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**THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN UGANDA (PCU) HELD ON HELD ON JULY 27<sup>TH</sup>-29<sup>TH</sup>, 2016**

**AT WESTMINSTER CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE UGANDA CAMPUS IN BWEYA WAKISO DISTRICT**

**THEME: "FILL UGANDA WITH HEALTHY, BIBLICAL, REFORMED CHURCHES." MATTHEW 9:37-38**

### **ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY MINUTES**

- ACFAR (Africa Center For Apologetic Research)
- ACTI (Africa Christian Training Institute)
- AEPC (Africa Evangelical Presbyterian Church)
- AFC (Administration and Finance Committee)
- AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome)
- ARTS (Africa Reformation Theological Seminary)
- BBC (Behavioral Building Communication)
- BBK (Betrekkingen met Buitenlandse Kerken) which means "Relations with Foreign Churches"
- BCC (Behavior Change Communication)
- BCO (Book of Church Order)
- BROPA (Branch Oasis Presbyterian Academy)
- CECA (Community Evangelical Church of Africa)
- CPC (Community Presbyterian Church)
- CWC (Community Worship Centre)
- DRC (Democratic Republic of Congo)
- DS (Dependence Syndrome)
- DVN (Deverre Naasten)
- EPCCA (Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Central Africa)
- FPC (First Presbyterian Church)
- GA (General Assembly)
- HCT (HIV Counseling and Testing)
- ICRC (International Conference of Reformed Churches)
- IGA (Income Generating Activities)
- KBPC (Kampala Bible Presbyterian Church)
- KTC (Knox Theological College)
- KTR (Kapchorwa Trinity Radio)
- LMPC (Lookout Mountain Presbyterian Church)
- LPS (Life Planning Skills Sessions)
- LPSD (Life Planning Skills Development)
- LSD (Livelihood Skills Development)
- M&E (Monitoring and Evaluation)
- MDD (Music Dance and Drama)
- MTW (Mission to the World)
- NCPC (North City Presbyterian Church)
- NGO (Non Government Organization)
- OPCU (Orthodox Presbyterian Church Uganda)
- PCA (Presbyterian Church in America)
- PCU (Presbyterian Church in Uganda)
- PCU/BCO (Presbyterian Church in Uganda Book of Church Order)
- PCU/GA (Presbyterian Church in Uganda General Assembly)
- PRES-AID (Presbyterians Assisting In Development)
- RCEA (Reformed of East Africa)
- RCN/L (Reformed Church of the Netherlands Liberated)
- REF (Reformed)
- RPCU (Reformed Presbyterian Church in Uganda)

SOLI DEO GLORIA (To God Alone Be the Glory).  
 STI (Sexually Transmitted Infections)  
 TBI (Trinity Biblical Institute)  
 TCWM (Trinity Center for World Missions)  
 TLTI (Timothy Leadership Training Institute)  
 TNA (Transforming Nations Alliance)  
 UCC (Uganda Communications Commission)  
 UGX (Uganda Shillings)  
 UM (Utrecht Mission)  
 UPCC (United Presbyterian Church of Congo)  
 UPMB (Uganda Protestant Medical Bureau)  
 URA (Uganda Revenue Authority)  
 URCC (United Reformed Church of Congo)  
 VHT (Village Health Teams)  
 WCIU (Westminster Christian Institute Uganda)  
 WRF (World Reformed Fellowship)  
 WTC (Westminster Theological College)  
 YES (Youth Empowerment Services)

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### **DOCKET FOR THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF JULY 27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016:**

#### **A. Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> July, 2016**

1. Arrival at Bweya – 2:00pm.
2. Registration for the Assembly - 2: 00pm – 6:00pm (Snacks will be served to arriving members before dinner).
3. Dinner - 6:00 – 7:00pm.
4. Orientation and prayer – 7:00pm – 8:00pm.

