



Connecting and Empowering Bari Communities
Official Momoret 2018 Report
Bari ti Likin

Sponsored by Parara USA and BC California and west States
May 26-27th, 2018 San Diego, California

2018 Momoret key takeaways & next steps

- Focus on supporting our youth programs and education
- Initiate a committee to amend Parara USA bylaws to include Parara USA Youth Chapter and also Women Chapter with their corresponding bylaws
- We must re-activate our state offices. All must volunteer!
- A new 2018-2020 executive and board of directors were elected into office
- We must continue to support our people back home who are suffering due to our current tragic situation back home
- We must continue to promote unity in our community and south Sudan
- Initiate a committee to amend Parara USA bylaws for official joining of Parara USA into Bari global
- Momoret 2019 will be in Nebraska
- We must find ways to reduce Momoret expenses

Letter from Office

On behalf of the executive and board office of Parara USA, I would like to thank the people of California, Arizona, Colorado, Nevada, and Utah for such an amazing organization of the conference. I would like to acknowledge all the efforts and focus you all put into bringing the community to San Diego, California. I would like to acknowledge few individuals specially Francis Limbe, Sereno Tombe, Doki Namogga, Estarina Tongun, Sebit Kubari, Gore Bureng, Michael Gambi, father Pitya, father Asida, and all the team who had worked tirelessly in making sure everything went smoothly.

The conference attendance and atmosphere was beyond my expectation. We are happy with the results and the outstanding host by the people of California. I hope to see all our members our community in our next conference in Nebraska.

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Let's make our community great. Let's volunteer in our local offices and focus on growing and connecting our youth with Bari culture.

I would once again want to thank everyone who came to the conference, together we will move forward.

Sincerely,

Sokiri Pitia
2016-2018 Executive President
Parara USA

VENUE and ATTENDANCE

The Momoret 2018 was held in the four points by Sheraton hotel at 8110 Aero Drive in San Diego, California. The Bari community of California hosted the event with help from Utah, Colorado, Arizona, and Nevada. The attendance was estimated at about 200 persons with 70 minors. The audience comprised of members from the United States, Canada, Europe, Australia and South Sudan

HIGHLIGHTS

Doki Namogga, Gabriel Wani, and Sandra Tombe moderated the conference. The audience enjoyed presentation/discussion by Youth Group (Sandra Tombe), Dr. Laku Tongun, Dr. Sokiri Pitia, Father Pitya, Father Asida and many more members of Bari community. The key focus has been on the youth and election 2018.

Saturday May 26

Beginning at 9:30 am

Welcome/entrance:

Prayer by Father Pitya

Water blessing

Sokiri Pitia (Executive President) entering the room. Remembering the ones we've lost.

Youth Group program (Bari Ti Likin)

Learning Bari

- It's important to learn Bari because that's how you know the background and where you come from.
- Our language is part of us.
- Encourage parents to reinforce the Bari language so we can pass the message of Bari.

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- 5% of kids know Bari. We can't teach the language without tools. What tools do we have?
- Love yourself as a Bari person. Be proud of yourself being a Bari
- Encourage parents to talk in Bari
- Talk about why you're Bari
- Teach Bari to the new generation
- Challenge to Bari: We've adopted other languages. English and Arabic

Marriage: What's the meaning of dowry and why do we pay it?

- We pay it because we always have done it.
- The woman is a queen and the man needs to worship that
- The man is single and needs companionship therefore need the woman.
- It is tradition. It's sign of respect.
- Two families come together and figure it out.
- It's fun
- No separation is expected in Bari marriage
- Marriage and dowry shows that a woman is taken
- Parents made "you" a good woman. Dowry is a thank you to the parents
- Dowry is not selling
- They can give cows and goats. 12 cows and 24 goats
- Money comes later. It does not need to be paid in full.
- Dowry is what the family can afford—baskets of food, elephant tail.

Gender roles

- Girls learn from mothers. Men do hard labor, cultivate.
- Bari culture, men do not go to the kitchen
- Men respected women

Dialogue followed by presentation and skit from Sudo.

Francis Limbe on youth program

- We need to create Youth chapter and amend Parara bylaws
- Spirit of community choir. We must organize choir groups.
- Let's create Drama group that led by the youth. We must support the youth programs.

International Bible in Bari

Bible translated in Bari. Talking Bibles. Found online. \$50. Helpful for those who cannot read Bari. Help with listening.

