



EAAC-UMC QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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From the Bishop



The foundation of God's Ministry in the East Africa Annual Conference has always depended upon faithful servant leaders and how we relate to each other. Seeing the results published in this year's set of EAAC Quarterly Newsletters; our success, fulfill-

ment and gladness hinges on the ability how we relate effectively. In fact, this year has been unique because most of you have helped the Conference to look inward and believe in our mission of developing principled, Christian, servant leaders who proclaim the Gospel and transform the world. My prayer is therefore for God's manifestations under my leadership to enable us develop qualities that are acceptable to build the Kingdom of God. Just as Mathew 16:18 tells us "...I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it".

So as you celebrate Christmas, may God's star of hope touch your minds with the

bright beam of mercy and truth and so direct our steps that we may walk in the way revealed to us as the shepherds of Bethlehem walked with joy to the manger where He dwelled who now ever reigns in our hearts, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Grace & Peace
Daniel Wandabula
Resident Bishop
EAAC – UMC



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We are continually investing in increasing information availability for both the East Africa Community and our partners overseas. Our vision is to provide a home to an abundance of Information Relay and Programming for the growth of the United Methodist Church in East Africa. Our offering is to have a wider reach to multiple arrays of highly targeted audiences.

EAAC Women warm up for Africa Clergy women meeting

Clergy Women of East Africa Annual Conference are set to attend the first African female Clergy Conference due in Zimbabwe early next year.

These women will be led by Rev. Patience Kisakye who is now serving at a United Methodist Church in Syracuse New York.

The major objective of the gathering is to strengthen the network of the United Methodist Clergy women in Africa.

Bishop Daniel Wandabula recently donated US Dollars 1000 to help on the preparations.



A female clergy dances during the opening of Mt. Sinai UMC

Hope for Africa Children's Choir back with a testimony

Children of Humble United Methodist School, Uganda recently returned from a two months tour (October–December) in America, creating awareness about Tuberculosis, Malaria and HIV/AIDS in Africa. Their singing of how Africa will be saved was energetic and brought a serious message that faces their lives and future in Africa.

This special group under Hope for Africa Children's Choir sings of major Africa's challenges like illiteracy, poverty and disease. The Choir is a children's ministry in East Africa, initiated to reach out to orphaned, abused, and neglected children.

Team Leader, Edward Wandera, said "their performance in America was awesome".

The songs exciting message talks about challenge and hope.

They sang at Capitol Hill in Washington DC about the trend of HIV/AIDS, Malaria and Tuberculosis, at a meeting organized by UNAIDS for Senators and Congressmen and also for International World Aids Day.

The choir performed in various churches and schools in America including New York and Virginia.



Hope for Africa Children's Choir during performance at Lakewood UMC - VA (Photo by Grace Nakajje)

A Crossroads UMC - Ashburn, Virginia member; donated \$10,000 US to procure 50 Kindles (electronic books). These books will boost the reading habits of Humble School students and expose teachers, and parents to multimedia environment teaching.

Bishop Daniel Wandabula was excited to see the Choir back and announced the ministry is growing. The Choir has played a major role as ambassadors because

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N. Georgia Scout in Uganda again



N. Georgia Scouts during last year's camping at Humble School (Photo by Grace Nakajje)

A team of sixteen scouts under troop 370 from North Georgia are to arrive in Uganda December 28 to carry out two work projects with local scouts; construction of girls dormitory at Humble School and painting of black boards.

Other activities will include; camping, hiking, and Game Park drive in Queen Elizabeth game reserve in western Uganda.

Last year North Georgia Conference entered into a five year Covenant Agreement with EAAC to equip the work of evangelism in Uganda through scouting.

The covenant aims at promoting education among children, laity and clergy, develop United Methodist institutions through construction of projects, and work towards economic sustainability through agricultural initiatives.

Two Africa Communicators earn 2011 UMAC's seats



Bruno & Nakajje at Africa University– Zimbabwe last year

As a way to encourage and sharpen their skills more, the board chose them to attend the global United Methodist Communicators conference that takes place annually in any chosen United States City.

The United Methodist Association of Communicators is a professional organization designed to:

- provide recognition, fellowship and vocational enrichment for pro-

Two Communicators from Africa were this year selected to attend the UMAC conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico USA.

Grace Nakajje from the East Africa Annual Conference and Isaac Bruno from *Côte d'Ivoire* were outstanding in their work and therefore earned themselves a seat at the UMAC conference.

“We are proud of you and your bishops for giving you the support you need to do communication ministry for the UMC in

your respective areas” Said Rev. Dr. Tafadzwa Mudambanuki.

The two have written series of articles focusing on leadership development, global health, poverty alleviation and new church starts that are published on UMC.org website.

