

Sierra Leone Updates on Pastors' Salaries and Coronavirus

The Sierra Leone Annual Conference (SLAC), lead by Bishop John K. Yambasu, **updated pastoral salary reports** at the end of the first quarter for the Susquehanna Conference's Sierra Leone Initiative and its covenant churches. We thank SLAC treasurer, Elfreda Fawundu for her work on these reports.

The three reports include: 1) quarterly salary receipts from the Susquehanna Conference in Leones and the exchange rate on the date the payment arrived in SL. This report indicates salary payments paid monthly in total to each Sierra Leone District's pastors; 2) a copy of the three monthly payrolls for the first quarter, listing gross and net income and all deductions; 3) a report listing the SLAC's directive to pay each pastor by depositing their salary payment into each pastor's bank account.

Report 1: **First quarter 2020 Susquehanna Conference sent \$26,353 for pastor's salaries at an exchange rate of 9,500 or 250,353,500 Leones.** Monthly examples – Bo District 14,023,176 Leones and Western District 19,713,610 Leones

Report 2: **First quarter 2020 SLAC report listed 68 pastors paid each month.** 9 Bo District, 3 Bonthe District, 5 Kenema District, 7 Kono District, 4 Makeni District, 8 Moyamba East District, 5 Moyamba West District, 3 Port Loko/Kambia District, 21 Western District, 2 Yonibana District, and 1UMC House

Report 3: **First quarter 2020 salary bank account payments lists 68 pastors** by name, bank, account number, and payment to be sent to pastor's bank account

Coronavirus Report

As of June 24 SL has lifted its curfew to only 11pm to 6am and lifted the inter-district travel ban. Everyone is to wear facemasks in public, practice social distancing, and hand washing. Churches and mosques are currently not permitted to gather for worship services.

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