

SOUTH SUDAN COUNCIL OF CHURCHES- NEWSLETTER-2026 QUATER-ONE



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ABSTRACT

During this critical time, the South Sudan Council of Churches remains steadfast in its commitment to peace, unity, and national healing. As a trusted moral voice and a platform that brings together people from all communities and denominations, we believe our nation can overcome division and build a future founded on justice, dignity, and hope. "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God." (Matthew 5:9)

South Sudan has endured years of conflict, pain, and mistrust. Yet we remain convinced that lasting peace cannot come through political agreements alone. True peace must be built through reconciliation, honest dialogue, healing from trauma, and restoring broken relationships among our people. "If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone." (Romans 12:18)

Through the Church Initiative for National Healing and Reconciliation, we continue to engage leaders, women, youth, traditional authorities, and communities across the country. We create spaces for truth-telling, trust-building, and collective action so that the voices of ordinary citizens are heard and respected. "Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ." (Galatians 6:2)

At the same time, we continue to call for accountable leadership, ethical governance, and decisions that place the welfare of the people first. Our faith compels us not only to comfort those who suffer, but also to speak courageously for justice and peace. "Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy." (Proverbs 31:9)

We believe South Sudan's diversity is a gift, not a weakness. If we choose unity over division and dialogue over violence, our nation can emerge stronger. The South Sudan Council of Churches stands ready to continue walking with the people of this nation toward a peaceful, reconciled, and hopeful future. "How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!" (Psalm 133:1)

GENERAL SECRETARY SOUTH SUDAN COUNCIL OF
CHURCHES, REV.TUT KONY NYANG



Faith Leaders Appeal to Kenya for Ongoing Support Toward South Sudan Peace Efforts

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Kennet Kaunda, our SSCC gardener since 2019, is a devoted staff member who consistently shows up for work and helps keep the compound healthy and green. He ensures that our plants and palm trees receive enough water and **proper care**.

Hope for the Future:

"I love my job. With my modest earnings, I am able to continue supporting my children's education, and I am grateful to SSCC and our partners.

My wish is to have a small place they can call home."

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JIENG AND NAATH PEACE RECONCILIATION CONFERENCE

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SSCC HOST TWO-DAY PEACE AND RECONCILIATION CONFERENCE UNITES JIENG AND NAATH ELDERS



As part of ongoing efforts to advance peace and reconciliation across South Sudan, the South Sudan Council of Churches is stepping forward in its unique role as a trusted and neutral body.

With inter-communal violence continuing to affect Warrap, Lakes, Unity, Jonglei, and Upper Nile, it is clear that lasting solutions must come from within.



The two-day high-level consultation brings together respected Nuer and Jieng elders to shift from reacting to violence to building structured, proactive dialogue that lays a real foundation for sustainable local peace.

throughout group discussions, participants:
Honestly examine the root causes and socio-economic drivers behind the violence.

Develop practical, community-led strategies to prevent and respond to conflict.

Establish a Joint Peace Committee to guide and sustain ongoing dialogue and reconciliation between the communities.

Durable peace requires courage, ownership, and genuine engagement.



This initiative is about creating space for leaders to listen, speak truthfully, and commit to a shared future rooted in understanding, accountability, and hope.

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WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2026 – WOMEN OF FAITH

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**WOMEN OF FAITH, LED BY SSCC
EQUATORIA REGIONAL**



In March 6, 2026, women of faith gathered across the Equatoria region to commemorate the World Day of Prayer, a global Christian observance held every year on the first Friday of March.

The event brought together women from different church denominations to pray for their communities, their nation, and the world.

Under the theme “I Will Give You Rest: Come,”

Women assembled in several locations including Juba, Yei, Mundri, Maridi, Yambio, Nimule, and Torit. With humility and deep faith,

They prayed for South Sudan lifting the country to God and asking for healing, justice, peace, and prosperity. Many knelt in prayer, calling upon God to guide the nation and bring mercy and hope to its people.

