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# TANZANIA: CHURCH TO OPEN MISSIONARY CENTER AMIDST CATHOLICS, PROTESTANTS, MUSLIMS



In northwestern Tanzania, the Church has plans to strengthen its presence and missionize in an area filled with Catholics, Protestants, and Muslims.

According to a report from the Orthodoxia News Agency, the Diocese of Bukoba of the Patriarchate of Alexandria plans to begin construction on the St. Euphemia Missionary Center in the northwestern city of Geita.

The Geita Region is home to a million people, the vast majority of whom are heterodox or non-Christians. “The Orthodox are a minority and we are very weak in front of them,” the diocese states.

The Geita area has 19 parishes with 12 churches served by 6 priests and 28 catechists.

At the Church of St. Euphemia, the diocese owns a 10-acre plot of land with a well, and it hopes it will become a missionary center to serve the entire area. The plans

include a space for children and young people and the faithful with a dining room, kitchen, and 4 rooms that can house 20 people.

“We are already preparing the plans, and once we, God-wiling, get permission, we’ll start. The need is great, and the pressure from our enemies is even greater,” the diocese states.

Through the prayers of St. Euphemia, some Orthodox Christians who had left the area have returned, and the Church hopes the mission will continue to grow with her assistance.

In September, OrthoChristian reported on a remote Tanzanian village where nearly all inhabitants converted to holy Orthodoxy and built themselves a church out of bamboo and straw.

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