Admission for United Methodist Bible College 2012 – 2013 Confirmed Admission



Burundi
Ntakabutinana Clande
Ndikumana Jean Prime
Ntezimana Abel
Ndayisaba Zebulon
Sinzigihe Osee
Manirakiza Simean
Ruzobarako Corneille
Mbonabuca Julen

KENYA
Bwire Wilber Mangeni
Carol Alois Osoo
Branice Hellena Okalu
Jerioth Wangeki Gichigi
Daves Odwary Musigo
John Ocheng Bobo
Harrison Odhiambo Oloo
Okoth Nicholas Igongo
Kenneth Ouko Mwai
Wilkins Onchari Ombongi

RWANDA
Kanyamikenke Celesta
Bayingana Elie
Bizimungu Jean Paul
Ntirenganya Propser
Ntukwanumwa Fidele

UGANDA
Magero John
Macho Geoffrey
Miracle Phillip
Bwire Benard
Grace Nakajje
Gatware Rusuhurwa Sotheni
Draku Stephen
Kusaasira Absolom
Ojok Peter
Oloka Titus

“Missionary” Jennifer Hansen has arrived, YES!!!!



Jennifer Shares a moment of Joy with Uganda Dean Rev. Mwoho at Entebbe Airport

Jennifer Hansen has started her missionary work in the East Africa Annual Conference, a job she will carry out for three years.

This young adult started her carrier early this months and she was centered in by the Resident Bishop, Daniel Wandabula with the Assistant General Secretary at GBGM-UMC Caroline Njuki at the Episcopal Head Offices in Kampala Uganda recently.

She is a missionary with the General Board of Global Ministries assigned to the East Africa Annual Conference to assist with pastoral training and other forms of leadership development.

Jennifer, who is a candidate for deacon's orders in the North Georgia Annual Conference, is organizing a database on the ministries, resources, and needs of the church within the five countries. She is working with conference leadership to identify viable training venues, potential

trainees, and mission partners.

Jennifer Hansen is a native of Georgia and a member of St. Mark United Methodist Church in Atlanta. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in accounting from Auburn University, Auburn, Alabama; and master of business administration and master of divinity degrees from Emory University, Atlanta. Before entering seminary in 2007, she worked on the business side of telecommunications, including four years as controller of Turner Network Sales.

"Growing up in the church gave me a sound foundation on which to build my Christian faith," Jennifer says. "However, as a young adult, I struggled in my spiritual journey to feel confident in faith. A series of personal challenges led me to reevaluate where I was in my life and my relationship with God." A period of discernment resulted in a confident conviction of God's call to mission. This awareness was underscored by participation in mission trips and social ministries. Jennifer credits these experiences as leading her to seminary. She has a strong sense of calling to minister among the poorest of the poor in Africa; she believes God can use her gifts and talents "for the greater

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Summary of Bishop Wandabula's opening address to 21st Session EAAC.

Bishop Daniel Wandabula opened the 21st session, East Africa Annual Conference (EAAC), at the United Methodist Mission School Lanet, Nakuru, Kenya on 30 November 2011.

One hundred twelve delegates from Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, South Sudan and Uganda were challenged with the theme "Developing Principled Christian Servant Leaders in Church and Society for Sustainability".

Last year's Conference in Kigali, Rwanda had a theme "A New Covenant I Give to You". Both themes challenge church laity and clergy to continue getting more education and training, a significant conference concern and challenge.

The UMC is declining in America, but Africa is having the greatest church growth. In EAAC, annual growth has been 208% since 2006.

Some trials still involve church unity issues (Burundi, Rev. Kiviiri etc). Leadership building and reconciliation a few other major challenges. Being more prudent managers of limited resources, and spiritual leadership are improving. South Sudan continues to receive wonderful assistance from Holston Conference through DS Rev. Fred Dearing and their programmes.

Each day, each month, each year, we are making progress. More EAAC students are attending Africa University (Be sure you fill out application forms completely and timely!! Your Deans and DS's can and will help you.)



Rev. Bruce, Bishop Wandabula & Rev. Matheri During last year's Annual Conference (Photo by Grace)

Treasury reports are improving, but need more positive attention at DS's and local level.

Christ's modeling of servant leadership in washing disciple's feet and loving our neighbors as our selves can not be overstressed. Petterson's 7 levels of servant leaders and Geenleaf's 10 attributes of a servant leader provided additional models of leadership.

EAAC has been recognized globally. I have been Secretary of Africa Central Conference of Bishops for 3 years, and the 2011-12 Central Conference representative to Council of Bishops (COB) Executive Committee.

In 2012, the General Conference for the entire United Methodist Church will be in Tampa, Florida.

We (EAAC) will host the Africa Central Conference for the first time ever in 2012. The Cen-

tral Conference will consider the division of EAAC into 3 areas in addition to being an election year.

Kenya's leadership in programs and projects is a model for all countries to follow. We have Health Boards in Kenya, Rwanda and Uganda. Health Board training will soon take place in South Sudan and Burundi. Apply for funds to fight malaria are available!!! Fill forms out before deadline, or that available money will be lost for your country!!