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WELCOME TO ACT-MARA




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VISION AND MISSION

 Vision: Lives transformed through power of gospel

 Mission: To be best Christian provider of spiritual and development services

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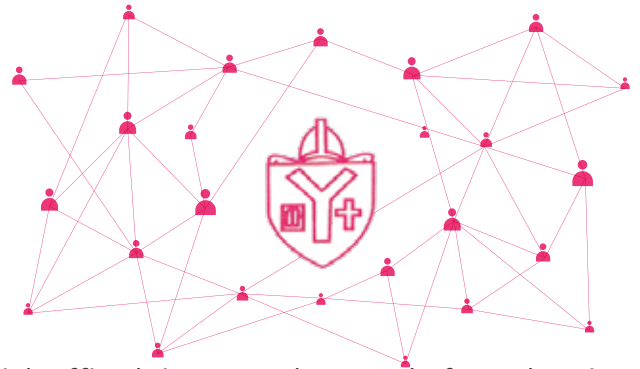
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MESSAGE FROM BISHOP



We are pleased to invite you to visit our website, the Anglican Church of Tanzania Diocese of Mara. We politely ask for your prayers towards the advancement of God's kingdom in Mara region. Thus through viewing our website, you will find sometime to pray for our holistic ministry in this wonderful diocese situated in the north western part of Tanzania, near Lake Victoria. Above all we are committed to the orthodox teaching of our Lord Jesus as it is reflected in the Holy Bible. You are welcome to join us in this endeavor, with love and prayers.
Bishop Dr. George Meshack Okoth

FROM THE LINK OFFICE



The link office brings together people from the Diocese of Mara and from Leeds in West Yorkshire. The work is overseen by Oriel Kelly, Mara link officer in Leeds and Lay Canon Arthur Mauya and his assistant Melina Galibona in Mara. Exchange visits were regular before Covid. Between them, they ensure that the link thrives, new parishes are planted, and people know what is happening in both Dioceses. The work in Mara is led by Bishop Dr. George Okoth whose personal commitment ensures that the link thrives.



MOTHERS' UNION (UMAKI)

UMAKI is the fellowship of the Christian mother.

VISION:

To have a society that is economically prosperous, God-fearing and receiving all spiritual and physical services.

MISSION:

It is to provide spiritual and physical services and to identify the church in the community

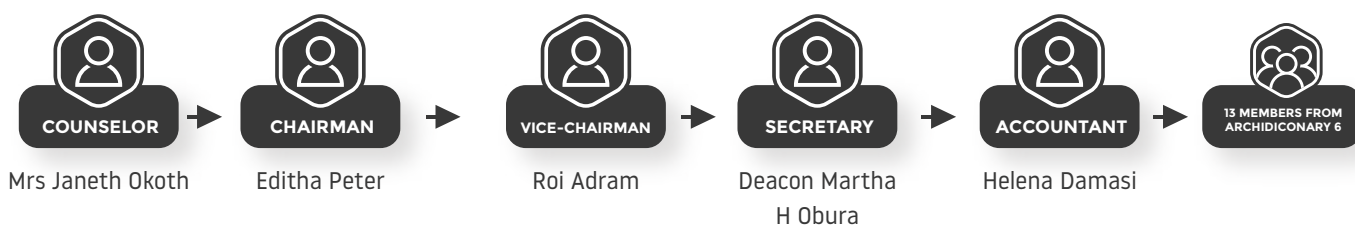
PURPOSE:

Promoting Christian faith for Women and Involving them in family and spiritual development.



Displaying their sewing

UMAKI LEADERS IN DIOCESE LEVEL



ACTIVITIES DURING THE PERIOD OF JANUARY - MARCH

1. We have had a Church Community Mobilisation Process orientation seminar for facilitators for 8 days.
2. We have visited CCMP groups and parishes experiencing hardships.
3. Visited 21 pre-schools, distributed flour and porridge, sugar, chalk and books.
4. Provided secondary school services and chairs for Sunday School children.
5. Attended the training of the diocesan strategic plan and presented the topic of the importance of The CCMP which promotes for savings and loans in villages.

■ FARM

We have planted 6 hectares of land at Buhemba Farm on which we are cultivating beans and sunflower. We hope to raise funds to support the work of UMAKI

■ JITEGEMEE COLLEGE

This is an independent centre tailoring college for teenage girls and women. We also teach entrepreneurship to embroider patterns and labels. Our work is good and our customers love us.

■ HOSTEL

We have a hostel that is used to accommodate girls who are studying independently with the Diocese of Mara vocational training center.



Members of Tailoring

We thank God for allowing us to do well, We welcome you to our services.

YOUTH DEPARTMENT



The Diocese of Mara established a Youth Department in 1988 three years after start of the diocese from Diocese of Victoria Nyanza. The aim of the Diocese is to reach more youth holistically. Youth is defined as male or female aged between 13-40 years old.

VISION

The department aims to render good physical and spiritual services which will meet the needs of the youth in Mara as they take their place in the church and nation.