Dr. Lako Tongun

- Who are the Bari and where do they come from?
- Where did the Bari come from?
- Bari means foreigner –Barinit. How you construct language and its grammar is important
- Nilotic, came from the North. Cindiru is the cradle of Bari civilization
- Bari attacked the Mahadi. Nyarsuk led a fight against the Mahadi
- Made it difficult for Gordon to make it to Buganda kingdom
- What was the British policy regarding Bari? Education was limited for Bari in Gondokoro and Bari.
- Bari have proved themselves in spite of the obstacles put before them by the British
- **Education is important. Encourage youth to educate their children and to push them to learn.**

Sokiri Parara Report

- Volunteering is an important service. Nothing happens without sacrifice.
- We all have to give up some of our time or money.
- Executive and the Board are key, and the general assembly is key. State offices are important and key. What are the states doing? Which states recently held election offices?

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- States need to be organized. Take the time to organize.
- We spent a lot of energy in funeral expenses and assisting our community in South Sudan.
- Finance: \$135, 000 in four years.
 - How can we reduce our costs? We need to find ways to reduce Momoret cost
- The general assembly has done a good job in supporting the community in times of hardships and family emergencies. Let's keep this spirit.
- Great love of community and support of one another.
- Focus on youth and on engaging them and supporting them.
- New Office budget
 - \$20,000
- **It's important to volunteer for the community.**

Lunch : 1-2

Elections:

Board Santo Jada (162 votes)

-Support the office and continue the work of Parara

President-Ermenia Poni (80 votes) was elected as president vs. Noel Lako

-Youth empowerment

- Women empowerment

-Greater improvement for finances

-Will contribute financially, will contribute with time and energy

Vice-president:

-Pellegrino Lako

Other positions in report below.

Francis Limbe: promoting Bari global initiative to members

Update from Juba: 5:20pm

Father Philip Pitya

- The importance of educating our children.
- We must eliminate policies that seek to under-educate some groups for the benefit of others.
- Do what can be done to help children learn, grow, and live.

Father Gabriel Assida (Ngurigi ti Bari: mother is Bari)

- promote SSCC South Sudan Council of Churches. Action Plan for Peace in South Sudan (APP).

-You can support with money but you need to pray.

Ti Bari Jambi: 5 :45

- Robert Lino: The use of cellphones for community development and access to electricity

- others

Saturday program ended at 6 pm.

Sunday May 27

Zahara Yigusuk:

- Let's not use media to attack one another
- Don't use HIPPA information to attack others

Efone First Lady of Nebraska

- We need to be united we can't separate ourselves.

Martin Paulo Lado

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-People are suffering back home and there is a lot of suffering going on and we need mobilize people.
Put your heart at home.

Tereza Leila

The idea that Guringi are not included as Bari is offensive.

Church and lunch: 12-5

Followed by lugara and African dance

Special Thanks goes to all the organizers and contributors

- **California Momoret committee**
- Father Pitya and father Asida
- The music team
- The Parara Momoret committee
- **Everyone that participated and contributed (Thank you)**
- **The 2016-2018 executive committee and board of directors**

New 2018-2020 Executive Office

1. **President:** Erminia Poni Janabio

(1536 Montessori Terrace, Charlottesville, VA 22912, cell: 434-806-7803)

2. **Vice President:** Pellegrino Lako (Maine, cell 207-409-7098)

3. **Secretary General:** Victor Mogga Pious (Florida, cell 904-536-1657)

4. **Deputy Secretary General:** Lado Pitia (New Hampshire)

5. **Secretary of Finance:** Estarina Tongun (California)

6. **Deputy Secretary of Finance:** Michael Gabe (California)

7. **Assistant Secretary of Finance:** Suzi Lado (Minnesota)

8. **Secretary of Information:** Lucy Doki Mogga (California)

9. **Deputy Secretary of Information:** Subek Besilde (Pennsylvania)

10. **Secretary of Community Development:** Albertina Albert & Parara women Group (Nebraska)

11. **Secretary of Culture & Education:** Sokiri Kose (Nebraska)

12. **Secretary of Youth Affairs:** Tombe Jurkin (Texas)

13. **Deputy of Youth Affairs:** Lazarus Donato (Maine)

New 2018-2020 Board of Directors

1. Chairman: Santo Jada (Minnesota, cell 763-438-0388)

2. Flora Juan

3. Raphael Nyagong

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Momoret 2018 Agenda

Friday: May 25, 2018

2:00 PM	Registration/Reception
5:00 PM	Choir Practice (Ms. Estarina Tongun)
6:00 PM	Parara/Local/state leaders/Volunteers meeting

