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MISSION

MOTHERS UNION NEW LEADERSHIP

During the election that was conducted on Thursday 6 June 2024 during the annual general meeting at ACK St. Lukes Cathedral Butere, Selfa Nasengo of ACK Shitswitswi parish was elected unopposed to head the Mothers Union. Nasengo succeeds Lydia Aduyu of ACK Khwisero parish who served two terms. Others elected were Janet Oyondi as secretary, Phaustine Omulindi as treasurer, and Roselyne Sakwa as the vice chairlady of the union.

The newly elected ACK Butere Diocese Mothers Union leadership has pledged to increase its membership as they steer women's affairs for the next two years.

The Mothers Union in Butere diocese boasts of a functional hearse that they



use as an income-generating activity as they hope to have their longtime Land Rover which had a mechanical problem will soon be back in operation. They plan to have a public address sound system as well as to have a daycare project.

KAMA AGM AND RALLIES

ACK Butere diocese bishop Rose Okeno presided over the Biannual KAMA AGM at St. Luke's Cathedral urging the men's association to elect leaders of integrity and spiritual maturity.

She emphasized the need for leaders who not only embody the values of the Anglican Church of Kenya but also prioritize service and humility.

During the AGM she used the intersection of Acts 6:3 to serve as a compelling call for introspection, renewal, and a rededication to KAMA's mission of spiritual growth, fellowship, and service within the Diocese of Butere.



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KAMA CHAIR CALLS FOR MORE MEN IN GOSPEL MINISTRY

The Butere diocesan Kenya Anglican Men Association chairman Patrick Ambunya urged the Anglican men congregants to join the association to assist in spreading the word of God. During the Butere diocesan KAMA rallies at Bukolwe, Khwisero, and Inaya, Mr. Ambunya stated the need for the Anglican men to experience

God through his ministry, asking them to stand out for Christ. The diocesan bishop Rose Okeno who graced all the rallies challenged men to take up the family priestly role by embracing prayers as a tool that will enhance strong family ties. She said routine prayer will strengthen the family union and become a forum to understand the needs of every member.



DIOCESAN EVANGELISTS AND LAY READERS AFFIRMATION

Evangelists and Lay Readers in the ACK diocese of Butere were affirmed in service at their respective arch-deaconries of Mulwanda and Buchenya.

Both services were presided over by bishop Rose Okeno who encouraged them to be courageous as they spread the gospel of Christ as guided by the diocesan vision and mission.

In her sermon during the affirmation and renewal of licenses at

ACK St. Mark's Buchenya parish, she encouraged them to follow the example of Jesus Christ who suffered in the hands of those he came to save.



INTERNATIONAL WIDOWS DAY SERVICE AT ACK LUNZA

The ACK Butere diocese Bishop Rose Okeno has called on the national government and the county governments to address issues affecting the widows to safeguard and advance their rights.

She said most widows are facing intimidation and breach of rights, calling on stakeholders to start creating awareness among people about the difficulties and challenges faced by the widows in the country.

Speaking at ACK St. James Lunza parish in Butere sub-county after a service to mark the United Nations recognized day for the widows, she added that widows experience injustice both at family level as well as in government offices when seeking justice.

Bishop Rose challenged all stakeholders to support widows and not use retrogressive cultural beliefs and practices to oppress widows.



Bishop Rose Okeno issues press statement on widows rights' after International Widows Day service at ACK Lunza parish on June 23, 2024.

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LIGHTING CANDLE SERVICE TO REMEMBER GEN-Zs SHOT DURING PROTESTS

Bishop Rose Okeno led youths in the diocese to condole with families who lost their loved ones in the recent protests against the 2024 Finance bill.

During a lighting candle prayer service at ACK Buseta parish in remembering those who died during the protests and those who were injured, she urged the government to invest more energy in protecting the lives of its citizens instead of killing them while urging the youth under the umbrella of Gen Z to maintain peace and calmness in their pursuit of justice and accountability.



BISHOP ROSE FELLOWSHIP WITH TEEN MOTHERS AT ST. LUKES CATHEDRAL



Bishop Rose Okeno Bishop opened up safe space for teen mothers fellowship and prayer at St. Luke's cathedral. This is one of continuous programs targeting marginalized groups in society. The church has a responsibility for caring.



CAPACITY BUILDING SEMINAR FOR DEPARTMENTAL LEADERS

The ACK Diocese of Butere concluded a two-day leadership seminar held at ACK St. Luke's Cathedral Butere.

