

## History of the partnership between the Regional Church of Schaumburg-Lippe and Kgetleng circuit (ELCSA), as well as between the Youth League Kgetleng and the Landesjugendkammer Schaumburg-Lippe.

Visit of bishop D. P. Rapoo in Germany.

**1980** Together with a group of young people, pastor Redenius builds the church in St. Katharina (Bobuampya).

**1984** Together with a group of young people, pastor Ahrens builds the church in Mogwase.

Request from the Western-Dioecese regarding a partnership on circuit level with Kgetleng circuit.

**29/09 to 08/10/1986** Superintendent Strottmann and Christoph Meier Jr. take part at the Western-Dioecese synod in Tlhabane. Together with superintendent Mascher they visit parishes within Kgetleng circuit.

**1987** The Youth Centre in Hebron is built in corporation with people from Schaumburg-Lippe.

**01/06 to 30/06/1988** A delegation from Kgetleng circuit visits Schaumburg-Lippe East circuit. The following people take part:

- Superintendent Dieter Mascher (St. Katharina)
- Pastor J. N. Motlathledi (Emmaus)
- Mr. C. Morake (Motlhabe)
- Mrs. N. S. Lenkoe (Luka)
- Mrs. S. R. Mamogopodi (Molorwe)

Agreement with Kgetleng circuit and (former) circuit Stadthagen-Hagenburg about commencing an official partnership.

The following partnerships on parish level commence:

- Chaneng - Sachsenhagen
- Emmaus – Heuerßen
- Molorwe – Meerbeck
- Phorothwane – Steinhude
- St. Katharina - Bergkirchen

**1989** A partnership committee is founded in each Church circuit:

### Kgetleng

- Superintendent Dieter Mascher (St. Katharina)
- Mr. K. K. Motsosi (president / Emmaus)
- Mr. A. M. Mokgatle (vice. president / Saron)
- Mr. P. Rapoo (secretary / Luka)
- Ms. W. Mogale (treasurer / Phorothwane)

### Schaumburg-Lippe East

- Superintendent Strottmann (Meerbeck)
- Christoph Meier Jr. (Heuerßen)
- Gabriele Oppermann (Sachsenhagen)
- Ottokar Baransky (Steinhude)
- Michael Holler (Meerbeck)

The remodelling of the vicarage in Emmaus is funded with 5,000.00 Deutsche Mark.

- 18-06 to 18-07-1990** A delegation from Schaumburg-Lippe East circuit visits Kgetleng circuit. The following people take part:
- Pastor Jan Hoth ( Heuerßen)
  - Pastor Kent Mechler (Steinhude)
  - Rita Kretschmer (Steinhude)
  - Vikar Uwe Herde (Meerbeck)
  - Maike Platz (Sachsenhagen)
  - Christoph Meier Sr. (Heuerßen)
- 06/10/1990** Participants from the delegation group mentioned above give a presentation about their visit on a mission fair in Meerbeck. Further presentations are given within certain parishes.
- 1991** Bishop Tisane takes part in a meeting of the partnership committee in Schaumburg-Lippe East circuit. The Schaumburg-Lippe East circuit invites Kgetleng circuit to take part in a delegation visit in 1992.
- A church is built in Obakeng, supported by a group under the leadership of chief preacher Pönnighaus.
- 15/05 to 15/06/1992** A delegation from Kgetleng circuit visits Schaumburg-Lippe East circuit. The following people take part:
- Superintendent E. Mmitsinyane (Emmaus)
  - Mr. Erwin Mokgatle (Saron)
  - Ms. Winifred Mogale (Phorothlwane)
  - Mr. Mosime (Tumaskop)
  - Ms. Elisabeth Maifalla (St. Martins)
- The parish of Wendthagen engages in a partnership with Tumaskop.
- For those people in Kgetleng affected by the drought, 10,000.00 Deutsche Mark are transferred to relieve hunger.
- 1994** First democratic election for the South African people! Nelson Mandela is elected for president!
- G. R. Monametsi is elected as superintendent for Kgetleng circuit. First day in office: 08-01-1995.
- 30/09 to 18/10/1995** A delegation from Schaumburg-Lippe East circuit visits Kgetleng circuit. The following people take part:
- Pastor Michael Bürger (Wendthagen)
  - Eckart Schewe (Sachsenhagen)
  - Marianne Hecht (Meerbeck)
  - Silke Bredthauer-Heidemann (Steinhude)

