



Connecting and Empowering Bari Communities  
**Official Momoret 2017 Report**  
**Bari ti Tokujonö**  
Sponsored by Parara USA and BC Wisconsin & Illinois  
May 27-28<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Milwaukee, WI

**2017 Momoret recommendation & next steps**

- We must continue to support our people back home who are suffering due to our current tragic situation back home
- We must continue to promote unity in our community and south Sudan
- We must build our local offices and keep each other accountable

**2016 Momoret recommendation/next steps**

- Focus on building strong local communities and offices
- Improve organization by answering: How many Bari in the US?
- Improve communication with members
- Teach Bari Language
- Continue Parara Scholarship Program
- Support our community in Bari lands

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## Letter from Secretary General

It was indeed a great pleasure to see all of you and your families during the conference, the unity and love that all of you have shown was immensely great and we hope we continue to show that unity and love amongst ourselves.

On behalf of the executive board I would like to express my outmost gratitude to the people of Milwaukee for such an amazing organization of the conference. I would like to acknowledge all the efforts and tenacity you all put into bringing the community to your state. I would like to acknowledge a few individuals specially uncle peter Kujjo, Silvio and all the team who had worked tirelessly in coordinating with the speakers making sure everything went smoothly.

As a tradition of the current executive office, we believe we can only grow through a constructive criticism and with that I mean looking at ourselves then making changes. I would like you, the people we serve, to give us your feedback on areas to improve and how to improve.

From our perspective the conference went flawlessly from Saturday morning through Sunday. However, we still struggled to maintain time. That is perhaps something that all of us as a community need to work towards improving if we are going to operate efficiently in the future.

On a positive note we have started to collect the census of our community members and we hope to create a database of the Bari members across the United States to make access to our members easier. We have also made pledges to contribute financially to support our people who are suffering back home under the carnage of the inept leaders leading the country I hope all of us will make good on our promises and pledges.

I would once again want to thank everyone who came to the conference, together we will move forward.

Sincerely,

LOUIS SWAKA

Secretary General, Parara USA

## **VENUE and ATTENDANCE**

The Momoret 2016 was held in the four point by Sheraton hotel in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The event was hosted by the Bari community of Wisconsin/Illinois and Parara USA. The attendance was estimated at about 90 adults and 126 minors. The audience comprised of members from the United States, Canada, Europe, and South Sudan

## **HIGHLIGHTS**

The conference was moderated by Pellegrino Lako and Silvio Lado. The audience enjoyed presentation/discussion led by Peter Kujjo, Erika Bureng, Fr. Philip Pitya, Sokiri Pitia, Silvio Lado, Joel Mayer, Swaka Lino, Sandra Tombe, Lako Said, and many more members of Bari community. The first day of the conference focused on topics such as

- Bari marriage and cultural significance
- Importance of life insurance
- Parara annual report: unite to support home
- Importance of college and major
- Ti Bari Jambi: we must unite to help people back home
- Fundraising

Excellent child service was provided by Nene Lako and her team. On the second day the focus was on cultural activities and community building. The outstanding church service was led by Father Philip Pitya with excellent support from choir team led by Alfonse Pitya and music team. Afterward members enjoyed traditional “luggara” followed by African party to conclude the night.

Over all the conference was a success. Members reconnected with each other and enjoyed the event.

Thank you.

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## Special Thanks goes to all the organizers and contributors

- **Wisconsin Momoret Committee (Peter Kujjo, Eunic Amour, Silvio Lado, James Morbe, Tom Gore, Estella tombe, Flora Laku)**
- Father Pitya-speaker
- Alfonse Pitia-organizer
- The music team
- The Parara Momoret committee
- Everyone that participated and contributed (Thank you)
- The 2016-2018 executive committee and board of directors



