

Fidon Mwombeki to lead All Africa Conference of Churches

Mwombeki, a pastor in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania, will head the largest association of Protestant, Orthodox, and indigenous churches in Africa.

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Fidon Mwombeki. Photo by LWF / S. Gallay.

Fidon Mwombeki has been elected general secretary of the All Africa Conference of Churches, which held its general assembly in Kigali, Rwanda, in early July.

Previously Mwombeki, a pastor in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania, was director of the Department for Mission and Development at the Lutheran World Federation.

“Mwombeki has provided leadership and direction for DMD with clear focus and passion for holistic mission,” said Martin Junge, LWF general secretary. “I believe the AACC will greatly benefit from his leadership.”

The AACC is the largest association of Protestant, Orthodox, and indigenous churches in Africa. Its 173 member churches in 40 African countries include more than 120 million Christians. Its head offices are located in Nairobi, Kenya, with a regional office in Lomé, Togo, and a liaison office to the African Union in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

While Mwombeki was saddened to leave LWF, he said, “I wanted to respond to the clear calling from the leaders of the churches in my mother continent.” —Lutheran World Federation