#### **B. Thursday July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

##### **Breakfast – 7:00am – 8:00am**

##### **1. (Morning Session , 9:00am - 1:30pm)**

- a) Calling the meeting to order, Opening remarks, announcements and Opening Prayer by the previous Moderator (cf. BCO 10.5) – **9:00am – 9:15am.**
- b) Roll Call of members in attendance by presbyteries, Recognizing visiting ministers in good standing from other Reformed and Presbyterian churches – **9:15am – 9:30am.**
- c) **Official presentation of the OPC by the Chairman of the Administration/ finance committee (Quote BCO:14:6; 26:1-6) – 9:30am – 9:50am**
- d) Worship and praise – **9:50am – 10:10am**
- e) Electing of a new presiding moderator and Stated Clerk (BCO Chapter 10.3; See also Chapter 14.2, 14.4, 14.5) – **10:10am – 10:40am.**
- f) Presentation and adoption of the Agenda – **10:40am – 10:50am.**
- g) Ministry of the Word from Rev. Eric Tuininga – **10:50am – 11:20am.**
- h) **Tea Break – 11:20am – 11:50am**
- i) A key note address on Theme from Pastor Patrick Bukonya, (mention high lights from church planting paper), give copies to discussion groups - **11:50am – 12:50pm.**
- j) Presentation of the previous minutes and their approval and matters arising - **12:50pm - 1:30pm (The time allocated for this item looks like is not enough).**
- k) **Lunch – from 1:30pm – 2:30pm.**

**2. (Afternoon Session , 2:30pm – 5:30pm)**

- a) Prayer and Worship – **2:30pm – 2:45pm.**
- b) Discussions of different groups on the Theme of the Conference: **“Fill Uganda with healthy, biblical, reformed churches.”** Guiding questions are being put up by Kate, Patrick, Kibaye and are going to be sent soon) from **2:45pm -3:45pm.**
- c) Presentations from different group’s discussions – **3:45pm – 4:10pm.**
- d) **Break – 4:10pm - 4:25pm**
- e) Plenary discussions and resolutions on the presentations of the different groups – **4:25pm – 5:30pm**
- f) Rest, bathing – **5:30pm – 6:30pm**
- g) Supper – **6:30pm – 7:30pm**
- h) Praying for the denomination - **7: 30 pm– 8:00pm**
- i) Presbytery Reports (**8:00pm – 10:00pm**):
  - ▶ Semuliki Presbytery
  - ▶ Kapchorwa Presbytery
  - ▶ Gulu Provisionary Presbytery
  - ▶ Kampala Presbytery
  - ▶ Central Presbytery

**C. Friday July 29th, 2016**

**1. Morning Session, 9:00am – 1:00pm.**

2. Opening prayer and announcements by the Moderator – **9:00am – 9:15am.**
3. Worshipping of our God – **9:15 – 9:30am.**
4. Ministry of the Word by Dirk – **9:30am – 10:00am.**
5. Receiving of greetings from our partners and friends – **10:00am – 10:20am.**
6. Submission of PCU/ GA Standing Committees Report’s and PCU agencies: **10:20am -12:20pm.**
  - a) Christian Education Committee Report - **10Mins.**
  - b) Administration/ Finance Committee Report – **10Mins.**
  - c) WCIU – **10 Mins.**
  - d) Diaconal Committee – **10Mins**
    - ▶ Pres Aid - **10Mins**
  - e) Missions Committee -**10Mins.**
  - f) Projects and development committee – **10Mins.**
  - g) Secretariat Office departments:
    - ▶ Coordination – **10Mins**
    - ▶ Women and children department -**10Mins.**
    - ▶ Youth department – **10Mins.**
7. Plenary discussions of the GA Committee Reports – **12:20pm -1:30pm**
8. **Lunch – 1:30pm – 2:30pm.**
9. Worship and Praise – **2:30pm – 2:45pm.**