The gathering aimed to strengthen ecumenical fellowship among women from different Christian denominations, cultures, and traditions.

Through prayer, reflection, and fellowship, the women renewed their faith in Christ while encouraging unity and cooperation among churches.

Organised through the South Sudan Council of Churches Inter-Church Committee (ICC),

The event also created space for women to share their experiences, celebrate achievements, and reflect on the challenges faced in society.

It encouraged women to raise their voices, seek divine wisdom, and work together toward peaceful coexistence within their communities.

In addition, the gathering provided an opportunity for women to discover and develop their God-given potential, learn from one another, and identify priorities that can contribute to peace, unity, and community development.



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**16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM
AGAINST GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE**

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**South Sudan Council of Churches
Commemorating 16Days of Activism
against gender based violence**

**Under the theme: Protect All Women and
Girls from Digital Violence"**

**On the occasion of 16Days of Activism ,
representatives from the 10 member
churches, the Women Link group, guests
from Parliament, the National Ministry of
Gender, and the State Ministry of Gender
came together to mark this important day
as the campaign continues through to
December 10-2025**

**The celebration was colorful and inspiring,
featuring songs, drama, Bible readings,
and powerful speeches from key
dignitaries all united in the call to end
gender-based violence.**

**Together, we continue to raise our voices
for a safer and more just society.**



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WOMEN OF FAITH IN WAU, MALAKAL AND JUBA
CHAMPIONING PEACE AND RECONCILIATION AT THE
GRASSROOTS

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South Sudan continues to face prolonged conflict, weak social cohesion and deep trauma across communities. Women and youth have been among the most affected, yet they remain powerful agents of peace and reconciliation. Under the APPEAR project, implemented in collaboration with the South Sudan Council of Churches (SSCC), women and faith-based youth leaders have played a transformative role in grassroots advocacy, conflict prevention, and inter-community reconciliation.



Women of Faith reaffirmed their commitment to peace, reconciliation, and community transformation. They expressed a strong willingness to continue championing dialogue, healing, and unity within their communities.

They called upon FCA South Sudan and partners to sustain and expand support, ensuring that the gains achieved under the #APPEAR project continue to grow and positively impact South Sudanese communities.



ENGAGING WOMEN IN PEACEBUILDING AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION,



The Greater Upper Nile region of South Sudan has endured recurring cycles of conflict, displacement, and intercommunal tensions. These have been driven by political instability, competition over scarce resources, ethnic divisions, and environmental challenges such as floods. As a result, communities in the region face a deep erosion of trust, weakened social structures, widespread poverty, and limited opportunities to achieve sustainable peace.

Despite ongoing reconciliation and peace efforts, there remains a significant gap in community-level capacity for effective conflict resolution and inclusive dialogue. Women, youth, and other marginalized from formal peace processes, even though they play vital roles in fostering peace at the grassroots level.

In response, the South Sudan Council of Churches (SSCC) Women's Desk in Malakal is leading an initiative to equip women and youth with skills in conflict resolution, mediation, and dialogue facilitation.



This program aims to strengthen social cohesion and promote inclusive participation in peacebuilding as a foundation for resilient and harmonious communities. as well as enhancing their capacities within the Greater Upper Nile region, communities will be better able to prevent violence, address grievances constructively, and strengthen inter-ethnic relationships, contributing to lasting peace and stability in South Sudan



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JUBA, SOUTH SUDAN: CHURCH LEADERS UNITE FOR PEACE

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Church leaders from the South Sudan Council of Churches and the Sudan and South Sudan Catholic Bishops' Conference gathered for a joint workshop aimed at strengthening partnership, unity, and collaborative ministry.



Juba, South Sudan: Church Leaders Unite for Peace

The Church Leaders' Initiative for Peace aims to harness the power and influence of faith leaders to promote peacebuilding, advocacy, and reconciliation across South Sudan.