Attended by officials drawn from the clergy, departmental heads, and institutional heads, the seminar facilitated by Faith Kabiru of Equip Centre of Management focused on strategic leadership, resource mobilization, and proposal writing to enhance the leaders' skills for effective strategy implementation.



This initiative underscores the diocese's commitment to capacity building, equipping its leaders to effectively mobilize resources and craft compelling proposals, ultimately driving the diocese towards achieving its strategic goals.

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EDUCATION

INDUCTION SERVICES FOR PRINCIPALS

The ACK diocese of Butere is committed to ensuring quality education. Bishop Rose Okeno inducted Stephen Makonjio Analo, the new principal of St. Stephen's Mulwanda Secondary School, Laban Muganzi of ACK Inaya Secondary School, Vincent Lusichi Baridi of Ematundu Boys Secondary School, and Gladys Auma of ACK St. Paul's Eshitari.

The induction ceremonies marked the commencement of an exciting educational chapter for the new school principals, laying the foundation for their dedication to service, and upholding Christian faith in the Anglican-sponsored schools. They were each gifted a prayer-book, and a bible to signify the spiritual foundation on which the schools are laid.

Exodus 18, Acts 6: 1-6 as well as John 21 formed the basis of her sermon with emphasis on the need to remain focused, clearly defining the vision and working towards the achievement of high academic standards.

On their part, the principals pledged to closely work with the church and all stakeholders in achieving academic excellence.



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BUTERE BOYS/ IKOMERO SECONDARY FORM ONE STUDENTS INDUCTION

Bishop Rose Okeno inducted Butere Boys High School and St. Mathews Ikomero Secondary Schools' new students highlighting the benefits of wisdom for a peaceful atmosphere.

In her sermons full of pieces of advice to students, the bishop encouraged students to have the right mentality and heart to receive wisdom from God which is equivalent to His knowledge as it is highlighted in the book of Proverbs 3:1-10.

She encouraged the students to read the word of God for them to gain the right direction of their paths as her wisdom sermon emphasized happiness, guidance, and contentment as great benefits in the students' lives as they gain favor and honor from the Lord.

Meanwhile, the ACK diocese of Butere is determined to strengthen chaplaincy in all our

thirty-four secondary and fifty-seven Primary sponsored schools to help students find a better way of dealing with challenges affecting students

Chaplaincy also provides a listening ear and a caring presence for students in crisis and those who just need a friend and shapes students' lives so that they come out of school as responsible persons who will well fit in society.



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FIRST LADY RACHAEL RUTO LAUNCHED JITUME DIGITAL HUB AT BUTERE GIRLS

The Kenyan First Lady Rachael Ruto launched the Jitume Digital Hub program at Butere Girls High School.

The program is aimed at promoting digital literacy in schools as well as providing the relevant skills that will prepare the students for digital Kenya.

During her address, the first lady noted that the project at Butere Girls is the 83rd hub in Kenya which has seen over 28,000 users connected, over 8700 courses enrolled, and 118 digital job platforms connected.

The Butere girls principal Mrs. Jenipher Omondi applauded the first lady for her initiative at the school, where she is an alumna, saying more than 50 computers that were donated at the launch is a major boost in her school's digital education program.



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SOCIAL RESPONSE

ACK NAMASOLI DONATES FURNITURE TO MUNDEKU POLYTECHNIC

ACK St. Stephen's Namasoli parish donated furniture to Mundeku Polytechnic to aid learning in the 2015-established institution. The donation by the church was delivered to the school by Namasoli's Rural Dean Rev. Jane Orembe who thanked the polytechnic's tutors for their acceptance to assist the students acquire technical knowledge despite the financial challenges. Mundeku Polytechnic principal Priscah Were applauded ACK St. Stephen's Namasoli for their donation of equipment to the institution. Mrs. Were said the donation of chairs, tables, and barbed wire for the fence is a sign of lead-

ership and encouragement applauding the sponsor for their generous act. The institution currently has 157 trainees taking part in the courses of Motor Vehicle Mechanics,

Fashion Design and garment making, Hair Dressing and Beauty Therapy, Electrical and Electronics, Building Construction Technology, and ICT.



CANON AWORI GARMENT-MAKING PROJECT (FUNDED BY UTO)

Canon Awori garment-making project is a tailoring and dressing project, whose purpose is to help young men and women, acquire skills for economic empowerment. Since July 2023 38 students have completed their 6 months course training. The project aims to be a leading garment production unit in the region.