10. Continuing with Plenary discussions of the GA Committee Reports - **2:45pm – 4:00pm**
11. Election of New GA Committee members – **4:00pm – 4:20pm.**
12. Holy Communion (Holy Communion cups - John Lutaga) – **4:20pm – 4:50pm.**
13. Place and convening time of next PCU/GA – **4:50pm – 4:55pm..**
14. Closing Remarks and Prayer – **4:55 – 5:00pm.**

## **Commencement of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Uganda**

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### **B. Thursday July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

1. **Breakfast – 7:00am – 8:00am**
2. **(Morning Session , 9:00am - 1:30pm)**

- I) Calling the meeting to order, Opening remarks, announcements and Opening Prayer by the previous Moderator (cf. BCO 10.5) – **9:00am – 9:15am.**

The meeting was called to order at 9:20am by the previous moderator Elder Paul Bukonya who welcomed the delegates in attendance and calling their attention to the program as well as directing them to where they can turn when in need of anything. "The GA is convened in accordance to BCO Chapter 14 and therefore it is a lawful assembly," he said. The delegates were reminded of the resolutions that were made in the last GA and so reports were expected to be presented to the house to that effect.

#### **Remarks on pertinent issues:**

##### **Growth**

- Growing together, PCU has existed for 37years and there is optimism that she would continue to grow and impact the nations. This was in line with the General Assembly theme. The denomination has developed the potential to make impact at all levels.
- Challenges have been there and need confronting as the church move forward. With maturity decisions have to be made to aid further development by the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Our decision making abilities is by the aid and help of the Holy Spirit. So we should not allow challenges to derail our vision.
- We should decidedly identify and manage the threats we meet along the way. What we hear in this General Assembly should be received and considered with humble minds.
- Jesus prays for the church to be one just the triune God is one. We should therefore work towards consolidating our unity in Christ.

##### **Secretariat**

- Support the secretariat and provide the necessary required information because as a denomination we are accountable to the government.
- We need a coordinating centre to effectively make use of the expertise we have at the secretariat.
- Resource mobilization – it is still hard to engage in this venture. We need to buy land and plant churches as we plant more churches. We can't do this strategically unless we have a good resource mobilizing strategy. There need to plan for income generation schemes as a growing church.
- We need also to plan for the retirement of our church ministers, and support our serving clergy.
- The number of ministers in presbyteries needs to be increased.
- Education: commendable work is being done in this area. Nevertheless, most church members do not efficiently pay school fees because they are used to the charity mentality yet we need to hire professional



staffs that need a good pay. There is need to benchmark with traditional schools and see how we can learn from them.

- Legal issues – We should understand that we need to submit government requirements and must always be compliant to legal obligations. We need to meet our responsibilities as a church towards the civil requirements.

### Young People

- There are many people in our churches that need to be prepared and have their questions answered. We need to guide them on career decisions, harness their potential because they are future leaders of the church. We should challenge them to take on leadership positions.

### Conclusion

The moderator called upon the delegates to observe the proper guidelines of the meeting; praying that the words of our mouths and meditations of our hearts would be pleasing to our Lord as we mutually share ideas during the course of the meeting

#### m) **Roll Call of members in attendance by presbyteries, and recognizing visiting ministers in good standing from other Reformed and Presbyterian churches – 9:15am – 9:30am.**

Roll call from the five PCU presbyteries across the country was made as each group in attendance stood up. The moderator also requested visiting minister in good standing in attendance from other reformed and Presbyterian churches to stand up. These included delegates from RCN/L, PCA, and OPC

#### n) **Official presentation of the OPCU by the Chairman of the PCU/GA Administration/ Finance Committee (BCO: 14:6; 26:1-6 was put into consideration) – 9:30am – 9:50am.**

