisters made the last vow and one sister entered the first stage of formation in sisterhood.

On the educational domain, the community is happy to have 4 volunteers from Germany who are supporting our schools in different domains: Anneruth and Emmanuel have 3 months of internship in Rubengera Technical School (RTS) while Simon and Linda have a duration of one year and will also work in these two schools. CD-ABK appreciates their contribution towards the quality of education in our schools. From the same domain, the CD-ABK is pleased to announce that we held on 24 September a graduation ceremony of 25 pupils from Indatwa School who ended the top level of nursery school. Due to covid 19 measures, other graduation ceremony of 23 pupils will take place on 30 September. On the local development perspective, the department of agriculture of CD-ABK managed to train 150 local farmers in different technics of farming in order to eradicate poverty our surrounding communities.



Dear friends and partners, the Communauté de Diaconesses "Abaja ba Kristo" is highly appreciating your lovely friendship and wishes you all the best from our Savior Jesus Christ.

"Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, 21 equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever" (Hebrew 13:20-21).

Warm greetings,

Sr. Marie-Louise Niyonsenga