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Biographical / Historical

Christina Maria Breman was born in 1941. She was a missionary for the Africa Inland Mission International (AIM) until forced by ill health to return to the Netherlands. There she completed a Ph. D. at the Theological Department of the University of Utrecht under missiology Dr. Jan A. B. Jongeneel. Her life was cut short by a recurrence of cancer.

The Association of Evangelicals in Africa, the subject of Breman's study, was established in Kenya in 1966 and now has branches in most sub Saharan countries.

Under the leadership of the first African General Secretary, Dr. Byang H. Kato from Nigeria, AEA grew as an organization and started evangelical theological training on a university level in Africa. Due to Kato's efforts, the Bangui Evangelical School of theology in the Central Africa Republic in francophone Africa was established in the 1970's. The English counterpart is the Nairobi Evangelical Graduate School of Theology.

Under Kato's successor, Dr. Tokunboh Adeyemo, also from Nigeria, the AEA became a movement with strong influence in evangelical Africa. Adeyemo also served as Chairman of the International Council of the World Evangelical Fellowship.

Scope and Contents

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The first nine series directly reflect the divisions created by Breman in her dissertation, while the last three are additional gathered materials. Breman's dissertation was published as *The Association of Evangelicals in Africa : its history, organization, members, projects, external relations and message* by Uitgeverij Boekencentrum, in 1996. It has been described as a "monumental work" and "a major reference text." The primary source materials available in this collection were the basis for Breman's dissertation and provide even more extensive documentation of the Association of Evangelicals in Africa.

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