

Pascal Kulungu Reports: 1999 – 2006
Center for Peacebuilding, Leadership and Good Governance. Kinshasa,
Democratic Republic of Congo.

- **Report of Oct. 22, 2003**
Leadership and Conflict Resolution Seminars and Workshops Organized and Run From 1999-
2003 in Democratic Republic Of Congo/ Kinshasa and Zambia

I Theme: Leadership and Conflict Resolution

1. Month and year: February 1999
2. Place: Kikwit
3. Participants: 35(CEFMC leadership from Bureau to Districts)

II Theme: Leadership and Mediation and Negotiation

1. Month and year: Mars1999
2. Place: Kinshasa(19), Kikwit (25), Kajiji(30), Kingwangala(35) DESADEC employees
3. Participants: 35(CEFMC leadership from Bureau to Districts)

III Theme: Leadership and Conflict resolution

1. Month and year: November1999
2. Place: Kinshasa
3. Participants: 40(Women leaders)

IV Theme: Pacific Methods of Conflict Resolution

1. Month and year: January 2000
2. Place: Kikwit
3. Participants: 25(Departments directors and DESADEC employees in Kinshasa)

V. Theme: Causes of Conflict in our communities and How to Prevent a Conflict)

1. Month and year: April 2000
2. Place: Kinshasa
3. Participants: 60(Mennonite forum for all the three Mennonites in Congo)

VI Theme: Causes of conflict in ladies' groups and how to prevent a conflict

1. Month and year: July 2000
2. Place: Kikwit
3. Participants: 50(ladies leaders from the three Mennonites groups in Congo)

VII Theme: causes of Conflict in our Congregation and how to prevent a Conflict Resolution

1. Month and year: November 2000
2. Place: Kajiji
3. Participants: 40 (CEFMB men and women leaders)

VIII Theme: Leadership and peace building,

2. How a conflict can damage and/or a church, congregation or a country

1. Month and year; January 2001
2. Place: Kikwit
3. Participants: biblical institute students65(men and women)
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IX Theme: Leadership and Peace building,

(How a conflict can damage and/or restore a church, congregation a country)

1. Month and year; Mars 2001

2. Place: Kajiji
3. Participants: (55) Church leaders and members, teachers, students.

X. Theme: Pacific methods of conflict resolution

1. Month and year; August 2001
2. Place: Kinshasa
3. Participants: 35 (church leaders from Bukavu, Goma and Isisro)

XI Theme: Conflict resolution. Mediation and negotiation

1. Month and year: December 2001
2. Place: Kinshasa
3. Participants: 20(Lawyer from Maitre Bondo Barom in preparation of Congolese interdiaologue)

XIII Conference:

Theme: Conflict resolution and peacemaking in classes and on campus (300 students)

Conference

1. Month and year: January 2002
2. Place: Kinshasa/Christian University of Kinshasa/UCKIN
3. Participants: 200 (Students, staff and faculty)

XIV. Theme: How to prevent conflict in your congregation, workplace and family

1. Month and year: Mars – April 2002
2. Place:
 - Kintambo/Kinshasa men 40
 - Masina/Kinshasa men 35
 - Kinshasa/Kintambo women 50
3. Participants: men and women 125(pastors, deacons, lay people)

XV. Conflict Resolution, Reconciliation et Restorative of Justice Events.

1. Broken relation between DESADEC and Kinshasa CEFMC leaders, June 1999, in Kinshasa.(10)
2. Conflict between the Bureau Central and leaders from Kinshasa
In February 2000, in Kikwit and Kinshasa.(35)
3. Conflict between medecin directeur and administrator gestionnaire de Kanzombi Kikwit(12)
4. Misunderstanding between the comite de gestion staff at Kajiji Hospital
In Kajiji, July 2001(45)
5. Misunderstanding between the senior pastor and the moderator office
At Paroisse missionnaire de Kintambo, August 2001(8)
6. Broken relationship between CEFMC pastors in Tembo
In Tembo November 2001. The reconciliation was held in front of more 300 churches
members (50), followed by a big celebration.
7. Misunderstanding between the staff and the personnel at CEFMC Libota medical
Center in Kinshasa, January 2002(15)
8. Broken relation between employer and employees at Christian University of Kinshasa UCKIN ,
February 2002, in Kinshasa at UCKIN(36) followed by the celebration in front of the students and
personnel
9. March 2003
Seminars, workshops and teaching thought the CEFMC churches in Kinshasa and
Kikwit/Bandundu
10. February 24- March 17, 2003: Teaching at Mindolo Ecumenical Foundation,
Kitwe/Zambia
11. August 25- September 5: Seminars-workshop on Leadership, Reconciliation and
Peacebuilding, in Katanga Province(Congo, DCR): Participants(60): Governor and his
office staff, Territorial administrators, Maires and Traditional chiefs.
12. September 27-29, Seminar Conflict resolution in schools. Participants (25)
elementary and high schools principals(Kinshasa)