The assignment given to the chairman was to receive our brothers from the OPCU based in Mbale and be merged with the PCU. In the year 2014, communication was received from OPCU through the OPC missionary Rev. Eric Tuininga seeking inquiring as to how OPCU would align and work with the PCU. The PCU/GA admin and Finance committee met with the brothers from OPCU in a series of meetings which finally led both parties to realize that there was nothing to deter the PCU from working with OPCU as one denomination. A fact finding visit was made to OPCU churches in Mbale including their training center at KTC. The team was greatly encouraged by what is being done there. Below were some of the observations noted during the fact finding visit:

- ▶ The leaders of the church seemed to be men of integrity, reformed, and Presbyterian in their service to the Lord.
- ▶ They looked faithful and conformed to the infallible word of God.
- ▶ They had a biblical form of church government.

Therefore, based on the above observations the visiting team recommended that the GA vote on merging OPCU with the PCU and so that OPCU congregations constitute the sixth presbytery of the PCU.

### Responses from the members of the PCU:

- **Question & Answer** - What were the concerns that OPCU had before joining the PCU? The concern was on the issue of the property especially on matters of lands ownership which was clarified as stipulated in the PCU/BCO. OPCU has eight (8) churches in number.
- Kapchorwa Presbytery members recognized that OPC has been instrumental in helping the advancement of Sound doctrine in Kapchorwa especially at TBI center.
- Forty two (42) delegates voted in favor of the PCU merging with the PCU and continue as a single denomination. OPCU then became the Mbale Presbytery of the PCU in the Eastern part of Uganda.
- The founder Rev. Kefa Sempangi handed over the legal documents to the representative of OPCU in Mbale.

- The representative of the New Mbale Presbytery spoke on behalf of the Presbytery saying that they were very much excited that what God has put together no one can put asunder. He said that if we have concerted effort in whatever we do nothing can be hard for us.
- He noted that in the past separations came about out of necessity but as it was they were back at home again.
  - Mbale presbytery operates in three districts, Mbale, Budaka and Butalejja.
  - It has 11 elders and a number of ordained pastors.
  - It operates in schools, has hospital ministries, and an active diaconal ministry.
  - Pr. Eric (OPC Missionary) had been working hard to organize the OPCU churches and was very grateful for his endeavors in this regard.

**o) Worship and praise – 9:50am – 10:10am**

This section had been carried earlier on and so was skipped.

**p) Electing of a new presiding moderator and Stated Clerk (BCO Chapter 10.3; See also Chapter 14.2, 14.4, 14.5) – 10:10am – 10:40am.**

**Nomination of moderator and Stated Clerk**

▶ **Moderator**

- Smith nominated Elder Paul Bukenya and was seconded by Dr. Kefa Sempangi. He was unanimously re-elected as moderator of the PCU/GA, 2016 and carried.
- In his opening remarks he thanked the house for the confidence and trust they had put him to be at their service during the course of the General Assembly.

▶ **Stated Clerk**

- David Kabale nominated Pastor Lipa Milton for the positions of stated clerk and was seconded by elder Smith Tibamwenda.
- Kibaye nominated Musawu but he declined the nomination in favor of Pastor Lipa.
- Elder Bukenya nominated Bob Gad Kalyowa, who also declined in favor of Lipa.
- Dr. Kefa moved a motion that the nominations be closed and was unanimously seconded and the motion carried.
- The new stated clerk then took on his place asking the house to pray for effective execution of the tasks set before him.

**q) Presentation and adoption of the Agenda – 10:40am – 10:50am.**

- ▶ The agenda was presented by the moderator Elder Smith from Semuliki Presbytery moved a motion that the agenda be adopted as presented, was seconded by Pr. Musawu from Kapachorwa Presbytery and motion carried.

**r) Ministry of the Word from Rev. Eric Tuininga – 10:50am – 11:20am.**

**Preaching Text: Phil2:1-2**

**Theme: God's Power to complete Joy**

**How can a denomination be glorious in the eyes of God?**

**Introduction:**

He opened up message by pointing out that our ancestors both in America and in Uganda were idol worshipers in the past. They were separated from Christ, strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in this world, but now by God's grace were gathered at the General Assembly as believers in Christ worshipping God.

