



# **EGLISE PRESBYTERIENNE AU RWANDA - EPR**

## **THE GENERAL SYNOD'S MESSAGE TO SISTERS CHURCHES AND PARTNERS**

Beloved in Christ, Brothers and Sisters,

Receive brotherly greetings in the Name of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

The General Synod of the Presbyterian Church in Rwanda (EPR) held its 48<sup>th</sup> ordinary session at Kigali/ Isano Guest House, from 20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> December 2016.

The General Synod was guided by the theme from the book of Acts 2: 39

**“For the promise is made to you and to your Children and to all those far off, whomever the Lord our God will call”.**

This theme encourages us to promote the unity in diversity under the Impulsion of the Holy Spirit.

The General Synod examined all reports respectively presented by President of EPR, program Managers and Presidents of Presbyteries. The Synod appreciated all achievements during the second phase of decentralization introduced by the Synod held from 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> March 2014 and took the resolutions to face the current challenges.

Some of the achievements are the following:

- To take responsibilities by basic organs of the Church
- To put in place basic infrastructures at all levels of church notably the construction of new Sanctuaries, capacity building, increase the number of saving and credit groups in all parishes and Consolidation of social relation.

The following major challenges were identified:

- The Financial self reliance remain insufficient
- Social infrastructures (school, hospitals) of EPR, basic equipment do not meet required standards and the quality needs to be improved.