13. October 15, convention on «What leadership for the educational institutions”: The Case of UCKIN, participants (175), Staff, Faculties Seniors students

- **24 May 2003.**

I had a chance to spend three weeks in Mindolo Ecumenical Foundation, Ke, Zambia. Carl Stauffer and I had taught non violence skills and methods of resolving conflict. There 32 participants coming from 26 African countries. I enjoyed the time and the time in exchange ideas with others.

- **17 Feb 2004**

I am always doing workshops and seminars as I can. Last month I was in Bas congo province where Mennonite are starting a new church. Fifteen people attended the workshop on causes of conflicts in our churches. Next month(march) we will have another workshop with the Mennonite youth on leadership changes and peace building. We are expecting to have more than 50 young people for two days.

- **10 Nov 2004**

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Developing plan of action

For center for Peace building, leadership and Good governance

1. Brief history of the Center

Building, peace and leadership in Congolese MB church

Peace building has become a compulsory in some part for the world.

The CPLB was founded on August 22, 2002 through the personal initiative of Mr. Pascal Tshisola KULUNGU, and a group of like-minded friends and peacemakers from North America (Canada and United States) and from the Democratic Republic of Congo. On October 18, 2004 a group of expert met with the Fresno Pacific University Center for peacemaking to which the Congolese center from a personal initiative to a broader committee.

On May 10, 2004, the MB church had given me a space where I have an office and a meeting room.

The main goal of the center to train, leaders, members and youths in the area of peace building, leadership and good governed. The activities will be extended in the countryside as well to other Christian church-related.

Another purpose of launching the center is to teach conflict resolution, negotiation and mediation at Christian university of Kinshasa. UCKIN which was founded by six conferences the years 1960s has been a place where most of our pastors have-been trained. Peace center.

2. Objectives

The aim of this center is to train adults, young, members, managers of CEFMC (Congolese Mennonite Church, other ECC (Church of Christ in Congo (DRC) congregations, and government leaders in the area of leadership, peace building, conflict resolution and good governance.

A. General objectives of the Center

1. Promotion of Peace, leadership, governance and Democracy.
2. Rehabilitation of DRC (churches). Economically, socially and intellectually.

B Specific objectives of the Center

1° Information and Training of church and socio-political actors.

2° Advocacy to the decision making leaders.

3° Conciliation of religious, social, political, economical and cultural tendencies of differences in resolution their conflicts.

4° Creation and redynamization of peace cells to promote non violence culture of peace in grassroots communities and, churches and secular sectors.

- **23 Apr 2005**

Greetings

We are doing fine; Next Monday I will have a seminar with pygmies on ethnic and cohabitation conflict

- **June 20, 2005**

Greetings from Kinshasa, the capital of the Democratic Republic of Congo. Could accept warm greetings from my family. Therese, the boys and the girls are doing fine. We are thankful to all of you for caring us in your hearts in spite of your families' needs.

From the peace center we are also doing fine. We have had some busy moments in organizing seminars, workshops and directed debates in the city of Kinshasa and out of Kinshasa.

We have been impressed in seeing how people are accepting our presentations and how these seminars are affecting people's lives. The three weeks I spent in Goma, North Kivu at the East of Congo were very effective to the students as well as to the teachers. Ten students accepted to become Christians. One student who was involved in occultisms decided to become a Christian mostly a Mennonite. More than 60 people were aware of Mennonites in the world and decided to practice non violence principles in their schools, families and churches.

In addition, I have started peace clubs in many schools in the city of Kinshasa. The same ideas will be expanded in CEFMC schools in the countryside. .

My hope is to go to other parts of Kinshasa, mostly to Bandundu and other provinces. Financial resource is one of the big issues to accomplish this mission. In January 2005, I had a chance to go Kajiji and Kabemba when Pakisa, Dalton, Sonya and Ray were in Congo. My journey to Goma was sponsored by CAFOD, a catholic organization based in London. They are working on peace issues in the region of Great Lakes.

