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#### Message from the President & Chief Executive Officer, Founder

#### **REACHING THE MILESTONE**

It is with great privilege and honor that; on behalf of our Patron, **Dr Michael Casssidy**, our Board of Trustees, Board of the International Advisors, Board of the Management Executive Committee, Regional and National Directors, Members, Partners and Volunteers, that I would like to present this **2011 Annual Report,** marking the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of **Christians for Peace in Africa.** Since the inception of our organization on the 9<sup>th</sup> February 2001, in Johannesburg, following by its official registration, on the 8<sup>th</sup> June 2001, in Pretoria-Tshwane, **Christians for Peace in Africa** has reached its milestone.

Through determination, commitment, focus and mostly passion to our Vision and Mission Statement, Christians for Peace in Africa has reached all the different corners of the African continent, where the organization has at least 30 office representatives managed by the very committed Regional and National Directors. Thank to the secret and magic of the information technologies and telecommunications, Christians for Peace in Africa has reached the far countries as India, Pakistan, Japan, Russia, Singapore, South Korean, the United States of America, Canada, Brazil, Guatemala, Chile, were we count Members and Partners. At the Celebration of our 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, in October 2011, Christians for Peace in Africa can count more than 20.000 Members and Partners worldwide.

The organization has reached different categories of populations from current and former head of states, prime ministers, ministers, ambassadors, and heads of different international and national organizations, youth, children and women of different countries.

Motivated by the **Passion** to promote the public education of the Culture of Peace in Africa, to prevent, resolve and manage conflict, **Christians for Peace in Africa** has organized and attended more than 1000 national and international conferences, seminars, workshops and meetings.

Its 2009 Johannesburg International Conference on Peace in Africa, in May 2009, following by the 2010 Pietermaritzburg International Conference on Peace, in September 2010 and finally the 2011 Johannesburg International Conference on Peace in Africa, last October 2011, constituted a landmark of Christians for Peace in Africa in attracting high profile personalities has keynote speakers and guests. Despite the financial, logistical and administrative challenges, the annual conference became an annual tradition for the organization.

By occupying a strategic position in the City of Johannesburg as Member of the Johannesburg Migrant Advisory Committee (JMAC), chaired by the Executive Mayor, and by chairing the Johannesburg Migrant Advisory Panel(JMAP), Christians for Peace in Africa plays an important role in the management of migration not only the City of Johannesburg but in South Africa countrywide, through its partnership with the South African Local Government Association(SALGA) and in Africa through the African Centre for Migration & Society(ACMS) of the Witwatersrand University in Johannesburg.

Christians for Peace in Africa, would like to take this opportunity in appreciating the outstanding support received from its spiritual parents Drs Theo and Beverly Wolmarans, Seniors Pastors and Founders of Christian Family Church International, who have played a remarkable role in the conception of Christians for Peace in Africa and continue to play an outstanding role, spiritually and financially in this Great Dream coming true. Dr Michael Cassidy, Chairman and Founder of African Enterprise, our Patron, continue to nurture the Vision in imparting his wisdom.

Rev THOMAS-RENE A.Y.KITUTU Z'IKOSSI

President & Chief Executive Officer, Founder

Chairperson: Johannesburg Migrant Advisory Panel (JMAP)

#### **Narrative Report in 2011**

#### **VISION AND MISSION STATEMENT**

- To promote the public education of the Culture of Peace in Africa
- To provide technical and practical humanitarian assistance to deprived communities and migrants in Africa,
- To provide a platform for Conflict Prevention, Conflict Resolution and Conflict Management in the African continent,
- To contribute to the protection of the Environment.

#### **INTRODUCTION**

The 2011 Annual Report marks the 11<sup>th</sup> report of **Christians for Peace in Africa**, since the inception of the organization in 2001.It includes all the activities, projects and programmes of the year 2011 and the celebration of the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our organization.

Reaching the level of maturity, **Christians for Peace in Africa**, has secured its presence in the African continent by being present in 30 countries through its office representatives. The organization has more than 20.000 Members and Partners worldwide, especially in Africa and an outstanding track record in the fields of the public education of the Culture of Peace in Africa, the Conflict Management and Reconciliation.

The tenure of its 3 successive International Conferences on Peace in Africa constitutes a proof of its extension in Africa and the branding of the organization. Delegates from different African countries and mostly the leadership of **Christians for Peace in Africa**, have, as **African Peacemakers**, made of these gathering a very important opportunity to share experiences and to focus on the different challenges ahead.

