MESSAGE OF SOLIDARITY WITH COUNTRIES AND PEOPLE FACING THE EBOLA EPIDEMIC

GOD OF LIFE LEAD AFRICA TO PEACE, JUSTICE AND DIGNITY

1 Corinthians 12:25-26: "... that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another.

If one member suffers, all suffer together with it;"

Dear AACC Members and Ecumenical Partners,

Greetings and peace with hope from God be with you.

It is with a heavy heart and deep sympathy that we write this message of solidarity with our brothers and sisters who have been affected by the Ebola pandemic and are battling the outbreak of the Ebola virus that has already claimed the lives of over 1000 people and left many families devastated. The untold grief wrought to the people by the Ebola disease is beyond description. Indeed, this is a catastrophe that is challenging the well-being and dignity of humanity.

On behalf of the All Africa Conference of Churches (AACC), we assure our brothers and sisters in the affected areas of our prayers trusting in the GOD OF LIFE who is our source of hope and from whom we derive our dignity.

We commend the tireless efforts of the nations concerned, churches, medical personnel, and the international community in alleviating the suffering caused by this disease.

We thank the Sierra Leone Council of Churches (councilofchurchesinsl@yahoo.com, ebunjames@yahoo.com, the Liberia Council Churches IDEKAM@aol.com), (liberiancouncil@yahoo.com, liberiacouncilchurches@yahoo.com), the Council of Churches in Guinea (davidsow5@yahoo.fr / secretariatgeneralccg@yahoo.fr), and the Christian Council Nigeria (wus 2003@yahoo.com /ccofnig.2010@yahoo.com) for keeping us informed and updated.

We request AACC members and the ecumenical family to dedicate **Sunday 24th August 2014** for special prayers for our brothers and sisters infected and affected by the pandemic.

We also encourage you to express your solidarity with churches in the countries affected through the contact addresses indicated above. We strongly believe in the power of prayer.

Our prayer and conviction is that we shall all find consolation and strength in God through the risen Christ who gives humanity a new beginning with hope and dignity.

Yours in His Service,

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Nairobi, 14 August 2014

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