



Women empowering each other as Christian

TUMEKUTANA

September 9-13, 2007
Nairobi, Kenya

"we have come together"

The gathering, a first of its kind in Africa, will offer a place for women to come together for networking, discussion, and planning.

It will provide a forum to identify common areas of challenge and plan the strategies to address their challenges **from a Christian perspective.**



Sponsored by the Presbyterian Church (USA) this gathering will bring together women leaders from the United States and partner churches across Africa.

YOUR contribution will help make it possible for an African woman to attend TUMEKUTANA

- \$30 | room & board for 1 night
- \$180 | room & board for the week
- \$200 | visa & passport
- \$1000 | transportation
- \$1500 | full scholarship

yes, any amount is welcome and needed

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Christian

Women

facing the challenges of Africa

- How am I going to feed my children?
- Will my children learn to read?
- How can I afford to pay their school fees?
- How will I pay for their medications when they are sick?
- Why do I, as a Christian woman, get AIDS?
- Who will take care of me when I am sick?

There are so many orphans.

**as Christian women together,
how does our faith inform our
response
to these challenges ? . . .**

Poverty

By 2015, 30% of all children in sub-Saharan Africa will be severely malnourished

- "How do we feed our families?"
- "How do we send our children to school when we can't pay school fees?"
- "How do we pay for transport when we need to go to the clinic?"
- "How do we pay for medications for ourselves and our children?"

In light of these challenges, TUMEKUTANA will include forums on education and job training, income generating activities, investments, micro-enterprise, stewardship, money management and solidarity among women.



Culture & Tradition

Though there are many aspects of African culture which promote the health and well-being of a society, there are those aspects which are harmful to the health of women and their families.

Whether it is silence around violence and abuse in the home, or inheritance practices which contribute to the spread of HIV/AIDS, women are asking,

"How can I, as a Christian woman, confront these aspects of my culture?"

Studies have shown that the health of the family is in direct correlation with the educational level of the mother

HIV/AIDS & Orphans

Women are concerned about

- contracting AIDS
- caring for loved ones with AIDS
- how they'll be treated if their husbands die
- how AIDS fits in with their Christian faith
- how to take care of the numbers of orphans

At TUMEKUTANA women will gather around questions like, "How can we care for all these orphans?" "What will happen to my children when I die?"

Education

Illiteracy is high for women in Africa, and even if girls go to school, drop out rates are high as well.

60% of the 25 million sub-Saharan African adults & children infected with HIV/AIDS are women

HOW is Christ calling me to respond ?

- Pray** that God is glorified and Christ is magnified through
 - ~ conference planners
 - ~ conference speakers
 - ~ participants from 19 African countries
 - ~ conference itself and its IMPACT
- Focus** on
 - ~ a specific African country
 - ~ connecting with the African woman representing a partner church of that country
- Learn** about
 - ~ challenges faced by Christian African women
 - ~ countries where they live
 - ~ Presbyterian Church (USA) African partners
- Reflect** on Isaiah 58 : 1-12 "your light will break forth like the dawn"
- Contribute** to Scholarship Fund
- Volunteer** your time
- Go deeper** into any of the above

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