#### **OBJECTIVES N 2011**

The main objective in 2011 was the celebration of the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in revisiting the works done during 10 years since the inception of the organization in February 2001. The City of Johannesburg, being the City of Peace, where the Vision was born ,has constituted an ideal venue to celebrate the event during the **2011 Johannesburg International Conference on Peace in Africa**.

The Conference was honored by the outstanding presence of the Patron of Christians for Peace in Africa, Dr Michael Cassidy, the Chairperson of the Board of Trustees, Pastor Radek Chlup and his wife Pastor Sonia Chlup, as well the Deputy Chairperson of the Board of Trustees, Mrs Scholastica Sylvan Kimaryo. Among other Trustees were, Dr Albertinah Luthuli, eldest daughter of the Chief Albert Luthuli, one of our Role-Models; Prophet James Repsold, who has

prophesized the birth of the Vision in 1996, and his wife Pastor Elsie Repsold. The Board of International Advisors was represented by the Mrs **Philia Pantshwa** its Chairperson, and the **Rev Jean – Medar Beya Muntu.** 

Among the 23 Laureates African Peacemakers, who have received the DR MICHAEL CASSIDY PEACE AWARD were the former president of Mozambique, one of the Prides of Africa, His Excellency Joachim Alberto Chissano and the challenger of the 2011 Democratic Republic of Congo presidential elections, Dr Etienne Tshisekedi wa Mulumba.

#### OFFICE ORGANISATION AND ACTIVITIES IN 2011

Christians for Peace in Africa has enriched the Board of Trustees with the presence Dr Albertinah Luthuli, former Chairperson of the Foreign Affairs Committee in the South African Parliament and eldest daughter of the former president of the African National Congress (ANC) and the first African Nobel Peace Prize in 1961, the Chief Albert Luthuli. Dr Zonke Majodina, former Deputy Chairperson of the South African Human Rights Commission (SAHRC) has also agreed to serve in our Board of Trustees after contributing and assisting a lot during the organization during the 10 years of existence, especially during the 2009 Johannesburg International Conference on Peace in Africa, in May 2009.

Riche with its outstanding Leadership, the organization is ready to reach a high level in the next decade.

As emphasized ahead, **Christians for Peace in Africa** has reached its milestone in organizing its 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration at the same time as its **2011 Johannesburg International Conference on Peace in Africa** in October 2011 at **Museum Africa**, in the City of Johannesburg. The presence and the support of the first lady of the City of Johannesburg, **Mrs Pilisiwe-Twala Tau**, and Executive Director of the Human Development were very outstanding.

**Christians for Peace in Africa** has organized projects, programmes and activities in different countries in Africa through the promotion of the public education of the Culture of Peace in different schools and communities.

The head office in Johannesburg, in South Africa has participated in different national and international conferences, seminars, workshops, meetings as followed:

1. <u>KwaSizabantu Minister's Conference</u>, Christians for Peace in Africa has attended from the 7<sup>th</sup> of March to the 9<sup>th</sup> March the Conference 2011 regrouping more than 3000 delegates coming from all over the world. One of the speakers was the **Brigadier General Charles Duke**, NASA astronaut who was the 10<sup>th</sup> Man to walk on the Moon. He shared his rich experiences of walking on the moon where he was connected to God. We