The only problem we are struggling with these days is the day of June 30th. It is the anniversary of our independence on one hand. On the other hand, according to the Sunny city agreements we are supposed to have the new President on June 30th, 2005 after election. The transition government will finish its term on June 30th...

Unfortunately, things did not worked as planned in Sunny city. From what we are hearing from the independent commission of election, the election will be held by December 2005 or June 30th, 2006.

Two months ago. Tshisekedi, one of the opposition leaders launched the idea of saying that the actual government will stop working on June 30th at midnight. The same day according to him, people will be on the streets protesting against the transition government members by attacking the institutions and forcing them to leave the offices.

Hence, Tshisekedi's message has received double feelings from the local population. Some people have chosen to support Tshisekedi's vision. Whereas, other people are against him and are supporting the ideas of going forward to election in the following six or twelve months.

Consequently, the population, the government and church leaders in the city are divided. The insecurity is very high mostly at night.

Our hope is to see both, the government leaders and those who are not involved in the transition government to match their ideas so that there will not be tragic events on June 30th by God's grace.

My vision is that trained people have access to both gospel and knowledge in the field of peace building, leadership and good governance that advance God's Kingdom

Please pray for peace for Congolese people.

Once more thank you for your help and any other contributions to the Center (CLPB) and to my family

My God bless

- **21 Oct 2005**

We are doing fine. It has been also a busy time for me. Fidele [Lumeya] and I had a one month project with MCC to train mediators for the 2006's election. We had seminars here in Kinshasa, Kananga and Mbuji Mayi in the South East part of Congo. A total of 229 (50 women) confessional leaders (Catholic, Protestants, New age churches and Muslims) were trained,

MCC pays for the honoriums, ECC supports the ticket fares. There might be another trip to Goma. I'm waiting to hear from the two partners when it could happen.

MCC – Congo had also chosen the Center to monitor all projects they are financing for ECC- Congo.

We have a coordination office composed of five people from MB, General Mennonites, and MCC. Our role is to do the follow up in and out of Kinshasa.

We are expecting another follow from North America, Dennis Rempel will take over what we did with for the coming six months.

- **31 Dec 2005**

Greetings from Kinshasa, Congo DR. It has been awhile since you have heard from us. First of all I would like to wish you and your family Merry Christmas and Happy New Year 2006. You are among people we have been caring in our hearts for years. Therese and the children are doing fine. I've been busy in these six past months in training mediators and observers for the coming election from the Christian churches, Muslims as well as from the Government members. On December 19, we had the referendum election for our new constitution which was accepted with more than 80 % (Yes). There were many reasons that led people to vote yes. People are afraid of other wars. They want new laws and leaders who will prevent other wars in the future. Most Congolese people are willing to choose their future leaders by election. It is a compulsory way that will help in setting up democracy systems that will rebuild the country. Congolese have to learn more about election. For 40 years, they have not been democratic election in Congo. Mobutu's dictatorial leadership couldn't allow people to vote freely. It will be a new experience; each one would like to learn.

Of course other people voted for "No" because they did not have enough time to read and understand the constitution. Other declared that the new constitution was written in supporting the actual government. For us as trainers, we advise people to accept first the constitution, and the amendments of some articles will be done later.

Church members and leaders are also affected in different ways. There are a lot conflicts within church communities. Unemployment is increasing day from day, lack of good governance and servant leadership are some of the problems churches are experiencing. It is why the center for Peace building, Leadership and Good governance has declared 2006 as the year of "Reconciliation." We need reconciliation from local and national levels Recently I was in Kikwit (CEFMC) for three days to help the church leaders who were divided for almost one year to sit side by side. I will do the same work on January 4, 2006 for the Other Mennonites (CEMCO) here in Kinshasa

We need your prayer so that the Congolese people could be preparing for the coming election in choosing their local and national leaders.

I am thankful to your support and news letters from your services and families.

May God bless you and give you a nice New Year 2006 celebration

Shalom in Christ

Pascal

- **26 Jan 2006**

I've been busy these last five month in training mediators and observers for the coming election. In addition, last week I spent five days in Kikwit (Bandundu province) in mediating a church leadership conflict that has lasted one year. The church was divided, people couldn't greet each other or stay in the same room and chat to each other.

On Sunday 22nd, 2006, a reconciliation ceremony was held in one of the biggest churches in Kikwit. Four hundred fifty people came to the ceremony. Men, women and children shake each ones hands and whispered the words of forgiveness.

I praise the Lord who was with us during the negotiation proses that helps us to workout the leadership conflict in Kikwit: The first trip in December I went with Therese who helped me to talk with the leaders' women: