

The way forward

CRESEST's vision is to take initiatives with all its key players to establish a viable and sustainable mutual relationship in social and economic investments which will **break the circle of poverty for the people of Mpwapwa, Tanzania**. To this end CRESEST has come up with three strategies as a framework for on-going building of this project in partnership with ACT diocese of Mpwapwa.

A. Coordinating annual mission trips to Mpwapwa to continue with our life together in building relationships, sharing faith, life experience, ministry, and joy with one another. We also aim to bring various people with various interests to Mpwapwa and find their way to impact social and economic development, and enrich their own spirituality.

B. Coordinating works of interests in volunteerism to Mpwapwa in expertise in education, health care, farming and agricultures, landscaping and engineering, and other aspects of social and economic developments.

C. Creation of **CRESEST** (Coordinating Resources to Enhance Social and Economic Services in Tanzania) as an independent Episcopalian ministry with a non-profit status. Board members shall include a board of parish members from the Episcopal Church of USA. CRESEST will be a mechanism which will address needs, allocate resources, and oversee social and economic works in Mpwapwa. CRESEST's vision line up with MDGs engaging the ACT, Mpwapwa as a Pilot Diocese, in sustainable and mutual partnerships with the people and governments of USA. The goal is to break a circle of poverty to better social and economic life in Mpwapwa.

CRESEST unequivocally works in mutual and sustainable partnership of reciprocal opportunities to enable, facilitate, and enhance services. CRESEST seeds and acts as a catalyst while avoiding producing everything required. This mutual and reciprocal engagement is based on a Triangle of Partnership (TP) which seeks mutual participations and collaboration among CRESEST Actors and participants in reaching and transforming the people of Mpwapwa. TP is our mechanical defense against the temptation of being a Body which does things for people. Rejecting such easy path, TP mechanically demands all efforts to be placed on working with people on the ground to recognize, to honor, and to utilize their resources to face and alleviate their problems. During the process, TP will lead to three outcomes: shared sacrifice, shared resources, and shared outcomes.

3. Why Diocese of Mpwapwa?

The Diocese of Mpwapwa is relatively new in ACT. However, its ties to the Anglican Missionary history to Tanzania are as old as the presence of Anglican Church in the region. It is hard to discuss the desire and struggles for abolition of slavery in Africa without discussing the role and sacrifices of Anglican missionaries in Mpwapwa.

The Diocese is striving to address its challenges and obligations as a church to the society, and its pace of growth is fast. Many new churches have been planted, the number of Christians has grown up tremendously, and some old parishes have to tear down their wall to expand them to accommodate the growing number of Christians during Sunday masses. However, this success has led to new challenges: shortage of priests and adequate education to prepare them to meet the challenges of a fast growing diocese.

The pace of spiritual growth has led to other obligations. The needs and the challenges of the Diocese to address MDGs call for our attention. Good examples are the St. Luke Hospital, Queen Esther Girls' High School, Malolo Irrigation Scheme, Mothers' Union Hostel project, and St. Andrea Nursery school.

Despite a lack of international help, funds, professionals, and other resources, the leadership of Bishop Chimeledya effectively uses local resources to address various challenges. Most of the current projects are made possible by the local Christians. They initiate and work on their projects in their maximum capacity. External help only cover parts of what they can't afford.

The people of Mpwapwa don't wait for help. They only welcome help when it is needed, and not wanted. Areas of help are such as inadequate resources and expertise in human and material capitals. The ACT Diocese of Mpwapwa aims to make the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) a reality in its diocese in the period of ten years (2015 – 2025). The goal is to make significant and measurable progress in social and economic services in modern history at Mpwapwa. The vision is to work on MDGs to save lives and improve quality of life for people of Mpwapwa who currently live in poverty, ignorance, and diseases. The Diocese believes that these efforts will be the most important of the Gospel's investment in a peaceful and prosperous future for people of Mpwapwa.

