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Dear Ms Heiermann, Rev. Braun and Dr. Thembe,

This letter comes to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated February 6, which included the brochure about "The Role of the Rhenish Mission Society during the Erection of Concentration Camps in Namibia 1905 – 1908".

We have read this material with great interest as it offered important details about the role of the Rhenish Mission Society during the years in question. The information provided offered complementary insights that help us to continue understanding the situation with its great complexities.

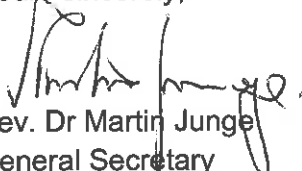
We have also attentively read the Declaration from July 2015 / February 2016.

As we prepare for the Lutheran World Federation's Assembly we are in close contact with our three host churches in Namibia and our member churches in Germany to adequately understand the ongoing bilateral processes between the governments of Germany and Namibia, as well as the social, political and church-based discussions in Namibia and Germany. Delegates to the Assembly are being helped to understand both the history as well as the current processes under implementation.

As is our long-standing practice, the LWF is giving great weight to the guidance from our Namibian member churches about whether and how the Assembly should relate to these issues.

I wish you God's ongoing blessings as you seek to contribute towards the healing of memories regarding these painful events of recent history.

Yours sincerely,


Rev. Dr Martin Junge
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