**Education leaders from Protestant and Catholic churches in Rwanda and the eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo are committed to promoting peace education and biodiversity in the Great Lakes sub-region**

With funding from Bread for the World (PPLM), from 8 to 9 October 2026, at the centre of the League for Bible Reading in Rwanda (LLBR), the Protestant Council of Rwanda (CPR), through its National Office for Protestant Education (BNEP), organised a regional workshop for education leaders from Protestant and Catholic churches in Rwanda and the eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC).

This workshop brought together 50 participants, including education leaders from Protestant and Catholic churches, pastors, educational advisers and representatives, as well as education coordinators.




*Photo taken during the opening of the workshop by Bishop Samuel Kayinamura, National Representative for Protestant Education in Rwanda*

The workshop centred on themes relating to theological reflection on human dignity and peace in the regional context of the Great Lakes, the peaceful resolution of conflicts, and the protection of the environment and the preservation of ecosystems.

The participants expressed their satisfaction with the knowledge gained, the richness of the various presentations and the exchange of experiences that characterised these two days. They particularly welcomed the strengthened bonds of fellowship and collaboration between the coordinating bodies of Protestant and Catholic schools, both in Rwanda and in the east of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC).

They regarded this meeting as an important step towards greater integration and interfaith collaboration, particularly between Protestant and Catholic educational institutions. This momentum will help to strengthen the churches' commitment and encourage the active participation of young people in building a peaceful and inclusive school environment within both Protestant and Catholic communities.

Appendix: Some photos




*Group photo, Day [1]: 8 October 2026*




*Group photo, Day [2]: 9 October 2026*



*Photo: Members of the teaching team responsible for the project to promote peace and biodiversity education within the CPR in Rwanda, the CBCA in Goma and the ECC in Bukavu*

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