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Press Release

MALAWI TO HOST CONTINENTAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

In an effort to contribute to the development of good leadership on our continent, the Bible Society of Malawi (BSM) will host the African Biblical leadership Initiative (ABLI) Conference from 14th to 18th September 2015 at Golden Peacock Hotel in Lilongwe. The overarching theme of ABLI Malawi will be **Transforming the Culture of Leadership in Africa** and will focus on economic life, social harmony and justice. Considering that the failure of leadership is implicated in almost all social problems, ABLI provides a conversation about the character of leaders, as much as about the issues they face. The ABLI Forum is for people who can act as agents for change. It helps people to take on big challenges with God's help and the support and solidarity of others.

The conference will bring together leaders from 20 African Bible Societies and will focus on the following themes:-

- **Integrity** – the Forum will tackle issues related to corruption, bribery and honesty in private life as well as public offices.
- **Healthcare Systems** – the Forum will critically appraise the leadership tradition in African healthcare systems.
- **Social Harmony and Conflict Resolution**—in light of many social conflicts in Africa including religious ones, this is a subject that should be addressed.
- **The Next Generation** – the Forum will not only speak about the youth, but will allow members to speak with them. In this vein, youth will be given ample opportunities to speak within the Forum and to share their experience with their peers as well as others.



ABLI Ghana 2014 Leadership Forum

Over 500 delegates will attend the opening program, and 150 delegates are set to attend the whole three-day Forum. In Malawi, participants are expected to come from the Public (Executive, Legislative and Judicial bodies) and Private Sectors, the Church, NGOs and Civil Society.

ABLI is a dynamic Forum for change in the African society. It applies Biblical principles to empower and inspire leaders of all backgrounds to address specific challenges within their communities. This provides an opportunity for networking and exchanging ideas on a wide range of issues pertinent to African cultures. It acts as a hub for a growing community of practitioners who can support, encourage and mentor each other throughout the year by sharing information, examples and case studies of the successful application of God's word in their context.

More details will be released through the press as the days draw nearer.

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