

Life & Peace Institute signs MoU with the Inter-religious Council of Ethiopia and Norwegian Church Aid Ethiopia



From left: Svein Arne Lende, NCA Ethiopia Country Representative; Pastor Zerihun Degu, IRCE General Secretary; Hannah Tsadik, LPI Resident Representative in Addis

Norwegian Church Aid Ethiopia, the Life & Peace Institute (LPI) and the Inter-religious Council of Ethiopia (IRCE) have signed an agreement to advance its involvement in the area of faith communities and peace building.

With funds acquired from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Norway and USAID, the parties aim to carry out relevant and effective peace building processes jointly and promote the culture of dialogue and collaboration among religious communities in Ethiopia.

The parties also intend to mutually strengthen their capacity to support inter-faith peace building processes emerging in the institutional setting of the IRCE.

The IRCE was established as an independent body in January 2010 with five (now six) religious institutions with the aim of promoting inter-faith learning, collaboration and synergy to address issues of common concern such as peace building and conflict transformation.

LPI, based in Uppsala, Sweden, is an international and ecumenical centre that supports and promotes nonviolent approaches to conflict transformation through a combination of research and action that entails the strengthening of existing local capacities and enhancing the preconditions for building peace.

The Memorandum of Understanding between NCA, LPI and IRCE was signed in Addis Ababa 22 January, 2013.

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