The **South Sudan Council of Churches** and the **Sudan/South Sudan Catholic Bishops' Conference**, believe that faith leaders have a unique ability to transform mindsets and heal divisions within communities. through preaching, prayer, and community engagement, they play a vital role in nurturing peace and unity.



With generous support from **NCA - Advocacy Programme for Africa** South Sudan,

The program will empower faith leaders with essential knowledge, practical skills, and strategic tools to effectively engage in peacebuilding and advocacy within their congregations and beyond.

We believe that faith can be a powerful force for lasting peace and reconciliation in South Sudan.

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“THE LORD GOD TOOK THE MAN AND PUT HIM IN THE GARDEN OF EDEN TO WORK IT AND TAKE CARE OF IT.” BOOK OF GENESIS 2:15

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Juba, South Sudan, Wed 01/04/2026, the South **Sudan Council of Churches** women and youth of faith came together to plant trees across all ten member churches. What started as a simple act has slowly grown into something more meaningful: a shared responsibility, a tradition, and a quiet way to strengthen unity among women’s groups, youth, and the wider church community.

There was something powerful in its simplicity. Hands in the soil, different groups working side by side, not just talking about unity, but living it out. In a time when environmental challenges feel overwhelming, this felt like a grounded, honest response, doing what we can, where we are.

Today can be a small beginning for all of us. Plant a tree at home, at school, at a hospital, wherever you can. Sometimes caring for the earth doesn’t need to be complicated. It just needs to start.

Thanks to the support from **#KAIROS #CANADA**

Under the **South Sudan Council of Churches** Women and Youth Desk



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SOUTH SUDAN CHURCH LEADERS ISSUE 18 NOVEMBER-2025 COMMUNIQUE APPEALING TO KENYAN PRESIDENT FOR CONTINUED SUPPORT AND STABILITY

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Tuesday 18th November 2025

His Excellency, Dr. William Samoei Ruto, C.G.H President of the Republic of Kenya and Commander-in-Chief of the Kenya Defence Forces

Subject: Appreciation and Appeal for Continued Leadership in Supporting Peace and Stability in South Sudan

Your Excellency,

'For lack of guidance, a nation falls, but victory is won through many advisors' (Prov.11:14)

On behalf of the South Sudan Council of Churches (SSCC), we would like to express our sincere appreciation for the opportunity to meet with you and for Kenya's continued moral, diplomatic, and political leadership in supporting peace and stability in South Sudan.

Kenya has played a historic and enduring role in our nation's peace journey - from its instrumental contribution to the signing of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA) in 2005, to the current mediation efforts under IGAD and the Tumannini Initiative. These efforts continue to inspire hope and confidence among South Sudanese. We also recognize your government's commitment to bringing holdout groups into the peace process, and your strong commitment to regional peace through the East African Community (EAC) and the African Union (AU).

Your Excellency, South Sudan is at a delicate and challenging moment. The deteriorating security situation threatens to unravel the fragile gains achieved through the Revitalized Agreement on the Resolution of the Conflict in South Sudan (R-ARCSS).

In recent months, violent clashes between the South Sudan People's Defense Forces (SSPDF) and the Sudan People's Liberation Army-In Opposition (SPLA-IO) have escalated, particularly in the Upper Nile, Jonglei, and Equatoria regions. These confrontations—have displaced thousands of people and reignited cycles of mistrust and retaliation. Without urgent diplomatic and political intervention, South Sudan risks sliding back into large-scale conflict—an outcome that would have dire consequences for the country and the region.

Your Excellency, the SSCC continues to serve as a trusted, impartial, and unifying voice for peace in South Sudan. Since its inception, the Council has played a pivotal role in reconciliation, mediation, and community dialogue nationwide.

