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RE: Recommendation for Center for Caring, Empowerment, and Peace Initiative (Nigeria)

Dear Jan Papendieck:

The Church of the Brethren USA, whose founding dates to 1708 Swarzenau, Germany, writes on behalf of our sister-church, Ekklisiyar Yan'uwa A Nigeria, Church of the Brethren Nigeria, which was established in 1923. More specifically, I write on behalf of a leading member of that church community, Dr. Rebecca Dali, who founded and directs Center for Caring, Empowerment, and Peace Initiative.

My office assisted Rebecca. Dali as she pursued a doctorate at the University of Jos on the plight of women during periods of violence, which required hundreds of quantitative interviews. It was unacceptable to hear these stories and do nothing. Dr. Dali was compelled to get involved and seek to alleviate the suffering of these individuals; thus, CCEPI was formed.

The Church of the Brethren has been closely involved in the establishment of CCEPI and its founding and financially giving on average \$100,000 per annum. CCEPI always seems to achieve so much with so little—and the Brethren watch closely. We have also supported her significant contribution of documenting the details of the violence in northeast Nigeria.

We feel so blessed to be part of her ministry. Dr. Dali has spoken at various conferences for us, and we nominated her for the Sergio Vieira de Mello prize (UNHCR) for her humanitarian work, which she won.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

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