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Solidarity Annual General Assembly 2021

On 02nd December 2021, Solidarity with South Sudan held its annual Assembly: for the second time, it was an online meeting, due to the pandemic.

Almost 40 member congregations attended, along with a number of other congregations who are considering various types of engagement in South Sudan, some diplomatic representatives from the USA and UK.

The meeting was arranged in two sessions: in the first one, Br. Emili Turù Rofes, as the President of the Association, sent a warm welcome to all the participants, inviting them to pray together with Sr Judith Nekesa and Sr Carolyn Anyega.

Then, Fr. Jim Greene, the Executive Director, showed the situation in South Sudan, a country that struggles on many fronts, and updated about the Solidarity projects in that country: Solidarity with South Sudan is an act of faith with modest gestures. Our projects are small in size when compared with the enormity of the challenges to face. Fr. Jim expressed the value and the impact of Solidarity on South Sudanese: "Solidarity is also about hope, that in forming small numbers of teachers, nurses, farmers and pastoral agents, we are making a difference and building the capacity of this country for the future. As we look on South Sudan with faith and commitment, know that many are looking to us with hope", he said.

Successively, Fr. Dave Gentry, the Solidarity Mission Promoter, gave his impressions after his first visit in South Sudan.

Later Mr. Paul Fenney, explained the financial implications of the pandemic on the projects in South Sudan and the extraordinary results we reached together with our donors.

At the end of the first session, Sr. Katherine O'Flynn has been appointed as Board Member, and the President has introduced Ms Celeste Roche and Mr Andrea Curreri as the two Board Members directly appointed by the Board of Governors. Their experience in the No-Profit and Financial world will be helpful for us!

The second session was about the Monitoring and Evaluation exercise we started a couple of years ago. We ended the last phase, which involved Governance and Management review: it aimed to strengthen the governance and management system of Solidarity. As last year, this analysis has been conducted by Mrs Nicole Moran, and at the end, an interesting team-working discussion raised up.



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Before closing the Assembly, Br Emili thanked Mr Paul Fenney, who ended his mandate as Board member, for his passionate commitment. Paul gave his availability to remain as member of the financial committee to support the new CFO, Ms Celeste Roche.