- How can we be mightily used by God in a way that is glorious, walking with God in our service?  
There are always threats to this desire to live for God's glory. There were people in Philippians who wanted to bring the church down. Paul in these above verses gives two prescriptions:



- **Realize the blessings you have:**
  - ✓ In Christ we are predestined and have our sins forgiven, justified, and adopted as God's sons or children.
  - ✓ Comfort in love - God loves us and desires our good, eternal glory forever, and joy. If God is for us who can be against us.
  - ✓ Participation in the spirit - By our salvation we have the Holy Spirit. He loves to give the gifts for ministry and produce in us the fruit we need in our lives
  - ✓ Affection – Thinking fondly of someone. It's always wonderful to seek affection among the brothers across the spectrum.
  - ✓ Sympathy – Having compassion for those who are struggling, rejoicing and weeping together. For all this we can step back and praise God for what we have as foundational blessings for us in Christ.
- **Press on to Perfection**

Paul had some joy for the Philippians but would love to have more of it. This is not just the joy of Paul but the joy of God himself. At the end of everything we must complete the joy of Jesus so as to improve our own joy. We can have more joy than we have today and be more pleasing in the Lord:

  - ✓ Should be of the same mind – We can have our opinions about the same things but we should all be heavenly minded. We should all desire to see God's kingdom grow.
  - ✓ Should have the same love. Everyone should love someone. We should know how to bless, and strengthen others rather than thinking of how we can be blessed by them.
  - ✓ Should be in full accord – Means to be together, Act 2:42 were in unity praying to God together. When God's people are in one accord he will always send his blessings (Act 15:25). God prefers his people to be together working in one accord. God delights in our being together.
  - ✓ Command – Be of one mind, v.5, what is this one mind? This is a mind of service. If everyone has the same mind, beautiful things happens. Trying to be a big man is a sure road to disaster. We should be willing to give our lives for Christ. Preach Christ, Die and be forgotten. This is not easy because when you become a leader the temptation is to want people to look to you. It is not easy to serve because it takes suffering. Like as Christ said, "I am here to suffer and serve."

Christ humbled himself and became nothing but was later highly exalted. If we try to exalt ourselves, God is going to knock us down. This is our calling, but if we develop this mind of Christ, then the PCU is going to become more glorious and will be a rich blessing to Uganda as Christ work in and through us. This will bring great delight to us at the end of our lives.

**s) Tea Break – 11:20am – 11:50am**

The meeting was adjourned for some minutes for a refreshment session.

**t) A key note address on Theme from Pastor Patrick Bukonya, (mention high lights from church planting paper), give copies to discussion groups - 11:50am – 12:50pm.**

Among the many successful stories PCU has was the keynote speaker elder Patrick Bukonya who was led to faith in Jesus Christ by the leadership of this church and has been nurtured up to the position of leadership in this church.

**Matt9:35-38.**

✓ **Compassion of Christ**

Jesus was moved by compassion towards the people in their pressing needs. Do we still have in the PCU leaders with compassion? He asked. Change in the PCU will come if we are moved by the compassion that Jesus had towards the people.

Preaching the gospel to the lost one can only be done when we are still here; once this opportunity is lost there will hardly be any second chance to do so once this life is over.

✓ **Gracious Lord of plentiful harvest**

When Jesus saw people with problems, he did not see problems but opportunities to reach them with the message of grace. Jesus did not look at people with scorn but did so with a missionary mind to bring them to God. How can we be in churches dancing and enjoying ourselves when people are dying in their sin outside the body of Christ?

