

Pastoral Program Newsletter

June 2024



Trauma Healing and Transformation Workshop

From 17 to 21 June 2024, the Union of People with Hearing Impairments of Juba, South Sudan, gathered at the Juba Christian Centre (JCC) for a transformative workshop on trauma healing. The 40 participants, thirteen females and twenty-seven males, came from various locations in the Juba area, including Buluk, Kator, Munuki, Rock City, Gudelle, Shirkhat, Tongping, Juba Town, Custom and Jebel Kujur.

They face significant challenges, including limited employment opportunities, social isolation and difficulties in accessing education and essential services due to communication barriers.



They also experience stigma, low self-esteem and structural discrimination, exacerbated by extreme poverty and inadequate health services.

Solidarity with South Sudan aims to equip participants with skills to manage fear, improve self-awareness and protect their boundaries. The training focused on the promotion of realistic self-perception, trauma management and the promotion of health and wellbeing pathways. The objective is to empower participants to overcome their challenges and improve their quality of life.



Leadership Training Program at St. Augusto Memorial Secondary College

On 15 June 2024, St. Augusto Memorial Secondary College hosted a leadership training programme to introduce new student leaders and elected prefects. The event was facilitated and animated by Sister Guillermina ACJ of the Solidarity Pastoral Service. The session focused on conveying essential life values and key leadership qualities.

The students showed strong interest and focus throughout the programme, engaging fully in the lessons presented. This training marks an important step in their journey as leaders within the school community.

4th Peace-Cup Championship Soccer Tournament

The Pastoral Service of Solidarity is pleased to announce the successful organisation of the 4th Peace-Cup Championship football tournament, which started on 29 June 2024 in Kit. This annual event, aimed at promoting peace and reconciliation among the youth of South Sudan, has grown significantly, with eight teams registering to participate this year.

One of Solidarity's key pastoral activities is to promote peace and reconciliation among young people. The pastoral team has implemented several approaches to realise this dream in South Sudan. Among these, the organisation of a football tournament to allow young people from different tribes to meet and interact has proved particularly effective over the past three years.

This year's tournament, named 'Peace-Cup 2024', started with an exciting opening match between Kit United FC - Kit, the 2023 champions, and Jesus Apostle Seminarists - Rajaf. The match set a positive tone for the tournament, showing the spirit of sportsmanship and unity.

We sincerely thank Friends in Solidarity for their unwavering support, which helped make this event possible.

Stay tuned for further updates on the progress of the tournament and join us in celebrating this wonderful initiative that promotes peace through sport.