With all these efforts, the Diocese aims to accomplish the followings

- i. Education

The pace of progress is insufficient to meet the target of 100% enrollment in Mpwapwa. Gender parity in educational enrollment is still a problem especially in primary and secondary education. Recognizing this gap, the diocese has a vision to establish modern, adequate, and competent early education centers in every parish, one primary school in every deanery, and a secondary school in every two deaneries. Queen Esther Girls' Boarding High School was made possible from the efforts and resources from within. Although the school emerged from the old buildings of the Bible School, many new projects for the schools are the results of local efforts.
- ii. Health Care

Health Care and Reduction in the mortality rate for children under age five is still a challenge for the diocese. The Diocese seeks to build and run three major hospitals in rural villages. Ngh'umbi Medical Center, as a branch of St. Luke's Hospital in Mpwapwa, is one of them, with specializations in women and children. St. Luke's Hospital was established to address such need. Despite the great works of the hospital and its great reputation in the region, St. Luke needs partnerships in Human professions, medicine, and medical equipment to meet the growing pace of needs.
- iii. The mothers' union of the diocese has built their own building for their hostel project as their economic project to help their financial needs. This project is almost 60% done by their own efforts.
- iv. Malolo Irrigation Scheme

The diocese has bought massive acres for irrigation activities, and some are those activities are currently underway without any external help. More land is also allocated for further investments in mining.

Tanzanian's economy is ready to take off. It just needs supports. Social and economic projects are initiated by Tanzanians themselves. In most cases, they work out those projects more than 60%, only to need less than 40% to make them reality. Therefore, in a place where most people struggle in poverty, it encourages to see how they come together to address their pains in active and practical ways. Their self-initiatives and investment in making sure they address to solve their problems, call us to join their hands in their struggles in a way which can better their lives.

The efforts of the Diocese of Mpwapwa tell a lot of its dedication and priorities to its people. Yet, these efforts need mutual and sustainable partners to make them provide and produce adequate results. Please you are welcome to Mpwapwa to discern your interest in social-economic investment. After all, Mpwapwa is a loving and welcoming diocese in Anglican Communion. Your presence with us, the Anglicans of Mpwapwa, will be fulfilled by love, joy, community, and a sense of mission.

The diocese believes that, within our Anglican Communion, we have knowledge, resources, and goodwill necessary to join our efforts to achieve these goals. This is why the Diocese of Mpwapwa is open for social-economic partnerships, development partnerships, and investments for mutual interests, mutual sacrifice, and mutual benefits between the people of USA and Mpwapwa.

Working to achieve the MDGs is imperative and possible. The Diocese of Mpwapwa is ready for these works. Please join Mpwapwa in mobilizing and allocating resources in applying best practices and proven policies on specific and broader scale.

4. The Mpwapwa Diocesan Pilot Grand Vision for Suburban and Urban Planning

Rationality

One of the reasons for poor social services, poverty, and economic impossibilities in Tanzania, especially in rural areas, is due to the absence of rural and urban, architecture, landscaping, planning & design. Acting in pro-active strategies in investments in rural and urban planning, design, and engineering developments will be the only way to secure a long-term social and economic vitality among people. Therefore, the aim is to lay a foundation for economic vitality by modernizing Mpwapwa by modern engineering reconstruction for social and economic infrastructures.

The Vision

To break the circle of poverty in Mpwapwa, the ACT diocese of Mpwapwa, with partnership with the Government of Tanzania and outside partners, seeks to allocate land for the building of a new city and new suburb as a pilot projects for Health, Safety, Environment, with modern infrastructures for Social-Economic vitality in Mpwapwa and ensuring environmental sustainability through energy efficiency and carbon offsets. The City shall be a harbor for education, health care, and research, culture, and sports, residences and businesses. Its two suburbs shall foster social-economic investments in education, agriculture and farming, sports and culture, and residents and businesses.

Promoting gender equality and the empowerment of women and minorities is the main focus of the vision for a building of a new suburban of Ngh'umbi and Mlali. Therefore, all the architectural planning and engineering initiatives will affirm the commitment to gender equality as one of the most important goals, both political and humanitarian, of our times.