Saturday: May 26, 2018

MC: Mr. Gabriel Wani & Ms. Doki Namogga

6:00 AM	Continental Breakfast (by Hotel)
7:00 AM	Registration/Reception (Mr. Pellegrino Lako & Youth)
8:00 AM	Welcome Bari Anthem "Ya a Morja a Pele Geleng" Prayer (Fr. Pitya)
	Introduction Remarks (Mr. Sereno Tombe, Mr. Francis Limbe, Dr. Sokiri Pitia, & Ms. Erminia Poni)
	Children program/safety announcement (Ms. Estarina Tongun)
8:30 AM	Bari Ti Likin: Youth Dialogue (Ms. Sandra Tombe & Youth Panel) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intro • Group Session • Youth Bits
10:30 AM	Parara Youth Group Future (Mr. Francis Limbe)
<i>10:50 AM</i>	<i>10 min Break</i>
11:00 AM	Message to the Youth: Key Community Values (Dr. Lako Tongun)
11:30 AM	Parara Annual Report: Volunteer today (Dr. Sokiri Pitia)
12:00 PM	International Bible in Bari (Mr. Paul)
<i>12:15 PM</i>	<i>Election of Board/Executive: Intro/Nomination/Ballot (election committee)</i>
1:00 PM	<i>Lunch Break</i>
2:00 PM	Bari songs/entertainment/fund raising
2:10 PM	<i>Election of Board/Executive: Election (election committee)</i> Oath of office
<i>4:00 PM</i>	<i>10 min Break</i>
4:00 PM	<i>Ti Bari Jambi</i> (Delayed programs)

Saturday: May 26, 2018

4:00 PM	Ti Bari Jambi (Fr. Pitia; Fr. Asida; Mr. Santo, Mr. Robert, Ms. Zahara, Nebraska 1 st Lady, and others) Where is 2019 Momoret?
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6:00 PM	END of Saturday Conference
8:00 PM	Parara Women Group Fundraiser (Ms. Elizabeth Lako & Ms. Kajobe Na Legge)
Sunday May 27, 2018	
Moderators: Gabriel Wani & Doki Namogga	
6:00 AM	Breakfast (Continental Hotel)
7:00 AM	Reception/Registration
9:00 AM	Welcome and Bari Anthem "Ya Morja Pele Geleng" Prayers (Fr. Pitya)
9:20 AM	Youth Program (Ms. Sandra Tombe & Youth Group)
9:50 AM	Women Group (Ms. Elizabeth Lako & Ms. Kajobe Na Legge)
10:10 AM	Ti Bari Jambi
10:40 AM	Closing Remarks (Mr. Francis Limbe & Dr. Sokiri Pitia and new chair)
11:30 AM	Bus going to Church
12:00 PM	Sunday Mass (Fr. Pitya and Fr. Asida Choir led by Mr. Sokiri & Ms. Estarina)
2:00 PM	Late Lunch
5:00 PM	Commute or shuttle to Hotel
6:00 PM	Luggara Kick off ! at Hotel
8:00 PM	Luggara End
9:00 PM	African Music Party Dinner & Dance
2:00 AM	<i>End of Party</i>

Finance Summary: The Momoret required about \$3,110 from national office in addition to all other contributions. Why? California is a lot more expensive than other states and further away. More funds was needed.

Parara USA			
Momoret 2018: Bari Ti Likin			
Financial Report			
San Diego, California			
May 26-27			
		Parara only	State only
		Total	
	Cash Recieved	Amount, \$	Amount, \$
	Amount, \$	Amount, \$	Amount, \$
1	California and /Arizona/Nevada/Utah/Colorado contributions		\$14,650.00
2			\$0.00
3	Members contribution	\$6,520.00	\$6,520.00