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	<b>Parara USA</b>				
	<b>Momoret 2017: Bari Ti Tokujonö</b>				
	<b>Momoret 2017 Financial Report</b>				
	Milwaukee, WI				
	May 27-28, 2017				
		<b>Parara only</b>	<b>Wisconsin/Illinois</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>% of total</b>
	<b>Cash Received</b>	<b>Amount, \$</b>	<b>Amount, \$</b>	<b>Amount, \$</b>	
1	Milwaukee/Illinois Contribution		\$3,640.00	\$3,640.00	25%
2	Momoret 2017 member contributions	\$6,925.00		\$6,925.00	48%
3	Door Registration + T Shirt Sales	\$1,740.00		\$1,740.00	12%
4	Emergency Humanitarian Fund (E-fund = \$1834)	\$0.00		\$0.00	0%
5	General Fundraising-Guffa	\$1,571.00		\$1,571.00	11%
6	Last day deposits	\$700.00		\$700.00	5%
7				\$0.00	0%
8				\$0.00	0%
9				\$0.00	0%
10				\$0.00	0%
11	<b>Total Cash In (X)</b>	<b>\$10,936.00</b>	<b>\$3,640.00</b>	<b>\$14,576.00</b>	<b>100%</b>
12					
13	<b>Cash Paid Out</b>				
14	8 Friday night Pizza (\$17 each)/1 chicken (\$95 +6% tax,20% service - Hotel	\$293.60		\$293.60	2.0%
15	Saturday 4 Coffee/tea (\$32 each)- Hotel	\$128.00		\$128.00	0.9%
16	Saturday 4 lemonade (\$18 each)- Hotel	\$72.00		\$72.00	0.5%
17	Saturday Lunch Buffet (\$22 each, 130 person)	\$2,853.50		\$2,853.50	19.6%
18	Saturday Ballroom Free- Hotel	\$0.00		\$0.00	0.0%
19	Mixer for audio (\$35)- Hotel	\$35.00		\$35.00	0.2%
20	Saturday LCD project setup- Hotel	\$100.00		\$100.00	0.7%
21	Saturday wireless microphone- Hotel	\$75.00		\$75.00	0.5%
22	wireless microphone- Hotel	\$0.00		\$0.00	0.0%
23	Saturday 6.1% tax +20% service fee - Hotel	\$845.98		\$845.98	5.8%
24					
25	Saturday kids crystal room-Hotel	\$0.00		\$0.00	0.0%
26	Saturday kids fresh fruity- Hotel	\$155.00		\$155.00	1.1%
27	Saturday kid 20 pizza (\$17)- Hotel	\$339.00		\$339.00	2.3%
28	Saturday Kids flat screen TV- Hotel	\$75.00		\$75.00	0.5%
29	Saturday Kids tax + service fee- Hotel	\$139.16		\$139.16	1.0%
30	Saturday Choir 9 pizza + tax + service fee- Hotel	\$194.23		\$194.23	1.3%
31					
32	Sunday refreshments- Hotel	\$81.48		\$81.48	0.6%
33	Sunday Grand ballroom rental - Hotel	\$1,386.95		\$1,386.95	9.5%

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34	Hotel breakfast for Saturday/Sunday- free	\$0.00		\$0.00	0.0%
35	Sunday Local Food - cooked by community		\$3,200.00	\$3,200.00	22.0%
36	Sunday Local Food - cooked by community	\$897.00		\$897.00	6.2%
37	Sunday Church space rental		\$350.00	\$350.00	2.4%
38	Church space rental insurance		\$90.00	\$90.00	0.6%
39	church parking space security	\$90.00		\$90.00	0.6%
40	Sunday water/Juice	\$60.20		\$60.20	0.4%
41					
42	Award folders	\$39.40		\$39.40	0.3%
43	Tip to hotel services + bus driver	\$60.00		\$60.00	0.4%
44	Donation to Church	\$300.00		\$300.00	2.1%
45	Refreshments for elders	\$100.00		\$100.00	0.7%
46					
47	Church booklet	\$200.00		\$200.00	1.4%
48	Rental van for musician	\$580.00		\$580.00	4.0%
49	Gas for rental van	\$110.00		\$110.00	0.8%
50	Musician appreciations	\$350.00		\$350.00	2.4%
51	DJ service	\$100.00		\$100.00	0.7%
52	Conference banner	\$57.00		\$57.00	0.4%
53					
54	Guest (Father Pitya) Room, Fri-Mon	\$0.00		\$0.00	0.0%
55	executive meeting room	\$345.30		\$345.30	2.4%
56	Guest (Musicians+DJ) 1 rooms, Fri-Mon	\$373.11		\$373.11	2.6%
57	Guest (Musicians+DJ) 1 room, suite	\$0.00		\$0.00	0.0%
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61	Momoret T-shirt	\$500.00		\$500.00	3.4%
62					
63	<b>Total Cash Out (Y)</b>	<b>\$10,935.91</b>	<b>\$3,640.00</b>	<b>\$14,575.91</b>	
64	<b>Cash Balance (x minus y)</b>	<b>\$0.09</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.09</b>	
65	<b>Pending Items</b>				
66	Drums Rental from Minnesota	\$150.00		\$150.00	
67					
68					
69	<b>hotel balance pending</b>				
70	<b>Cash Balance (after pending items)</b>	<b>-\$149.91</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>-\$149.91</b>	
	* indicate items that were best estimates				