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Mechanism

1. Members of CRESEST shall allocate new land in Mpwapwa for a pilot Urban with its Mlali and Ngh'umbi as its suburban. The land shall be restructured (mapping, designing, and relocating of residents) to allow new structures for developing of a new modern city and suburban with all social and economic Infrastructure in place.
Three parts shall play a key role in these long term pilots' economic investments, the ACT, the TZ Government, and Members of CRESEST-USA.
2. CRESEST shall partner with engineering institutions, States, and cities in the USA for architecture landscape, rural and urban planning & designing, and engering works and work with partnerships with the like institutions in Tanzania for construction and installation of infrastructures. When the work is done, CRESEST-USA and the ACT diocese of Mpwapwa shall be the proprietor and supervisor of the process of real estates in those projects.
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Therefore, my 2015 mission trip to Tanzania will facilitate the objectives of CRESEST by the followings:

- i. Conducting local government meetings (Mpwapwa, Mlali, and Ngh'umbi)
- ii. Signing of the Memorandum of understanding
- iii. Letter of invitation of CRESEST members into Mpwapwa to open a door for visibility study and land survey for further Mobilizing of resources for Implementations

4. Land Eligibility and Real Estate

Because the selection of cites for the redesigning and reinvesting will disrupt residents and their social-economic activities of the selected cites, distributions of the new land for residents shall base on the residence records which before the project to determine eligibilities. This exercise

shall be of no charge to those eligible. In the suburban, land eligibilities shall include agriculture and farming activities. The goal is to benefit the current residents towards their social-economic freedom.

CRESEST and the ACT Diocese of Mpwapwa shall be the govern and manage real estate activities.

5. Personal Testimonies

For Rev. Jon Strand: For me, the experience of going to Tanzania and the dioceses of Mpwapwa and Tanga left an indelible impression of hospitality and kindness. I never imagined in my life I would be in Africa. Being among people who's entire material possessions included (sometimes) a change of clothes, some cooking utensils, a mud house and the corn plants around them was at times breathtaking. I loved the exuberance of singing in the villages and churches. How do we discover that capacity here? I loved the storytelling and the joke-telling and sharing hopes between Christian communities. I love the building of new churches often simply by starting walls outside the old church building, then adding a bigger roof.

I found there were deep connections among the body of Christ that revealed we are all a part of a deep longing of God to participate in the ongoing creation for good. Witnessing the poverty of people in Mpwapwa, along with their industriousness, was a powerful recognition of what we still yet need to do together, eradicating the several disparities of the distribution of resources, seeking sustainable ways to care for all of God's peoples in communities. The witness of their hospitality, affection, singing, time together, and thoughtful strategies towards development makes him want to be a further part of God's work in these ways.

Seeing Phillip's Father's legacy, The Rev. Dr. Phillip Kutta's legacy was impressive. The Lutheran Seminary, the Anglican churches and schools he were involved with continue to have vital roles in the well-being of ministry in Mpwapwa. Phillip's ministry can build upon some excellent work already begun because of his father.

Through this mission work I have found myself doing much more reading about the issues around the disparity of resource allocation and governance. I have been spending time with Oxfam's excellent work [From Poverty to Power](#), seeking ways to prevent and reverse the damage that has been done especially through community organizing and advocacy. (The Rev. Jon Strand)

For Rev. Phillip E. Kutta:

"15 years of discernment over my vocational ministry now calls for actions amidst the bond of relationship between ECUSA and ACT. Our 2014 mission trip to Tanzania has affirmed that vision and desire as I played a role of initiation of our reaffirmation of our bond as brothers and sisters in the Anglican Communion. The trip has oriented me to see how little in our disposal can touch life and foster hope in Tanzania. I am here to witness that the thirst for friendship of the people of Mpwapwa toward ECUSA is real and open. With open arms, we are invited to share faith, experience, ministry, and joy among ACT Diocese of Mpwapwa and ECUSA" (The Rev. Phillip E. Kutta).



Going to Mpwapwa was a trip of emotional re-union. Here Fr. Kutta is re-united with his aunt after almost 15 years. His aunt had just brought home twins. Wonderful