

## EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - SOUTH SUDAN OFFICE OF THE PEACE DESK

### YEI RIVER STATE

#### **Resolutions of Western Lakes State Grassroots Peace Initiative [WLSGPI]**

**May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

The Western Lakes State Government officials, Community Leaders, Chiefs, Youth and Women gathered in Yei at the invitation of the Bishop of Evangelical Presbyterian Church Bishop Most Rev Elias Taban Parangi. The delegation spent three days from May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018 to May 17<sup>th</sup> 2018 in search for a lasting Peace for the communities and people of Western Lakes State. The three day gathering was concluded with the following resolutions:

1. Peace building and healing conference be organized in Western Lakes State within the shortest possible time by the Most Rev. Bishop Elias Taban Parangi of EPC that brings all sons and daughters of Western Lakes State and all neighboring States to pray and dialogue.
2. EPC is offered a land (240m x 200m) in Rumbek center to establish any or all of its services there such as Trauma Healing center, Health center, Church and so forth.
3. The workshop resolved that, civilians and youth carrying unauthorized arms must be disarmed immediately by the Government.
4. The workshop also resolved that lasting peace can be achieved through provision of basic services by well-wishers such as:
  - (a) Companies or organizations that can establish water points for both human and animal consumptions,
  - (b) Organizations that can establish Basic Nursery, Elementary and Vocational training for the Galwengs.
  - (c) Organizations or companies that can come to Western Lakes State to open Feeder roads.
  - (d) Organizations that can connect the Western Lakes State to the world through radio provision and an extension of network companies.
  - (e) Organizations that can supply seeds and tools such as Oxen to improve food security.
  - (f) Organizations that can improve the living conditions of armed forces and Government to implement disciplinary laws against deserters.
  - (g) EPC to lobby for Government, faith based groups and investors to create job opportunities.
5. The workshop resolved that State Government must provide security in the State as well as restore the rule of law.
6. The workshop resolved that peace building is achieved through:
  - (a) Youth engagement in income generation activities and training of organized forces to observe law and order
  - (b) EPC to lobby for organizations that will open micro-finance for small business to widows and orphans in Western Lake State.
7. EPC to send a small committee to go to Western Lakes State to go and verify the issues raised in this workshop.

Signed by the community's leaders of Western Lakes State as follows:

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Senior Chief,  
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Hon. Mabor Meen Wol  
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WESTERN LAKES STATE

# GRASSROOTS PEACE INITIATIVE (WLSGPI)

May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018

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Presbyterian church under the leadership of Bishop Elias Taban  
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