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**Thanks to all the contributors below and those who paid at the door. Thank you very much.**

#	Who	Date	Deposit	Total
	Sokiri Pitia/family	2/13/2017	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
	Sandra Tombe	3/5/17	\$ 125.00	\$ 275.00
	Tongun Morbe/family	3/31/17	\$ 150.00	\$ 425.00
	Amato Loro/family	3/30/17	\$ 150.00	\$ 575.00
	Mary Wari	5/16/17	\$ 150.00	\$ 725.00
	Gabriel Wani/family	5/1/17	\$ 150.00	\$ 875.00
	Kajobe Na Legge	4/24/17	\$ 125.00	\$ 1,000.00
	Francis Limbe/family	3/6/2017	\$ 150.00	\$ 1,150.00
	Alphonse Pitya/family	2/21/2017	\$ 150.00	\$ 1,300.00
	Lado Muludiang Wani/family	3/16/2017	\$ 150.00	\$ 1,450.00
	Loro Lo Asunta/family	3/24/2017	\$ 150.00	\$ 1,600.00
	Mary Kenyi Lungu/family	3/29/2017	\$ 150.00	\$ 1,750.00
	David Kenyi Lungu	3/29/2017	\$ 125.00	\$ 1,875.00
	Hanim Mohamed	3/29/2017	\$ 125.00	\$ 2,000.00
	Christin Kenyi Lungu	3/29/2017	\$ 125.00	\$ 2,125.00
	Alfred Lako/family	3/31/2017	\$ 150.00	\$ 2,275.00
	Emmanuel Gabriel/family	3/31/2017	\$ 100.00	\$ 2,375.00
	Gabriel Moja/family	4/3/2017	\$ 150.00	\$ 2,525.00
	Jubek Lowala	4/3/2017	\$ 150.00	\$ 2,675.00
	Dr. Pastore / Erika Bureng	4/3/17	\$ 150.00	\$ 2,825.00
	Zahara Yigusuk/Nora Wusong/Rose Jada	4/7/2017	\$ 300.00	\$ 3,125.00
	Vivian Gore	4/10/2017	\$ 125.00	\$ 3,250.00
	Alexander Pitia/family	4/11/2017	\$ 150.00	\$ 3,400.00
	Francis Wantu/family	4/1/2017	\$ 150.00	\$ 3,550.00
	Loro Makara/family	4/1/2017	\$ 150.00	\$ 3,700.00
	Robert Lino Swaka	4/1/2017	\$ 125.00	\$ 3,825.00
	Raphael Nyagong Wani	4/11/2017	\$ 125.00	\$ 3,950.00
	Subek Besilde/family	4/11/2017	\$ 150.00	\$ 4,100.00
	Francis Dekulung/family	4/11/2017	\$ 150.00	\$ 4,250.00
	Edward Loro family/others	4/16/2017	\$ 275.00	\$ 4,525.00
	Noel Lako/family	5/1/2017	\$ 200.00	\$ 4,725.00
	santo tombe/family	4/27/2017	\$ 150.00	\$ 4,875.00
	Cesar Sule/family	5/1/2017	\$ 150.00	\$ 5,025.00
	Domnic Jada/family	5/8/2017	\$ 150.00	\$ 5,175.00
	Samson Ladu/family	5/8/2017	\$ 150.00	\$ 5,325.00
	Tom Alphonse & Nafoni Tom/family	5/8/2017	\$ 150.00	\$ 5,475.00
	Doki Namogga	5/8/2017	\$ 125.00	\$ 5,600.00
	Grace Sokiri/family	5/8/2017	\$ 150.00	\$ 5,750.00
	Rita Lako/family	5/8/2017	\$ 150.00	\$ 5,900.00
	Nadia in TN	5/15/2017	\$ 150.00	\$ 6,050.00
	Rita Zachariah	5/15/2017	\$ 125.00	\$ 6,175.00
	John Lako	5/16/2017	\$ 175.00	\$ 6,350.00
	patrick ladu/family	5/17/2017	\$ 150.00	\$ 6,500.00
	??	5/22/2017	\$ 125.00	\$ 6,625.00
	Lako Said/Anna Modi	5/8/2017	\$ 150.00	\$ 6,775.00
	Philip Gore/family	5/24/2017	\$ 150.00	\$ 6,925.00

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	Daniel Ernesto		250	
	Ladu Gubek		150	
	TBD		150	
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# Thank you for your support.

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