- had a great privilege of interacting with him personally. **Christians for Peace in Africa** was very inspired in visiting the different realizations as the drinking water plant produced by the **Mission KwaSizabantu**, the plantations of bananas, guava...
- 2. Forum of Congolese Organizations in South Africa(FOCAS), the organization attended on the 12<sup>th</sup> March 2011 the Conference in connection with the coming 2011 elections in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, organized at Wits University, in partnership with the Open Society Imitative of South Africa(OSISA), the Africa Governance Monitoring Advocacy Project(AfriMAP). As the than Deputy -Chairperson of FOCAS we were requested to open the session with prayer. More than 100 participants attended the conference including the delegates Members of the Parliament from the DRC.
- 3. Christians for Peace in Africa was invited by The Helen Suzmann Foundation at the Roundtable Discussion on Making Local Government Work. The organization, being the chairperson of the Johannesburg Migrant Advisory Panel (JMAP) interacted with the Deputy Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs (CoGTA), Mr Yunus Carim in improving the services delivery in different municipalities, especially the City of Johannesburg.
- 4. Christians for Peace in Africa was invited by the African Diaspora Forum to the Migrants Rights are Human Rights Celebration on the 21<sup>st</sup> May 2011 at Yeoville Recreation Centre, in Yeoville, tackling the different issues of migrants in South Africa.
- 5. Africa Institute of South Africa(AISA) has associated Christians for Peace in Africa at the AFRICA DAY celebrated in Pretoria on the 25<sup>th</sup> May 2011. The event was organized by AISA in partnership with the National Research Foundation, the Institute for Economic Research on Innovations of Tshwane University of Technology. Participants from all over the world especially diplomats have attended the event. Christians for Peace in Africa took the opportunity to lobby and Advocate for Peace, by displaying its different products and information.
- 6. In partnership with **the City of Johannesburg,** the organization attended respectively on the 10<sup>th</sup> and the 14<sup>th</sup> of June the **Language Awareness Campaign** and **Regional Visits**. The two events have as aims to solve the language barrier among migrants and South African citizens and also to allow the City of Johannesburg and migrant organizations to interact in solving different challenges faced by the city.
- 7. The <u>WORLD REFUGEE DAY</u> was celebrated on the 20<sup>th</sup> of June at Yeoville Recreation Centre. Christians for Peace in Africa actively attended the event which was honored by the presence of the Deputy Minister of Home Affairs, Mss Fatima Chohan and by the new Executive Mayor of the City of Johannesburg, Councilor Parks Tau.
- 8. <u>South African Local Government Association (SALGA)</u> has invited Christians for Peace in Africa in Georges, in Western Cape Province, on the 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2011, to be one of the panelists at the Launch of the Rapport of the South African Local Government

- Association (SALGA) and African Centre for Migration & Society (ACMS) "Governing Migration and Urbanization: Developing Approaches to Counter Poverty and Social Fragmentation".
- 9. The Hague Process has organized its meeting in South Africa and Christians for Peace in Africa was invited for the second time. The topic of the second gathering was The Hague Process on Refugees and Migration's First Expert Consultation for Business and Cities on Migration and Urbanization. It was organized in partnership wit the City of Johannesburg, on the 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> June 2011 at Johannesburg Civic Theatre. The Consultation was enriched by different presentations, discussions and exchanges of experiences among experts.
- 10. The <u>Nelson Mandela Foundation</u> invited Christians for Peace in Africa to attend the 9<sup>TH</sup> Nelson Mandela Annual Lecture on the 23<sup>rd</sup> July. The lecture was done by Dr Ismail Serageldin, Director of the Library of Alexandria in Egypt who chairs the Boards of Directors for the BA's affiliated research institutes and museums in Egypt. Christians for Peace in Africa has the opportunity to interact in French with the keynote speaker as well as many other South African dignitaries who attended the Lecture as Mr Tokyo Sexwale, the minister of Human Settlements in the national government.
- 11. Christians fort Peace in Africa was invited on the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> July, at the Migration Unit, in Orange Grove, to attend the workshop on Cultural Diversity and Migrants 'Rights organized by the International Organization for Migration (IOM) in partnership with the City of Johannesburg. The workshop attended by participants from the Department of Social Development, the Red Cross was very rich in information.
- 12. **Growth and Development Strategy (GDS)**. Under the leadership of the Executive Mayor of the City of Johannesburg, Councilor Parks Tau, Christians for Peace in Africa was invited at the launch of the Process on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of August 2011, we also attended the **Health and Poverty** session in Diepsloot and Johannesburg, from the 22<sup>nd</sup> to the 26<sup>th</sup> August as one of the Panelists. The City of Johannesburg has appreciated the leadership of our organization as the chairperson of the **Johannesburg Migrant Advisory Panel (JMAP)** in contributing in different discussions. And the organization was invited at the closing ceremony of the GDS at the Golden Club at the Soccer City Stadium, FNB, chaired by the Executive Mayor of the City of Johannesburg.
- 13. The <u>Department of Home Affairs</u> in partnership with the City of Johannesburg has organized an informative meeting on Women Dialogue- South African and Foreign Nationals, on the 19<sup>th</sup> August in Diesploot, in Soweto. The deputy minister Miss Fatima Chohan of Home Affairs was the keynote speaker. Our organization as chairing the Johannesburg Migrant Advisory Panel (JMAP) and active member of the Johannesburg Migrant Advisory Committee (JMAC) participated actively to the meeting.
- 14. Forum of Congolese Organizations in South Africa(FOCAS) in partnership with the Soweto Minister's Fraternal (SMF) have organized on the 25<sup>th</sup> August 2011,a Women Solidarity Day of Prayers in connection with the suffering , rape and challenges of Congolese women in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Christians for Peace in Africa was invited and played an important role to the event.

- 15. Christians for Peace in Africa was invited on the 5<sup>th</sup> October at the IDASA workshop in connection with the writing of the research on Governance survey initiated by the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa(UNECA). The focus of the meeting was on the youth, women, refugees and migrants, economically excluded groups, political parties and organizations.
- 16. <u>Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS)</u> has invited **Christians for Peace in Africa** to its 31<sup>st</sup> Anniversary celebration on the appraising its efforts made in changing the livelihoods of the marginalized groups during 14 years in South Africa.
- 17. 2011 Johannesburg International Conference on Peace in Africa, 24-26 October 2011 and celebration of the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Christians for Peace in Africa has reached its milestone in combining its 3<sup>rd</sup> International Conference on Peace in Africa with the celebration of its 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Under the theme: "For Africa's Peace, I will not Keep Silent Anymore", the gathering has registered a high degree of attendance among them dignitaries as His Excellency Joachim Alberto Chissano and Dr Etienne Tshisekedi wa Mulumba as well as decision-makers from different fields. Important message was sent by the spiritual parents of the organization, Drs Theo and Beverly Wolmarans and read by Pastor Radek Chlup, chairperson of the Board of Trustees. The Patron of Christians for Peace in Africa, Dr Michael Cassidy flew from Pietermaritzburg to read himself his important message. Among guest speakers were: Prophet James Repsold, senior pastor of Christian Family Church International- Pretoria, Trustee of CPA who presented on " Christians for Peace in Africa: The importance of Obeying and Following the Prophecy for Fulfillment of the Vision", pastor Radek Chlup, director of Youth and Children Ministry at Christian Family Church International, chairperson of the Board of Trustees at CPA presenting;" Christians for Peace in Africa: Mentorship Testimony since the inception through the 10 Years of Existence", Rev Jean Medard Beya Muntu, senior pastor at Centre for Christ 's Ambassadors, International Advisor of CPA spoke about: "The Role of Christian Leadership in Influencing and Promoting the Culture of Peace" and Rev Dr. Athas Mpinga ,PhD student in Theology at University of Pretoria, Execuive Counselor of CPA concluded the first day by presenting:" The Role of Mission in Promoting the Culture of Peace in Africa". During the second day, Mrs Scholastica Sylvan Kimaryo, former Regional Director of United Nations, Founder and CEO of Maadili Consulting & Life Coaching, and Deputy-Chairperson of the Board of Trustees of CPA presented "Striving for Intimacy with the Self is the Best Hope for Peace". She was followed by Dr Albertinah Luthuli, former Member of Parliament and Trustee of CPA who spoke about: " What Africa can Learn from the Legacy of the Chief Albert Luthuli in promoting the Culture of Peace in Africa". And Dr David Khoza, Senior Pastor and the Dean of the Biblical College in Soweto concluded by:"The African Cities and the Promotion of the Culture of Peace: The Role played by Churches in South Africa". Many dignitaries and decision-makers have been honored in receiving the DR MICAHEL CASSIDY PEACE AWARD as His Excellence Joachim Alberto Chissano, Dr Etienne Tshisekedi wa Mulumba, Bishop Paul Verryn of the Central Methodist Church in Johannesburg, Mrs Pilisiwe-Twala Tau, Director Executive and espouse of the Executive Mayor of the City of Johannesburg. Later, the same Award was handed over to the Ambassador of Burundi, Her Excellencey Regine Rwamibango on behalf of the president of Burundi, His Excellency Pierre Nkurunziza, to Mr Bernado Mariano -Joachim, regional

