



## SVD AFRAM Zonal Meeting

## Self-Reliant Church



The SVD AFRAM Zonal Assembly is a meeting of all the SVD Provinces, Regions, and Missions superiors (PRMs) in Africa and Madagascar; the Characteristic Dimensions Coordinators i.e. Biblical Apostolate, Mission Animation, JPIC, and Communications, Brothers Contact Person, Formation, and Finance Coordinators for the. In attendance during the May 2025 assembly that took place in Dorodosy, Antananarivo in Madagascar, were the Superior General Rev. Fr. Anselmo R. Ribeiro, General Mission Secretary Fr. Marcelo E. Cattaneo, Procurator General Fr. Peter Dikos, General Treasurer Fr. Dariusz Paweł (online), Lay Partners Representatives from Madagascar, and Invited Speaker Fr. Fr. Kachir VIVAT Representative to UN (online).

The meeting evaluated the missionary status of all PRMs through reports from the Zonal Coordinator, the PRMs superiors, various Zonal Coordinators, and Lay Partners. There was inputs from the General Superior and other General Coordinators present. At the end the assembly put together resolutions and recommendations for the next term. The Assembly also elected new leaders.

## Holidays Apostolate



Our Common Formation Centre Seminarians who are on Short Holidays

Apostolate in Eldoret District met with our SVD Lay Partners in Langas Parish. This interaction helps them to get more closely in touch with SVD missionary apostolate.



“Give a man a fish, and you feed him for a day; teach a man to fish, and you feed him for a lifetime” is a well-known Chinese proverb. Here in Simanjiro, we realized that the **initial evangelization approach** made the people think that the Church was a very rich foreign organization that gets money from Europe to help the people in Africa.



Unfortunately, this misconception has made the Church in many parts unable to

finance its own pastoral programs even after more than **60 years of evangelization**. In Simanjiro SVD Parish, we decide to change this by **educating the faithful** about their responsibility to finance the spiritual services they get as well as build their own Churches. For the last 6 years, Simanjiro Parish has organized 58 fundraising drives that has raised over **TZs 400 Million or 160,000 USD** to build permanent Churches. Currently 10 Churches are in various stages of construction.

Realizing that our people express their faith better in songs and dance, we have multiplied the choir singing occasions.



During Lenten season we have Small Christian Communities singing in the Outstations. During Easter we have zonal singing. During the parish feast on 8 September we have another, and on Christmas day we have Children singing competition. During these occasions we organize fundraising for constructing permanent Church buildings.

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