Introduction

Tanzania is a big Country. The beautiful nature of Rukwa is far away from the hustle and bustle of Dar es Salaam, but is very close to the southern mountains of the far western Tanzania. Situated near lake Tanganyika and Lake Rukwa, Sumbawanga is the commercial center of Rukwa Province, located 1,800 m above sea level.

Moravian Conference center is owned by Moravian Church in Tanzania Rukwa Province. The Conference center is located on Block number M, Plot number 2 and that it is situated at Nyerere road in Sumbawanga Municipal. It was registered to be used as Hotel for selling foodstuffs, conference hall and accommodation.

Historical background of Moravian Conference center

The plan of constructing Moravian Conference center came in after having noticed that Sumbawanga town was growing very fast and therefore the demand of such service was needed. Apart from meeting the demand of people it was built as an income generating project. It was also built in order to meet the needs of a growing city and to contribute to its continuing economic development. It is the desire of the church to provide a location for Christian fellowship, cultural get together, and community functions. It is the aim to host conferences and meetings for people from all over Tanzania, East Africa and even abroad. The center desires to help other organizations outside of the Moravian church to hold their meetings as well. The
foundation stone was laid on 24th September 1997 by Rev. H. B. Motel from Germany, the Chairperson of the Unity board of that time. The conference center was opened officially by bishop Jonas David Kasitu on 27th January 2002 even if the center started its operations in 2001 before official opening and that time the manager was Mr. Ole Weber. His leadership ends in 2003. Mr. Enock Oduor was native successor of Mr. Ole Weber. Mr. Enock served as Moravian Conference center’s manager from 2003-2004. Mr. Joseph Saulo Sikombe was appointed manager of the conference since 2004-2011. Rev. Jopharm Sichilima became manager of Moravian Conference from 2011-2013. Rev. Emmanuel Simpanzye came in leadership at Moravian conference center in 2013-2014. Rev. Erord Rupia Simae was appointed manager of Moravian Conference center and he started his work from 2014 up to 2017 when he was elected Chairperson of Moravian Church in Tanzania Rukwa Province.

Our center accountant is Good luck God well Siame and our cashier is Prisca Mathias Gabriel.

Our center accommodates people from within and outside the region. The center is allocated where it is easy to be reached and is close to town Bus station, Police station, Regional commissioner office, District commissioner office, TANNSCO, CRDB Bank, NBC Bank, NMB Bank and town market. Our center is still active in the sense that most of social activities are being conducted here such as, weddings, and capacity buildings for government and private workers, seminars and meetings.

Reception

This is the nerve of the conference center, the place where all quests are received and directed to the restaurants, the conference rooms and their places of lodging, telephone, fax and e-mail services are available. During hours when the restaurants are closed, refreshments are available for purchase in the reception room small room for personal meditation.
and small room for television and entertainment is part of the reception center. This is an ideal location for guest to have informal conversation in small groups.

**Moravian Conference center’s staff**

We have 19 staff at our center. Three cooks, two waiters, three receptionists, four house keepers, two compound keepers, one storekeeper, one personal secretary, manager, chief accountant and cashier.

**Conference and education facilities**

The center has a conference hall capable of accommodating 300-400, the middle hall capable of accommodating 120 guests. In addition there are two classrooms, one capable of receiving 40 people, the second capable of receiving 20 people. Several small conference rooms are available. Guests are invited our center is still the best in Rukwa region. This is the favorite place for foreigners and natives. The entire center is clean and that our motto is “Be a green keeper”. We offer accommodations, meals and conference rooms. Our conference rooms price are reasonable compared to other conference rooms to our neighbors. We have four conference rooms. The highest conference room costs Tsh. 200,000/= per day. The middle conference room costs Tsh. 100,000/= per day. The small conference room costs Tsh. 80,000/= per day. The smallest conference room costs Tsh. 60,000/= per day.

**Lodging**

The center can accommodate 75 overnight guests. Single, double and rooms for 3 to 4 persons with television of 87 channels for 24 hours. The rooms are categorized under self contained, executive and ordinary rooms, depending upon the guest choice. We have almost 30 rooms which are divided into three categories. Category one: Self contained rooms. The highest cost is Tsh. 40,000/= per one night and the lowest is Tsh. 20,000/= per one night. Breakfast is inclusive in this category.

Category two: Non self contained rooms. The highest cost is Tsh. 15,000/= per one night and the lowest cost is Tsh. 10,000/= per one night.