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ACK BUTERE PLEDGE SICKLE CELL DATA SUPPORT

The Anglican church of Kenya Butere Diocese Bishop Rose Okeno pledged to assist the sickle cell initiative in getting data that will assist in combating the disease.

Speaking at Butere Girls High School grounds during the celebrations to mark World Sickle Cell Day on Wednesday, June 19, 2024, she said the church is in direct contact with the people at the grassroots through the vicars with the correct information.

During the celebrations, the Don Amolo Memorial Kids Ark director Dorothy Mabunde called on the government to begin sickle cell testing for neonatal in hospitals. Mrs. Mabunde warned of dire consequences as she pleaded with stakeholders to join hands in combating the disease.



BISHOP OKENO LAUNCHED POULTRY FARMING FOR SINGLE MOTHERS

Bishop Rose launched a poultry rearing program for the single mothers in the diocese, a program aimed at empowering single mothers to have self-confidence and uplift their lives.

Four incubators for poultry rearing were unveiled during the launch on Tuesday morning July 16, 2024, at St. Luke's Cathedral Butere

and are expected to ensure its growth down in the churches and entire community.

Rt. Rev. Okeno said the initiative is one of the diocesan core responsibilities of leading people to Christ regardless of their social status as she encouraged the pioneers of this program under the women's ministry to grow it back in their churches and the community at large to reach many single mothers in need.



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BISHOP ROSE OKENO JOINED THE PUBLIC AGAINST PUNITIVE TAX

Bishop Rose joined the rest of the public in advocating against the Finance Bill 2024. She pleaded with the members of the parliament to reject the finance bill 2024 when it was presented in parliament for discussion.

She said that Kenyans were already struggling with the high cost of living and adding more taxes would be shouldering them a burden.

The Rt. Reverend pleaded with the government not to introduce VAT taxes on basic goods like bread and cooking oil because it would disadvantage low-earning families.

Flanked by the members of the clergy from the diocese together with members of KAMA and Mothers' Union when addressing the media outside ACK St. Stephen's Inaya church, she added that the introduction of motor vehicle taxes is punitive and it would demotivate many people from owning vehicles.

Her call came a few days after the ACK Arch-Bishop Dr. Jackson Ole Sapit appeared before the parliamentary committee collecting views on the controversial bill and prophesized economic doom if the parliament went ahead to pass the bill.



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EMPOWER HER COUNTY PROGRAM



More than 40 women drawn from all the 51 parishes in the diocese, as well as administrative wards of Butere and Khwisero attended the ‘EMPOWER HER COUNTY PROGRAM’ at ACK St. Luke’s Cathedral in Butere.

The program was facilitated by Dr. Josephine Ongoma and was aimed at imparting skills on the utilization of available resources to sustain livelihoods and economic empowerment.

GOVERNANCE

NEW APPOINTMENTS



FREDRICK OKELLO

Newly hired to serve as the Diocesan Finance and Property Officer.



BENSON OPONDO

Newly hired Eshimuli Guest House General Manager



JOSEPHINE MOMBO

Newly hired Women’s Ministry Coordinator



FREDRICK AKALI

Newly hired Digital and Communication Coordinator

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- ◆ Successful Lay Readers and Evangelists' affirmation
- ◆ Successful Induction of Archdeacons for Buchenya and Mulwanda
- ◆ Successful Induction of new students at Butere Boys High School, St. Mathews Ikomero Secondary School.
- ◆ Successful induction of St. Stephen's Mulwanda/ Inaya/ Ematundu Secondary School's principals
- ◆ Successful Children Ministry Teachers/Children Training

PRAYER ITEMS

- ◆ Pray for a school daycare Care and a Public Address Sound System for the Women's Ministry
- ◆ Pray for the provision of classrooms, laboratories, computers, chairs, tables, and barbed wire for Mundeku Polytechnic.
- ◆ Pray for the provision of a Women Ministry Salon car for easy access and reach out to vulnerable groups within the church.
- ◆ Pray for trust among the BUCODET groups and for growth.
- ◆ Pray for broadcast equipment for live-streaming of approximately Ksh. 1,000,000.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- ◆ 18th September—17th October 2024 : KAWF Commissioning
- ◆ 27th October 2024: Diocesan Annual Thanksgiving service.
- ◆ 26th December—31st December 2024 : Diocesan KAYO Conference at Butere Girls High School

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