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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Bishop Johnson Gakumba re-elected as Chairman ARLPI and Sheikh Musa Khalil retained as His Vice.**

Rt. Rev. Johnson Gakumba- the Bishop of the Diocese of Northern Uganda was today 29.06.2012 re-Elected chairman of the Acholi Religious Leader's Peace Initiative (ARLPI) after serving a 2 year term of office. He was first elected in August 2010. This year's elections took place at Graceland Hotel in Bbunga-Kampala at 11:00am.

Meanwhile Sheikh Musa Khalil-the Acholi Muslim Khadi was re-elected as the vice chairperson for another 2 years in office. The others elected to various posts include Mrs. Florence Oyela Olango-the women representative of the Anglican Diocese of Northern Uganda, was elected treasurer, Mrs. Simporoza Otim the Women representative OF THE Catholic Archdiocese of Gulu was elected Chairperson Finance and Welfare Committee while Father Julius Orach –the Dean of Orthodox was given Chairperson Programme committee. Bishop McLeod Baker Ochola-the retired Bishop of the Anglican Diocese of Kitgum was elected to represent the retired religious leaders while Mrs. Karima Lanyero Obina and Mrs. Grace Okeny were elected as the women representatives to the executives.

In his acceptance speech, the chairman thanked the members for entrusting him and the other members with their positions. He promised to work closer with the ARLPI Secretariat to promote vision and aspirations of the founders especially for lasting peace.

This year's retreat was also attended by the top religious leaders of the Born Again Faith Federations Pr. Patrick Okecha and Pastor Liza David of the Seventh Day Adventists who joined ARLPI as constituent members in July 2011 bring ARLPI Membership to 7 from previously five. The previously 5 were the Diocese of Northern Uganda (Anglican), Archdiocese of Gulu (Catholic), Acholi Deanery of Orthodox , Acholi Muslim District and Anglican Diocese of Kitgum.

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