Category three: Triple rooms. We have three triple rooms, one room accommodates three guests, second rooms accommodate four guests and the last accommodate five guests. These are non self contained rooms and one triple room costs Tsh. 25,000/= per one night. Our rooms are clean and nice to stay.
The safety of the place

The area is very safe taking into account that the area is very near to the Regional head office, residence of the district commissioner, Municipal offices and policy station. Meanwhile the center is being protected by security guide who are found all the time to the center. They are working 24 hours.

Car Parking

The area has enough space for parking. You don’t need any other place for parking. We are everything. Car parking for customer is free but car packing cost for no customers is Tsh. 2,000/= per day.

Cafeteria

If you are staying in Sumbawanga and need a quick place to eat, we will be pleased to welcome you in our cafeteria, where you will be able to choose from a specially prepared daily menu from our self-service counter. Our menu is first class. Only the finest ingredients are used in the preparation of all of our meals. During a stay at the conference centre, either as a part of a group or as a private guest, we promise you to have an excellent dining experience in one of our three eating facilities. We are selling foodstuffs. The price depends on the type of foodstuffs you are ordering. Our foods are served through order. The order may take 20-30 minutes. Continental breakfast is Tsh. 3,000/=, Standard breakfast Tsh. 4,000/=, Soft drinks is Tsh. 500/= to 2,000/= and full breakfast is Tsh. 6,000/=. Soup of the day (All soups served with warm bread roll and butter), Tsh. 6,000/=, Lunch is Tsh. 7,500/=, Half mix grill Tsh. 15,000/=, full mix grill Tsh. 25,000/=, Buffet Tsh. 45,000/=. We have professional cookers and food which are being cooked here are also professional in the sense that cannot compared to other neighbor hotels. So many conferences are being conducted here including government seminars. The center is a conductive area. We have a lot of experience of handling and good customer care to our client.

Restaurant, dining room, kitchen and private parties

The restaurant serves dinner in the evenings and is also open for breakfast, lunch and dinner on weekends. Our well-trained staff will provide you with an excellent dining experience in an attractive atmosphere. The dining room is the center’s daily room for dinning where our guests are invited to choose their breakfast, lunch and dinner from our special menu. The dining room is designed for those attending seminars and meetings. In the kitchen we use only the most fresh and fine ingredients.
Food is prepared under the highest standards to delight the tastes of our guests. The food is not only tasty, but is designed to be beautiful and inviting so that you will be tempted to always add a bit more to your plate. The meats are prepared by our own special butcher. Our breads are breads truly in a class by themselves, fresh from our own bakery. For private arrangements, party rooms can be arranged for groups.

**Tourism**

The center is connected to tourist attractions like Kalambo falls, Lake Tanganyika and Lake Rukwa, Katavi national park whereby we plan trips for: Boat rides, hill hikes, village tours, game drives and cultural heritages

**Source of mineral water**

The center uses water basin. There is no scarcity of water in this area. Our hitters are functioning well and that the hot water is available all the time.

**Wifi connection**

We have wifi connection here at the center. You don’t need to find internet café outside the center. Everything is found here. The use of wifi is free to our customers.

**Important information**

- The center is alcohol and smoke free for the convenience of all guests.
- Check-out at 10:00 am.
- A room for storing luggage is available upon requests.
- Reception is open 24 hours.
- Postal services are available.
- Breakfast is served between 7:30 and 9:00 in the afternoon, and dinner from 6:00 and 9:00 in the evening.
- The cafeteria, dining room and restaurant all close at 10:00 pm.
- All guests are invited to morning devotion daily at 9:00 am.
Our experience

So many groups of people, NGOs and Government institutions have used this area for seminar/capacity building. Some of them are: CRDB, TRA, TACAIDS, ITECH, RMD KATAVI, LICHIDE, TTCL, CHSS, IAS, NACP, CCM, BAM GROUP, JSI, MUNICIPAL, HOSPITAL YA MKOA, MAGEREZA, WRP, TANESCO MKOA, NMB, FHI 360, IFAKARA HEALTH INSTITUTE (INGENDA HEALTH ETC. We have received so many people from Europe, America and Africans and accommodate them here.

Conclusion

We are here to serve people with customer’s care attitudes. We will appreciate if we will be selected to serve you. We know that payment procedure is through the bank and that payment should be done within the month after the conduction of the seminar. The center account number is 6210010400, NMB Bank, Sumbawanga branch

Rev. Erord Rupia Simae
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