

Justification:

THE HELP FOR SELF-HELP AWARD 2011
IS PRESENTED TO BISHOP PARIDE TABAN

in recognition of his life-long efforts to bring peace and development to Sudan. Bishop Taban has put his life on the line many times for his work during and after the long war in Sudan. He has been a prisoner in areas controlled by the Sudanese government. Taban has dedicated his life to the suffering people of Sudan and has never left his people. The bishop is a highly respected member of the international peace community, working relentlessly toward reconciliation and development in South Sudan. He has friends among Christians and Muslims, tribal and guerrilla leaders. As a leader he has a huge international ecumenical and political following.

Paride was born in Sudan in 1936. As a young boy he became a mechanic, but the Lord led him in another direction. At the age of 28 he was ordained into the priesthood, and in 1980 he was appointed Auxiliary Bishop of Juba in the Catholic Church of South Sudan. In 1983 he was appointed as the first Bishop of the then newly-established Diocese of Torit. At an early stage he collaborated with Norwegian development assistance through the Norwegian Church Aid's Sudan program. He has founded several schools, for both boys and girls, worked towards agriculture and health training programs, and promoted the interests of women and young people, especially in the areas of Boma and Kuron in East Equatoria. In 2004 Bishop Taban retired as a pastoral governor of the Diocese of Torit. The bishop had planned to retire already in 1989.

Today the bishop is working to establish a peace village in Kuron in South Sudan, which will bring together different tribes that will live in harmony. He is dreaming of a community where people with different ethnicity and different religious background can live side by side with confidence in harmony and fellowship. "Peace for all" has been the guiding principle of his life.

It is a great honour and a pleasure to congratulate this year's recipient and donate NOK 100 000 to his continuing peace work in South Sudan, together with a diploma and a piece of art signed by the well known Norwegian artist Per Fronth. We salute Bishop Paride Taban, we salute South Sudan, the 54th independent state in Africa and we salute the "voice of the voiceless" Bishop Paride Taban.

Congratulations!



Help for Self-Help Award regulations

1. The Help for Self-Help Award was established by Strømme Foundation in 1994. The award takes as its starting point Strømme Foundation's mission: to eradicate poverty by empowering people through *help for self-help*. This is an ideology that Strømme Foundation uses in its development work, which has proven its relevance in sustainable development. In this context, help for self-help is defined as actions that contribute to:
 - Developing beneficiaries' abilities and resources for both their and societies' benefit
 - Strengthen beneficiaries' human- and self worth
 - Motivate beneficiaries' responsibility for their own development and responsible use of the world's resources
2. The award is given to persons or organisations in Norway or abroad that are nationally or internationally recognized for promoting the *help for self-help* ideology in development.
3. All persons can nominate candidates for the award. An invitation to nominate candidates is published on Strømme Foundation's website, intranet and magazine.
4. A committee composed of representatives from Strømme Foundation's council and one or more of Strømme Foundation's employees, prepare a candidate list and recommend one person or organization to the Board, which in turn makes a final choice.
5. The Help for Self-Help Award consists of a piece of art and NOK 100,000 of Strømme Foundation's un-earmarked resources that shall be used for a project that promotes the *help for self-help* concept. The award winner will, in collaboration with Strømme Foundation's Programme Department, decide which project the resources will go to. The award also consists of a diploma that states the reason why the individual/organisation received the award.
6. The regulations can be changed by the Board.