✓ **Master's charge**

Pray to the Lord of harvest – the idea here is to plead or beg. The strength of the PCU is her faithfulness to scripture. However, when it comes to prayer PCU is still very weak. If we are to see growth in the PCU, we must engage in serious prayer in a way of begging the Lord of harvest. At this moment, appreciation was extended to elder Bagonza Robert for mobilizing Christian believers to engage in prayer. We are all responsible to witness for Christ, and call upon God with a sense of urgency. In Matthew 10, Jesus sent the same the agents of prayer to be the laborer. To be a disciple of Jesus is to be a disciple maker. Always people who pray are the ones who go out for mission. Those who pray go out to seek after sinners.

**Definition of Church planting:**

Quote: It is an exhausting but an exciting venture of faith that involves a planned process of beginning and growing the church.

- ✓ PCU needs a planned process on church planting. Church planters are initiators not maintainers. They must be prepared to do Christ's will whatever the cost.
- ✓ Every church ought to be involved in the work of church planting. This trend must be followed if are to see PCU grow.
- ✓ If we seek to be Acts 1 churches, we shall see people repent and turning to Christ. We must pray and crave for revival and for unreached people.
- ✓ The church of Christ has always been a church planting entity. Whenever people come, prepare them and send them out for church expansion.
- ✓ Prepare to have qualitative and quantitative growth of the church. PCU must be a maternity ward where spiritual babies are born every day.

**Strategies for Church planting**

- ✓ Church planting center(s) – We should begin by organizing a well prepared team to support the work; prayer, and proper budgeting must also to be put into consideration.
- ✓ Evangelization – this does not only mean crusades. There ought to be diverse approaches to go about with church planting work. There must be proper balance between training and character. Every person seeking to be a pastor must be trained.
- ✓ Understand the society - Know the kind of people you are to deal with in a given area: Are they Muslims, business people, peasants, animists etc?
- ✓ Abundant Evangelism - Should work as a team; encourage all ministries to be mission minded. Pastors and elders must have a clear plan of evangelism, church planting and mission.
- ✓ Circulate the community with Christ centered gospel- Preach a sermon that will inform and convict with a view of transforming people into the image of God. Everything we do must end up presenting Christ. People are either in Christ by faith or in the world by unbelief. There is no true biblical evangelism without the cross of Christ. Preach the word and men and women will be transformed.
- ✓ Be Immersed in Prayer. Bathe your church in prayer that the Lord of harvest will raise up trustworthy workers.
- ✓ Train all leaders to evangelize and disciple believers.
- ✓ Social involvement that promotes social action. The story of a Good Samaritan. The reluctance of the religious to help the person in desperate human need was a reflection of the coldness of heart. It is possible to plant churches that are well off without reaching out to those who are in desperation. Calvin's preaching was intended to have the church influencing the world with the values of Christ. He desired to influence every aspect of the society. The values of the kingdom must promote transformation among people. We must go where people are and share Christ, laboring for his glory for quantitative and qualitative addition upon his body

- u) **Presentation of the previous minutes and their approval and matters arising - 12:50pm - 1:30pm.**

