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Greetings from Kasulu Tanzania .

We hope that you are all doing fine. I want to thank God for his protection to us always. Our event of launching the agreement of our partnership went well on November 30th.

The following are the procedures we used in signing the document.

We started our worship (prayer) with our normal Liturgy of > worship which was conducted by the diocesan Bishop Rt. Rev. Dr. Gerard E. Mpango. In the middle of our service, he made a short speech of the procedures of launching the contract of our partnership. He explained what will happen;

A. He said that the diocesan Secretary will read the speech of launching the contract.

B. Then after that speech three women will come in the church from out side carrying Barrels which is like a basket, inside of that barrels there will be three documents, two translated in Swahili and one in English which will be the official transcript to be signed.

C. The barrels will represent three Dioceses. The middle barrel will have the document written in English and that document is the one which will be signed officially. After signing the document that barrel will be taken to Bishop's office and it will be kept there for all the time of our partnership.

After that explanation, the process began. The bishop was on his chair in front of the altar. Then the Diocesan Administrative Secretary Rev. Canon Mathayo Kasagara read the speech.



After that, three women who were carrying barrels entered in the church while other women and men were singing and dancing behind them when they were coming towards the Bishop.



The entire congregation stood up praising with joy of receiving that contract document. When the document was received by the Bishop and two Canons,



then the official document was given to a lady who read it in English.



Then the Swahili translation was read by Rev. Canon Daniel Nyugwa, who is the director of development department in our diocese.



After the document was read in both languages, then the bishop stood up and put it on the altar and signed,



and the Lay Canon Isaya Dyoya who is one of the diocesan trustee also sign as a witness.



Then we had a Companion prayer, which was conducted by Bishop himself. After that prayer, the congregation was overwhelmed with joy. Then one of our choirs had a special song concerning the signing of that document of partnership.

This is a summary of how it was done here in DWT. We used our tradition which is Kiha tradition in making partnership with one another. Here I send some photos which we took it during the event. The photos are in the attachment. However we had made videos, but I am not an expert in internet to send it through the webs. I hope when your Bishops come in Tanzania in March 2009, we will hand the video to them.

God bless you.

Canon Mathayo Kasagara