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## **THE UOECE NEWSLETTER**

### **Another Success Story in Frankfurt**

The 4<sup>th</sup> annual spiritual conference of the Union of Oromo Evangelical Churches in Europe (UOECE) has been successfully concluded on Sunday the 19<sup>th</sup> of May in Frankfurt, Germany.

The 2013 UOECE Conference is unique in the sense that three Oromo Churches namely the Oromo speaking Evangelical congregations in the Federal Republic of Germany (OSEG), Oromo Evangelical Church in Frankfurt and the Oromo Evangelical Church in



Munich hosted the Conference.

After a short welcome greetings by Obbo Melkamu Duresso on behalf of the hosting congregations, the Conference officially commenced on Friday 17th May with the opening speech made by the chairman of the Union, obbo Robsan Mako. The conference was held under the theme: **"Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace!"** Ephesians 4:3. Hundreds of Oromos came together from all over Europe including Holland, Denmark, England, Germany, Sweden, Italy and Norway. There were also participants from Oromia.



Speakers on the Conference include: Rev Tasgara Hirpo (Germany), Evangelist Gammachis Karrasa (Germany), the newly Ordained Rev Temesgen Birru (Norway), Evangelist Wake Jeo (Norway), Rev Mulugeta Giranyi (Germany), and Rev Duressa Mabesha (Sweden). Based on the theme of the Conference, the speakers delivered an inspirational teaching that bonds scattered Oromos together in search for unity in Christ. Rev Miressa Brihanu (Finfinnee) also ministered to the gathering with his wonderful prayer and inimitable music. Rev Marga Negeri (Frankfurt) and Rev Fekadu Ofga'aa (Oslo) together with Rev Temesgen Birru (Trondheim) participated in the Holy Communion ceremony on the final day.



The worship services and the gospel songs performed by gospel singer Ephrem Yigezu from Oromia, together with the choral groups of Frankfurt, Oslo and London were so uplifting and participants of the conference rejoiced it in the true sense of unity and togetherness in Christ.





The little children of the host church decorated the conference with their sweet melody in both Afan Oromo and German.

Prior to the commencement of the Conference, on 16<sup>th</sup> May, an inspiring teaching about the past and present journeys and dissemination of Gospel in Oromia was delivered by Dr Rev Tesgera Hirpo. This was followed by Council's business meeting attended by delegates from the member churches of UOECE. The executive committee of the Council presented its annual report followed by a presentation of a new plan for the coming year. Among other things, the council formulated a strategy to reach the Diaspora effectively with the Gospel of Jesus Christ by minimizing the apparent gap between the church and the Diaspora Oromo community. The Council also discussed and agreed to begin broadcasting the Gospel through internet radio in order to reach Oromos in Europe and beyond. In addition to that the Council decided Oromo Evangelical Church of Trondheim (Norway) to host the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Union in the summer of 2014.

All in all, the 4<sup>th</sup> annual conference was another success story in which the working hand of the Holy Spirit was evident.

More audiovisual materials depicting the conference are available on our website [www.uece.org](http://www.uece.org).