OBJECTIVES

The overall objective is to strengthen the capacity of the youth to respond to the gospel of Jesus Christ and fight against poverty and diseases.

WORK DONE FROM JANUARY - MARCH

- To introduce the Youth Department strategic plan 2022/2024 to parish level.
- To facilitate workshops towards youth discipleship and relationship.
- To support praise and worship teams.
- To start farm project at Buhemba Rural Agricultural Centre.
- To promote entrepreneurship.

OUR FUTURE PLANS

- By December 2022:
To provide quality entrepreneurship
- To administer three youth crusades at archdeaconery level
- To participate in Cathedral Day by October 2022
- To prepare some articles concerning Bible studies entrepreneurship and Health



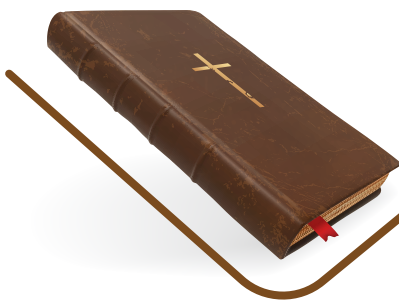


OUR CALL

We are pleased to invite other parties to work with us in serving youth holistically.

DIOCESAN YOUTH LEADERS

The diocesan Bishop - Patron
 Coordinator - Canon Abel Obura
 Chairperson – Eliud Mwakalasya
 Assistant chairperson - Joseph Ogana
 Secretary- Alex Mniko
 Assistant secretary - Avitha Alphaxard
 Treasurer - Beatrice Shakanyi



BUNDA BBC

Bunda Bible College for the academic year 2021/2022 second semester, has a total of 72 scholars - 56 males and 16 females. At diploma level we have 38 students and certificate we have 34 students. These students come from the following dioceses

DIOCESE NUMBER OF STUDENTS

- MARA DIOCESE 26
- SHINYANGA DIOCESE 14
- DVN MWANZA 3
- DAYOISIS OF BIHARAMULO 3
- MASASI DIOCESE 4
- LWERU DIOCESE 3
- TARIME DIOCESE 4
- RORYA DIOCESE 8
- SOUTHERN MALAWI 3
- GITEGA DIOCESE BURUNDI 2
- CENTRAL TANGANYIKA 1
- KIBONDO DIOCESE 1

SERVANTS

The BBC has a total of 12 staff. 5 trainers and 7 non-teaching staff

CONSTRUCTION

We continue to build stone roads within the campus to help students and the entire BBC community avoid mud and slippery weather during the rainy season.

PROJECTS

The college is in the process of raising cattle, sheep and agriculture. We currently have 18 cows, 2 sheep. We also run a retail store with a capital value of Tsh 2,597,250 And this project is progressing well. Also in this agricultural season in March we have planted a 10 acre farm (3 acres of beans and 7 acres of maize). We hope to expand more in

agriculture, shop business and animal husbandry.

TEE

TEE classes are progressing well in the 18 parishes. 22 students graduated on June 11 2022 and others will graduate in December 2022. There are 236 students enrolled in TEE.

11TH JUNE 2022 GRADUATION OF BUNDA BIBLE COLLEGE

On June 11, 2022, a total of 40 students graduated with 8 certificates, 12 diplomas and 22 TEE students.

LESSON SESSION

In this semester we have opened the admission window for new alumni to join the diploma and certificate course we expect to receive about 30 students.

Elizabeth ask for sponsorship

Elizabeth is a 22 year old girl who left school after her father died. She was unable to complete form 4 and lives in her village remote from the diocesan offices, assisting her mother. Following an opportunity advertised to a number of parishes for scholarships to attend the Jitegemee Sewing Centre in Musoma, Elizabeth was keen to learn a skill and was supported by her pastor. She received a scholarship, however was unable to provide the TZS 50,000 (19 GBP or AU\$35) for her uniform and unable to provide food for herself of 20,000 shillings monthly.

When a visitor heard about this she was offered to come and enrolled. This was her first time in Musoma. Unfortunately after two weeks she dropped out, unable to provide the food and has returned to help her mother.

There are many girls like Elizabeth who would like to be enrolled in a tailoring course which provides one year of educational and practical skills in how to sew clothes. A year at the Mothers' Union program in Musoma or the GB Centre in Bunda is 190 GB Pounds or \$AU350 plus uniforms and food. Please consider supporting a scholarship program to assist vulnerable young women who have left school and will enter early marriage and have children by their late teens if vocational training is not an option.

Contact Arthur Mauya by email arthurmauya@yahoo.com if you would like to contribute to a scholarship fund.



Our Location

The Diocese of Mara is one of 28 Dioceses under the umbrella of the Anglican Church of Tanzania. The boundaries of the Diocese of Mara cover five administrative districts of Mara Region which are Musoma (rural and urban), Serengeti, Butiama and Bunda.

The regional headquarter is located at Musoma municipality next to Nyasho Hospital.

The diocese is registered under the Societies Ordinance (1954) with a registration S.O. Number 4057.