**ACTION POINTS FROM 2013 PCU GENERAL ASSEMBLY WHICH SAT IN BUNDIBUGYO – SEMULIKI PRESBYTERY**

1. Expanding the Board of Directors. Each Presbytery will appoint one elder and forward the name to the Secretariat.
2. Come up with a new Secretariat Coordinator, presbyteries will forward names. The Directors will come up with qualifications whereas the Education committee will come up with the theological Exam. Administration/ Finance Committee together with Clerks of different presbyteries are to be part of the vetting committee.
3. Rules of the Assembly should be redesigned by the Christian Education Committee in order to make our meetings smooth.
4. The legality of the Trinity Radio should be handled by the Projects Development Committee in conjunction with Kapchorwa presbytery.
5. The problems in Gulu should be handled by Administration/ Finances and Missions/ Evangelism Committees and report in the Next General Assembly.
6. It was noted that financial reports were lacking in the submitted reports. GA Committees agreed to come up with a reporting template. A committee must be put in place to polish the template which was produced by Rev. Chris. Babiha.
7. A clear plan must be put in place and implemented for all Local churches to start supporting the PCU denominational activities through their Presbyteries.
8. GA Standing Committees were tasked to read through the MISSIONS POLICY DRAFT, make amendments, additions and approve it on behalf of the GA.
9. Come up with a policy that will regulate and guide how we start and manage schools in the PCU.
10. The Christian Education Committee and Project Development Committee were assigned with the responsibility to visit local sessions and advise them accordingly.
11. The governing council of Westminster Theological College and Seminary was duly appointed by the GA should begin presenting independent progressive reports of the institution in the PCU General Assemblies.
12. The PCU Website was not being updated and lacked a lot of information. The Secretariat was tasked to work on it as soon as possible.
13. The information from UCC showed that Redeemer is already on Air. People had bought frequencies from UCC and were selling them out to people at UGX300, 000,000 – UGX500,000,000, which could not be easily obtained.

**Elder Smith Tibamwenda moved a motion that the action point were a true recording of what transpired in the past GA and was seconded by Elder David Kabaale and motion carried.**

- v) **Lunch – from 1:30pm – 2:30pm.**

**3. (Afternoon Session , 2:30pm – 5:30pm)**

- a) **Prayer and Worship – 2:30pm – 2:45pm**
- b) **Discussions of different groups on the Theme of the Conference: “Fill Uganda with healthy, biblical, reformed churches” with Guiding questions and presentations 2:45pm - 5:30pm.**
  - ▶ **What does a health church plant look like? Group Leader – Pr. Patrick Komagum RM.1**
    - ✓ Should have faithful leaders who are called by God.
    - ✓ Must have members with passion to evangelize and disciple others.
    - ✓ Must have sound preaching and teaching of God’s word.
    - ✓ Should practice hospitality and mercy ministry.
    - ✓ Should be growing spiritually and numerically i.e. qualitatively and quantitatively.
    - ✓ Should practice church discipline and sacrament.
    - ✓ Should exercise good pastoral care.
    - ✓ Should engage in prayer and fellowship.

- ✓ Should be able to move towards accomplishing things by ourselves without necessary leaning too much on external support.
- ▶ **Does Uganda need more reformed churches? Why? Or why not? Group Leader: Bob Gad Kalyowa – RM 2**
  - ✓ Reformed churches teach the truth from the Bible.
  - ✓ Uganda certainly need more of such churches
  - ✓ Why need reformed churches?  
Uganda has many cults or pastors who preach unhealthy messages that are lacking in many ways.
  - ✓ There are misuses of power by church leaders who try to use titles or positions to impress their hearers.
  - ✓ How is the reformed faith to be spread?  
This could be done through the media centers.
  - ✓ Failure to help the church planter results into compromise, doing little, and focus only on exciting people.
  - ✓ We are to act as soldiers under the command of Christ: Healthy churches plant healthy churches while sick churches will advance only sick and weak churches.
  - ✓ Should hold conferences and seminars where we can influence non reformed churches.
  - ✓ There must be a balance between the spiritual and physical wellbeing of the people – wholistic gospel. If you are pastor with 99% of your congregation unemployed then there is a problem.
  - ✓ Should have creative ways of evangelism.
  - ✓ Should create awareness in the area of business work.
- ▶ **How is the state of reformed churches in Uganda? Have they succeeded or not? Why or why not? Musawo Samuel RM 3**
  - ✓ Reformed churches are relatively healthy, with some wholistic gospel, and somehow organized
  - ✓ Seem to lack training in some circles.
  - ✓ PCU courts have sometimes not done their job.
  - ✓ Should identify what has been lost and endeavor to recover it.
  - ✓ We should seriously find ways on how we can advertise the PCU.
- ▶ **What will cost PCU's involved individuals to plant new churches – Group leader Mbale Prebytery Clerk RM4**
  - ✓ Prayer – a new church is conceived, born and grows through prayer.
  - ✓ There is need to inspire and challenge the present leadership.
  - ✓ We cannot underrate the financial cost.
  - ✓ Human resource in form of commitment of personnel that is willing and ready to sacrifice is pertinent.
  - ✓ Priority cost – each and every organization has programs and priorities.
  - ✓ Love for the lost neighbors – this requires spiritual reawakening by God.
  - ✓ Partnership – We need partners at different levels.
- ▶ **Is PCU prepared enough for more church plant? If not what can PCU do to prepare itself for church plant? Group Leader: Pr. Deus Byebiroha.**  
PCU is partially prepared and can be fully prepared by fulfilling the following:
  - ✓ Have a clear vision
  - ✓ Develop enough manpower
  - ✓ Have proper planning
  - ✓ Define what a reformed Presbyterian Church is before planting one – many of our churches seem to be Presbyterian by name
  - ✓ There is more need for prayer.
  - ✓ Need for a clear discipleship program – Many PCU members do not know their identity.
  - ✓ Must come up with a clear mechanism of monitoring and evaluation.
  - ✓ Availability of financial support.
  - ✓ Need to identify the where, by whom, and how to of the church plant?
  - ✓ Young pastors should fill new churches while old pastors go to begin new churches.
  - ✓ Now that we have a bible institute, it should work out a program where students do internship.
  - ✓ Church planting centers can be a good idea, but ought to have a systematic coordination.