- 31/05 to 30/06/1996** A delegation from Kgetleng circuit visits Schaumburg-Lippe East circuit. The following people take part:
- Superintendent G. R. Monametsi (St. Katharina)
  - Pastor J. S. J. Komane (Chaneng)
  - Ms. Zippora Diale (Chaneng)
  - Mrs. Christina Radebe (Melorane)
  - Mr. Frans Dipudi (Emmaus)
  - Mr. Peter Rapoo (Luka)
- 03/10/1996 to 16/09/1997** Silke Bredthauer-Heidemann completes an internship in Kgetleng circuit
- 15/10 to 29/10/1998** A youth delegation from Schaumburg-Lippe East circuit visits Kgetleng circuit. The following people take part:
- Joachim Büge (Youth deacon from Steinbergen)
  - Martin Paetzold (Stadthagen)
  - Timo Nottebrock (Sachsenhagen)
  - Silke Bredthauer-Heidemann (Steinhude)
- 09/09/1998 to 08/09/1999** Ms. Zippora Diale and Ms. Queen Jonas complete an internship in Schaumburg-Lippe East circuit.
- 17/10/1999** Bishop Ramokoka visits Wendthagen.
- 23/06 to 26/07/2000** A youth delegation from Kgetleng circuit visits Schaumburg-Lippe East circuit. The following people take part:
- Mr. Sello Ramong (President Youth League from Saron)
  - Pastor Sebataolo Loate (Youth pastor from Chaneng)
  - Ms. Tshogofatso Seleke (Molorwe)
  - Ms. Mmaserame Lefyedi (St. Katharina)
  - Mr. Rapula Ramong (St. Martins)
  - Mr. Lentswe Mokgatle (Phorothlwane)
- On July 14<sup>th</sup> an agreement is signed by both presidents of the Landesjugendkammer Schaumburg-Lippe and Youth League Kgetleng, which ensures a new youth partnership. This agreement is witnessed by 4 additional members of each organisation. The guideline is: “Love your neighbour as yourself.” (Mark 12:31)
- 2000** For those people in Kgetleng affected by flooding caused by heavy rainfall, a donation of 3,600.00 Deutsche Mark is transferred.
- 06/11/2001** Prayer women’s league from Moretele circuit visit Heuerßen
- “Principles for the partnership work (overseas)” [„Leitlinien für die Partnerschaftsarbeit (Übersee)“] in the regional church of Schaumburg-Lippe are approved
- The partnership to Kgetleng circuit is being expanded and now applies to the entire regional church of Schaumburg-Lippe
- 22/11 to 11/12/2002** A delegation including a choir project from Schaumburg-Lippe visits Kgetleng circuit. The following people take part:

#### Delegation

- Silvia Beier (Sachsenhagen)
- Silke Bredthauer-Heidemann (Steinhude)
- Christoph Meier Jr. (Heuerßen)

#### Choir project

- Jan Bergmeier (Seggebruch)
- Hannah-Kathrin Brandt (Stadthagen)
- Mathias Gödecke (Stadthagen)
- Maren Gorzitza (Stadthagen)
- Pastor Lutz Gräber (Luhden)
- Janina Meier (Steinbergen)
- Tosporn Schultz (Großenheidorn)
- Mirjam Steinwachs (Lindhorst)
- Sina Völker (Lindhorst)
- Meike Wessel (Steinbergen)
- Stefanie Winkelhake (Lauenhagen)

**26/05 to 11/06/2003** Ms. Lesego Rasego and Mr. Modise Mekgwe from Kgetleng circuit visit. Attendance at the first ecumenical church congress in Berlin together with members of the Landesjugendkammer Schaumburg-Lippe

**28/09 to 19/10/2004** A delegation including a choir project from Kgetleng circuit visits Schaumburg-Lippe. The following people take part:

#### Delegation

- Mrs. Harriet Makhafola (Ipopeng)
- Pastor David Thabiso Mogatusi (Phorotlhwane)
- Pastor Kgang Mooketsi (Ipopeng)
- Mrs. Ella Johanna Irene Nameng (Saron)
- Mrs. Amelia Bafedile Putu (St. Martins)

#### Choir project

- Mr. Lawrence Baba (St. Katharina)
- Mr. Setlhong Boikanyo
- Ms. Keabetswe Matlapeng
- Mr. Tlhoriso Moeketsi (Molorwe)
- Mr. George Letukile Monnakgotla
- Ms. Refiloe Mosiane
- Ms. Bontle Thipe

The choir project holds concerts in Sülbeck, Stadthagen and Probsthagen.

Tosporn Schultz resigns from the Landesjugendkammer and the Partnership committee due to age restrictions.

**2005** First Maren Gorzitza takes over Tosporns' position in the partnership committee, but soon resigns again from all charges. Iris Maibaum becomes new delegate of the Landesjugendkammer within the partnership committee.

“Board of directors” of the partnership committee of the regional church of Schaumburg.Lippe:

- Christoph Meier (president / Heuerßen)
- Gabriele Oppermann (vice president / Sachsenhagen)
- Pastor Michael Bürger (treasurer / Wendthagen)
- Silke Bredthauer-Heidemann (secretary / Steinhude)
- Iris Maibaum (Member of the Landesjugendkammer / Lauenhagen)

**22/02 to 09/03/2005** Silvia Beier and Tosporn Schultz visit Kgetleng circuit privately.

**22/09 to 08/10/2006** A joined delegation including members from the Landesjugendkammer and the partnership committee from Schaumburg-Lippe visit Kgetleng circuit. The following people take part:

Partnership committee

- Pastor Uwe Herde (Pollhagen)
- Judith Lutter (Pollhagen)
- Gabriele Oppermann (Sachsenhagen)
- Martin Patzak (Meerbeck)
- Petra Peuser (Pollhagen)

Landesjugendkammer

- Chris Böer (Frille)
- Iris Maibaum (Lauenhagen)
- Inga Vehling (Seggebruch)

The parish of Pollhagen engages in a partnership with Ipopeng.

Pastor Phalwane is elected as superintendent for Kgetleng circuit; First day in office: 01-01-2007.

- In preparation:**
- Events celebrating 20 years of partnership with Kgetleng circuit in 2008.
  - A delegation including a choir from Kgetleng circuit visits Schaumburg-Lippe East circuit.