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> AEA is one of Seven Regional movements comprising the

World Evangelical Alliance with over 100 million individual Christians identifying with it. Bishop Dr Thomas Schirrmacher WEA Secretary-General

Dear Bishop Dr. Thomas Schirrmacher,

## RE: Invitation to Speak, AEA General Assembly, April 28-30, 2021

Greetings in the precious name of Jesus!

Congratulations again on your appointment as WEA's General Secretary. We look forward to your leadership in the years ahead.

The Association of Evangelicals in Africa General Assembly will be held virtually, hosted from the AEA Headquarters in Nairobi, Kenya from Wednesday through Friday, April 28-30, 2021.

I am writing to extend a warm invitation to you to greet the virtual audience on Wednesday, April 28th at 11:00 am GMT+3. Your remarks and greetings will be followed by other opening courtesies.

Also on behalf of the AEA GA Planning Committee, we wish to extend a warm invitation to you to address the virtual General Assembly on the *topic* titled: **"Implications for Scaling Up Theological Training in this New Era."** We would invite you to give your address on **Thursday**, **April 29**, **2021**, **from 13:45-14:20**. Our media team strongly advises that this presentation be pre-recorded to avoid any technical issues on the presentation day.

The theme, subthemes, premise and schedule for the General Assembly are attached for your review. Please confirm your availability and willingness to participate as requested by Saturday, April 10, 2021.



The topic for your address is to build on AEA Theological Consultation in 2019 and our desire scale up informal theological education in the next five years, along the formal theological education in the African context. However, we recognize that this is also a global challenge.

Given your personal experience in the promotion of both formal and informal theological education and evangelical theological concerns, we believe your contribution will be valuable for AEA in addressing issues within the African context.

Jim Olang, AEA's Operations and Communications Manager, will be sending the Zoom link to you for the meeting. Please join the Zoom meeting 10 minutes before each of your scheduled speaking times to make sure the internet, the audio and the video are working well. Please send any documents or graphics you would like displayed during your talks to Jim by Monday, April 26th if possible.

We look forward to hearing from you! Thank you for your consideration of our request.

Rev. Dr. Aiah Foday-Khabenje General Secretary/CEO