And now, we, the spiritual leaders, have developed a Church-led initiative for national healing and reconciliation—a timely home-grown effort aimed at breaking the current political deadlock and safeguarding the fragile peace under the theme: "Let us dialogue and live in Peace! (Isaiah 1:18)". This process outlines a practical roadmap, led by South Sudanese faith leaders and informed by the voices of citizens, our Action Plan for Peace (APP), and other grassroots initiatives.

The Church remains a moral and stabilizing force, promoting reconciliation, nurturing hope, and striving to prevent societal disintegration. However, these efforts require corresponding political will and regional solidarity. The Revitalized Peace Agreement remains the only viable framework for sustainable peace, yet, its implementation is now at a serious risk.

Your Excellency, as South Sudan is scheduled to conduct its national elections in December 2026, we emphasize the importance of holding elections, to give citizens the democratic opportunity to elect their leaders and hold them accountable. When free, fair, and inclusive elections can serve as a path to legitimacy, stability, and national renewal. However, this will require restoration of political trust, security, and the implementation of critical peace provisions.

We therefore respectfully request Your Excellency to:

- 1. Call for an Immediate Ceasefire: Provide decisive leadership in urging an immediate cessation of hostilities and a complete ceasefire among all warring parties in South Sudan.
2. Facilitate High-Level Political Dialogue: Continue Kenya's leadership in enabling direct engagement between H.E. President Salva Kiir Mayardit and Dr. Riek Machar to rebuild trust, recommit to the inclusive implementation of the R-ARCSS, and create the conditions necessary for the permanent constitution-making process and credible national elections.
3. Bring non-signatories to the R-ARCSS, and other groups into the peace process: Sustain diplomatic efforts to engage these groups so that South Sudan's political future is shaped through broad-based consensus and national ownership.
4. Strengthen the Role of Faith-Based and Civil Society Actors: Affirm and support the indispensable work of faith institutions, civil society, and other non-partisan actors who are holding communities together and advancing people-centered peacebuilding.

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Your Excellency, the South Sudan Council of Churches reiterates its unwavering commitment to work with all parties and partners in the pursuit of peace, justice, and national healing. We are deeply grateful for Kenya's partnership, moral leadership, and steadfast solidarity with the people of South Sudan.

Your Excellency, be assured of our prayers for you and may God bless all your ways. Yours sincerely,

The Most Rev. Dr. Justin BADI ARAMA, Chair, South Sudan Council of Churches (SSCC) & Primate of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan (ECSS).

H. E. Stephen AMEYU MARTIN CARDINAL MULLA, Member of the Bishops, & Metropolitan Archbishop of Juba

Rev. Rev. James MARUEI CHUOL, Member Bishops, & Moderator of the 34th General Assembly Presbyterian Church of South Sudan (PCSS), Juba.

Bishop James LAGOS ALEXANDER, Member of the Bishops & Presiding Bishop of Africa Inland Church (AIC), South Sudan.

Rev. Tat Kony NYANG KON, General Secretary, South Sudan Council of Churches (SSCC), Juba.



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The South Sudan Council of Churches had the honour to receive representatives from **World Relief**, led by Interim Director Whanda James, in a meeting with the leadership of the **South Sudan Council of Churches**, including Most Rev. Justine Badi Arama and **General Secretary Rev. Tut Kony**, together with members of the Executive Committee.

The meeting was chaired to foster deeper awareness and understanding of the work of these two sister organisations and to identify key priority areas for strategic collaboration. During the discussion, participants raised several pressing concerns and explored potential avenues for partnership, with the shared objective of responding effectively to emerging challenges.

In his remarks, Interim Director Whanda James acknowledged the Church's longstanding and accommodative role in supporting church-based organizations, particularly in advancing peacebuilding initiatives and strengthening social cohesion.

Meanwhile General Secretary Rev. Tut Kony reiterated the Council's commitment to advancing peace and stability across the country.



SSCC Chair most Rev. Justin Badi along with General Secretary Rev. Tut Kony posed for a photo with representatives from world Relief