- representative of the International Organization for Migration (IOM) and to Mrs. Yvonne Chaka Chaka, international singer and United Nations Ambassdor.
- 18. Christians for Peace in Africa attended on the 24<sup>th</sup> November 2011 the meeting organized by the Public Protector in partnership with the Forum of Congolese Organizations in South Africa(FOCAS) to discuss different challenges faced by the Congolese community in South Africa
- 19. South African Human Rights Commission(SAHRC) invited Christians for Peace in Africa on the 25<sup>th</sup> November to attend the one day Dialogue Programme on the "Transition blind spots: navigating the balance between freedom of expression and hate speech in shaping a common or shared identity, heritage and moral consensus in South Africa". The organization used the opportunity in highlighting the danger of hate speech in fuelling Xenophobia and Discrimination against foreign nationals.
- 20. African Center for Migration & Society (ACMS) in partnership with the Centre for Studies on Violence and Reconciliation(CSVR) invited Christians for Peace in Africa on the 30<sup>th</sup> November 2011 to attend a one day workshop at the University of the Witwatersrand on "Translating Protective Policy into Proactive: Coming together to Effect Forced Migrant's Rights to Health and Psychosocial Well-being in Johannesburg". Christians for Peace in Africa, as chairing the Johannesburg Migrant Advisory Panel(JMAP) expressed the efforts managed by the City of Johannesburg through some migrant organizations as the African Migrants Solidarity(AMIS) and the Refugee Nurses Association(RNA) in contributing to breaking the languages barrier between South African Nurses and migrant patients.
- 21. <u>Hlalanathi Community Theatre Project</u> invited Christians for Peace in Africa as its member of the Board to attend the Annual General Meeting on the 26<sup>th</sup> November at the Hillbrow Theatre, in Hillbrow. Having very well performed at the **2011 Johannesburg International Conference on Peace in Africa** at Museum Africa, the Project has expressed its desires to have Rev Dr Thomas-Rene Kitutu as one of its Board Member.
- 22. <u>International Migrant Day</u> was held on the 20<sup>th</sup> of December 2011 at Museum Africa and Christians for Peace in Africa has taken an active role on behalf of the Johannesburg Migrant Advisory Panel (JMAP).
- 23. <u>World Climate Summit</u>. Christians for Peace in Africa was invited in December 3-4, in Durban attend this historical gathering in discussion and lobbying for the Protection of the Environment. During different marches and discussions, the organization was very vocal to lobby and advocate for the protection of the fauna and flora in Africa as well as to save of the climate.
- 24. The <u>City of Johannesburg CARNIVAL</u> on the 31<sup>st</sup> December was celebrated as usual. And Christians for Peace in Africa has actively participated to the march and other activities promoting Social Cohesion in the city.

## **NETWORKING, COMMUNICATION S, MEMBERSHIP AND PARTNERSHIP**

**Christians for Peace in Africa** has almost doubled its membership according to the figure given by the different national office representatives and other partner organizations who are connected to our organization through our website upgraded <a href="www.christiansforpeaceinafrica.co.za">www.christiansforpeaceinafrica.co.za</a>.

. It is a proof that **Christians for Peace in Africa** became a visible organization not only in Africa but worldwide. Once again we thank so much **Mr John Edgars Rowe** of BIZTEC for the exposure given to **Christians for Peace in Africa** through internet.

# FINANCES, ACCOUNTING AND AUDITING

Despite the challenges in securing finances, the organization has sustained its activities thanks to the support of our faithful partners as Christian Family Church International, the City of Johannesburg, the International Organization for Migration (IOM), the Botswana Consulate in Johannesburg, the MAIS-AFRICA, the BIZTEC, the BERTAUT & BROTHERS CC, African Enterprise and some individuals who never hesitate to support our International Conference on Peace in Africa and other endeavors.

As never before, **Christians for Peace in Africa** would like to engage in the aggressive fundraising campaigns and has decided to have a **Chief Operations Officer (COO)** who would be able to strengthen the structure of the Management Executive Committee in infusing a new blood.

### **CONCLUSION AND WORD OF THANKSGIVING**

The Celebration of the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary has helped **Christians for Peace in Africa** to appreciate its strengths and its weaknesses and how more to focus on the years to come.

On behalf of our Spiritual parents ,Drs Theo and Beverly Wolmarans, our Patron Dr Michael Cassidy and Carol Cassidy, his beloved wife, all the Board of Trustees, the Board of International Advisors, the Board of Management Executive Committee, the Regional Directors, the National Directors, Partners, Members and Volunteers, I would like to thank all organizations and individuals who have supported our Vision, Mission and Activities during the 10 past Years and wishing to receive more supports for the years to come. Be African Peacemakers!

9<sup>th</sup> February 2012

For the Management Committee

Rev Dr. THOMAS-RENE A.Y. KITUTU Z'IKOSSI

**Pastor JANET ROGERS** 

President & Chief Executive Officer, Founder

Secretary General