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4	Contribution at the door/conference	\$2,093.00		\$2,093.00
5	Church Collection	\$451.00		\$451.00
6	Boat donations		\$550.00	
10				
11	Total Cash In (X)	\$9,064.00	\$15,200.00	\$23,714.00
12				
13	Cash Paid Out (include tax/fees)			
14	Friday Pizza	\$144.60	\$119.00	
15	Saturday Lunch (27.50\$with tax/person)	\$4,532.20		
16	Projector + 2 microphones	\$591.54		
17	Room rental fee	\$371.12		
18	Sunday Dinner (35\$with tax/person)	\$649.00	\$4,600.00	
19	Saturday Breakfast (180 persons)	\$1,849.90		
20	Sunday Breakfast (180 persons)	\$1,979.90		
21				
22	Saturday Lunch time Pizza	\$70.00		
23	Sunday food-traditional cook*		\$4,300.00	
24	Sunday food Hall		\$100.00	
25				
26				
27	Van rental		\$753.34	
28	charter Bus Rental (1 trip, double deck)		\$729.00	
29	Gas/traveling/miscellenious		\$100.00	
30	Camera Rental		\$700.00	
31				
32	Printing program papers/awards/other miscell.		\$100.00	
33	Badge holders/other miscel.	\$55.00	\$100.00	
34	Banner/flag/picture		\$200.00	
35	Church booklet/printing		\$200.00	
36	Lugara shipping + \$150 rental		\$550.00	
37				
41	Guest Flight ticket (Father Pitya and Asida)	\$1,333.00		
42	Guest (Father Pitya & Asida) Room, Thurs-Mon	\$338.00		
43	Musician Guests (Kenyi and john), Fri-Mon	\$0.00		
44	Complimentary room nights = 5 nights	\$0.00		

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45	Appreciations to guests and volunteers	\$260.00		
46	Audio equipment		\$620.00	
47	DJ with equipment/travel		\$510.00	
48	Boat Tour		\$2,970.00	
49				
50				
51	Total Cash Out (Y)	\$12,174.26	\$16,651.34	\$28,825.60
52	Cash Balance (x minus y)	-\$3,110.26	-\$1,451.34	-\$4,561.60
53	Pending Items			
54				

Thanks to all the contributors below and those who paid at the door. Thank you very much.

#	Who	Date	Location	Deposit	Total
1	Grace Sokiri/family	12/10/2017	NY	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
2	Sokiri Pitia/family	3/7/2018	PA	\$ 150.00	\$ 300.00
3	Sandra Tombe	3/9/2018	DC	\$ 125.00	\$ 425.00
4	Fidencia Iggale	3/22/2018	MN	\$ 125.00	\$ 550.00
5	Robert Lino	3/25/2018	PA	\$ 125.00	\$ 675.00
6	Peter Kujjo/family	3/26/2018	WI	\$ 150.00	\$ 825.00
7	Edward Loro/family	3/22/2018	ME	\$ 150.00	\$ 975.00
8	Noel Lako/family	3/30/2018	IA	\$ 150.00	\$ 1,125.00
9	unknown	3/28/2018	?	\$ 125.00	\$ 1,250.00
10	unknown	4/9/2018	?	\$ 125.00	\$ 1,375.00
11	Gabriel Moja/family	4/9/2018	VA	\$ 150.00	\$ 1,525.00
12	Flora	4/9/2018	TX	\$ 125.00	\$ 1,650.00
13	Wani Lado/Regina Tombe family	4/16/2018	IL	\$ 150.00	\$ 1,800.00
14	philip Gore	4/10/2018	FL	\$ 150.00	\$ 1,950.00
15	Subek Besilde	4/23/2018	PA	\$ 150.00	\$ 2,100.00

