

Reactions from AAA eNewsbrief February 2022

1- Melanie and members, SI Tokyo-Shinjuku

Dear Ruth,

Your life has certainly been blessed by your efforts for others and your large heart, and it was wonderful to see in February's Newsbrief a photo of you with an individual known throughout the world as a champion of human rights and equality. Archbishop Desmond Tutu's passing last year was a great loss for the world, but his inspiration lives on in you and those that work to foster the development of young people so that they grow to radiate connection with their community and the world.

Your story of making contact in 2001 with Archbishop Tutu when you were on UN Sabbatical Leave in South Africa is delightful, and illustrates his humor and commitment to the principle of 'Ubuntu'—that a child belongs to the whole community, that we all exist because of others. Spending time with the Archbishop truly completed your studies in 'Civic Competence', so you could 'hit the ground running', as you say, and practice 'Ubuntu' in your valuable work.

It's especially fitting that you have honored the Archbishop as Youth Week is celebrated in Cameroon; he is there in spirit wherever young people are being educated in life and living. No doubt, Ruth, he is eternally grateful for what you are doing through AAA!

As always to 'Ms 50',
Melanie and members,
SI Tokyo-Shinjuku