

Reverend Dr. Ambassador Milenge Mwenelwata

Reverend Milenge Mwenelwata currently serves as National Vice-President of the Church of Christ in Congo (Eglise du Christ au Congo [ECC]), having ascended the Church hierarchy and successively serving as Catechist; Evangelist; Church Elder; Parish Pastor, Community Member, Pastor Supervisor/Superintendent, Moderator of the Community Assembly, and the Executive Committee; Active Member of the Executive Committee and the Provincial Synod of Kivu Province, then of South-Kivu Province; and Secretary-General. He has also alternatively held several posts in the education sector, namely, Secondary School Teacher, Director of Primary School, University Lecturer, Director of Theological Education by extension, and Trainer of Trainers.

In his capacity as a Development, Humanitarian, and Peace Activist, Reverend Milenge has served as Project manager of the “Water, Hygiene and Sanitation Programs”; Head of Justice Services, Peace and Safeguarding (JPSC) of the Creation the JPSC Commission of the Church of Christ in Congo; National Director of the Ministry for Refugees and Emergencies (MERU) of the Church of Christ in Congo; Regional Coordinator of the Ministry of the Church for Uprooted People in Central Africa; Secretary- General of the Deacon Department of the Church of Christ in Congo for 6 years; Permanent Secretary of the Acting Solidarity Chain (religious group); Coordinator of the Platform of Heads of the Democratic Republic of Congo Religious Groups; National Coordinator of "Operation Christmas Children" for 5 years (Samaritan' Purse); Coordinator of United Religions Initiative (URI) in the Democratic Republic of Congo; National Secretary of the AGOA Civil Society Network in the Democratic Republic of Congo; General Secretary of the Christian Mutual Aid Trade Union; President of the South-Kivu Notabilities Consultative Framework; Member of the Board Trustee of the All Africa Conference of Churches (AACC) based in Nairobi, Kenya; and Honorary Ambassador of the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Reverend Milenge received his Doctoral Degree in Peace and Reconciliation in 2015, and holds an Associate Degree in Higher Education. Additionally, he graduated in Defense Management in 2001, Systematic Theology in 1984, and Library Science in 1982. Reverend Milenge has also received Certificates in "Multinational Peace Mission Management", the "Role of the Year in Time of Peace” and Civil-Military Relations in 2008, to name a few. A lifelong learner, he has partaken in several exchange visits and studies throughout Africa, Europe and the United States of America, and he actively participates in continuing education programs throughout the world, particularly in Evangelization, Church Life and Mission; Social-Economic Development; Human Rights; Civic and Electoral Education; Mediation; Elections Monitoring and Observation; Elections Cycle Management; Civil-Military Relations; Project Planning and Management.

Throughout the years, Reverend Milenge has acquired indisputable expertise in the areas of economic development, humanitarianism, peace and reconciliation, socio-economic development, governance and elections, civil society supervision, and partnerships. His achievements in these areas have earned him several honors, the most remarkable of which are: *Certificate of Acceptance as a Member of the United Religions Initiative, URI (Nairobi, May 5, 2018)*; *Diploma of Merit for having sponsored the first National Seminar of Protestant Scouts on Leaderships (Kinshasa, 2017)*; *Decorated Moral Authority of Congolese Civil Society in 2013*; *Grand Messenger, Civic Merit of Honor (Association of Political Journalists of Congo in*

2013; Ambassador for Peace Medal (Observatory of Positive Sanction 2011); International Award of Merit and Recognition (Barraza Great Lakes vision 2010); Certificate of Recognition for Voluntary and Extraordinary Service, Operation Christmas Child (Samaritan's Purse, USA, 2009; Bravery Medal of the Naval Post Graduate School of California in 2008; Civil-Military Relations Medal from the Center for Civil Military Relations USA in 2008; Bravery Medal of the Naval Post Graduate School of California in 2008; Civil-Military Relations Medal from the Center for Civil Military Relations USA in 2008; Diploma of Patriotic Merit in 2003; and Gold Medal of Civic Merit of the Democratic Republic of Congo in 1994

Reverend Milenge speaks Swahili, Lingala, French, and some English.