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16	Francis DeKulang/family	4/23/2018	MI	\$ 150.00	\$ 2,250.00
17	Gabriel Wani/family	4/23/2018	NH	\$ 150.00	\$ 2,400.00
18	Salah Lazarus Donato/family	4/23/2018	ME	\$ 150.00	\$ 2,550.00
19	Anna Donato/family	4/23/2018	ME	\$ 150.00	\$ 2,700.00
20	Alexander Pitia/Dina Loro family	4/23/2018	NH	\$ 150.00	\$ 2,850.00
21	John Donato family	4/23/2018	ME	\$ 100.00	\$ 2,950.00
22	Thomas Wani family	4/23/2018	ME	\$ 150.00	\$ 3,100.00
23	Margret Najuan	4/23/2018	ME	\$ 125.00	\$ 3,225.00
24	Hanima	4/26/2018	TX	\$ 125.00	\$ 3,350.00
25	Gore Kenyi	4/30/2018	IA	\$ 125.00	\$ 3,475.00
26	Lillian Nyarsuk	4/30/2018	IA	\$ 120.00	\$ 3,595.00
27	Albertina Albertina/Emmanuel Iugang family	5/1/2018	NE	\$ 150.00	\$ 3,745.00
28	Tom Dumo family	5/7/2018	TN	\$ 150.00	\$ 3,895.00
29	Dominic Jada Family	5/7/2018	TN	\$ 150.00	\$ 4,045.00
30	Henry/Mogga Subek family	5/7/2018	FL	\$ 150.00	\$ 4,195.00
31	Emelia Jada	5/7/2018	NB	\$ 125.00	\$ 4,320.00
32	Efon AbdelMonieum	5/7/2018	NB	\$ 125.00	\$ 4,445.00
33	Jackline Sule/Julius Sule	5/7/2018	NB	\$ 150.00	\$ 4,595.00
34	Sokiri Kose, Kose Kose, Ladu Kose	5/7/2018	NB	\$ 150.00	\$ 4,745.00
35	BC MN, by Alfred Lako	5/10/2018	MN	\$ 300.00	\$ 5,045.00
36	Lako Said/Anna Modi	5/11/2018	KC	\$ 150.00	\$ 5,195.00
37	Sudi Loting	5/11/2018	GA	\$ 125.00	\$ 5,320.00
38	Francis Wantu/Eremania Poni	5/14/2018	VA	\$ 150.00	\$ 5,470.00
39	Loro Makara family	5/14/2018	VA	\$ 150.00	\$ 5,620.00
40	Janti Nydongu family	5/14/2018	VA	\$ 100.00	\$ 5,720.00
41	Savina Kenyi	5/22/2018	NH	\$ 125.00	\$ 5,845.00
42	Rita Lako	5/22/2018	NH	\$ 125.00	\$ 5,970.00
43	Josphine Jurkin	5/22/2018	TX	\$ 125.00	\$ 6,095.00
44	Nadia Sukabuluk family	5/22/2018	TN	\$ 150.00	\$ 6,245.00
45	BC MN, Alfred Lako	5/22/2018	MN	\$ 275.00	\$ 6,520.00
46					\$ 6,520.00
47	Paid at the Door	5/26/2018	all	\$ 2,093.00	\$ 8,613.00
48					\$ 8,613.00

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BC Minnesota		\$875.00
Name	Date	Amount
Gubek, Ladu		150
Gubek, Hiba		*
Gubek, Dwoki		*
Gubek, Poni		*
Gubek, Jiggi		*
Tombe, Anna		
Lako, Alfred		150
Lako, Kacklin		*
Lako, Lurit		*
Lako, Gubek		*
Lako, Ladu		*
Lako, Swoka		*
Lukak, James		125
Lako, John		150
Bambu, Florence		*
Lako, Emma		*
Lako, Loro		*
Lako, Yike		*
Lako, Joan		*
Gabriel, Emmanuel		150
Ladu, Rose		*
Ubanga, Perina		*
Jada, Rita		*
Gabriel, Jada		*
Gabriel, Yigale		*
Gabriel, Gore		*
Jada, Santo		150
Lado, Agnes		*
Jada, Yugusuk		*
Jada, Denya		*
Labok, Lisa		
Sube, Fidensa		
Modi, Flora		
Godoo, Meadina		
Wani, Clement		
Sindai, Angelina		
Budia, Yambi		
Balash, Flornce		
Andrew, Gabriel- new		
Gubek, Loro - infant		

California & Neighboring States Contribution List for Momoret 2018

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No.	Name	Agreed Amount	Total amount
	California State:		
1.	Francis	Limbe	1000
2.	Sereno	Tombe	1000
3.	Sabit	Kubari	1000
4.	Roben	Gore	1000
5.	Natalina	Kaku	1000
6.	Promena	Poni	1000
7.	Lucy	Nomogga	1000
8.	Laku	Tangun	1000
9.	Augustino	Fello	700
10.	Ramadan	Kuron	500
11.	Nichola	Lukulu	500
12.	Dyalette	Lado	500
13.	Suzy	Bureng	500
14.	Hassan	Elia	250
	Sub- Total		\$10950
	Arizona State:		
1.	Micheal Gambe & Family	\$500	
2.	Costantino Sokiri Lado & Family	\$500	
3.	George Yangone	\$500	
4.	Rephael N. Wani	\$500	
5.	Wani Lado	\$250	
6.	Nene Orihe	\$150	
	Sub Total		\$2400
	Nevada State:		
1.	Rita Legeng	\$500	
	Sub Total		\$500
	Colorado State:		
1.	Dario Casmiro & Family	\$500	
	Sub-Total		\$500
	Utah State:		
1.	Loro Tombe	\$ 150	
2.	Mary Jada	\$150	
	Sub-Total		\$300
	Total amount collected		\$13750

Thank you for your support.

PARARA USA: Through education, empowerment, and dialogue, PARARA-USA aims to foster connectivity among Bari people in an effort to facilitate their integration into the American society with dignity, and as responsible, productive members. Parara USA is a registered 501 c(3) non-profit organization founded in 2006 in Minnesota, USA.

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