- ▶ **How are the state/ reputation of PCU churches in Uganda? How is it likely to affect the church planting venture positively or negatively? Group Leader: Elder Tibamwenda Smith.**

- ✓ **Internal Environment**

- **Strength**

- ✦ PCU has strong sound doctrine.
    - ✦ Strong governance structure which is bible based and participatory.
    - ✦ Good and credible leadership training institutions.
    - ✦ Our legal status with the government is okay.
    - ✦ Quite a number of churches own land.
    - ✦ We have a wholistic approach to the preaching of the gospel.

- **Weakness**

- ✦ Limited transparency on ministry matters.
    - ✦ No streamlined work or procedure for church planting.
    - ✦ Lack and established coordinating offices with the national church.
    - ✦ Laxity in enforcing church discipline in some circles.
    - ✦ Lacks face or visibility in the country.
    - ✦ Preach and teach well but pray less.
    - ✦ Absence of income generating projects that can help to sustain the church.
    - ✦ Poor / limited human resource management practice
      - No remuneration
      - No NSSF
      - No retirement.
      - Lack countrywide legality to officiate marriages especially with churches at the grass root

- ✓ **External Environment**

- **Opportunities**

- ✦ Freedom of worship in the country
    - ✦ There is quite a good level of literacy among PCU members.
    - ✦ Good communication network and improved infrastructure.
    - ✦ Donor partners.

- **Threats**

- ✦ Cults and Islamic fundamentalism.
    - ✦ Materialism (prosperity gospel) and secularism.
    - ✦ Opposition from non reformed churches.
    - ✦ Poor working relations with the main streamed denominations
    - ✦ Intellectualism – promotes individualism and self centeredness.
    - ✦ Donor fatigue.

- j) Rest, bathing – 5:30pm – 6:30pm
- k) Supper – 6:30pm – 7:30pm
- l) Praying for the denomination - 7: 30 pm– 8:00pm

4. **Presbytery Reports (8:00pm – 10:00pm):**

- ✓ **Semuliki Presbytery**

**Semuliki Presbytery of the Presbyterian  
Church in Uganda - Bundibugyo  
1<sup>ST</sup> JULY 2016**

**The Stated Clerk,  
PCU/GA, Kampala**

**Thru: The Coordinator**

**Minutes of The General Assembly Of The Presbyterian Church In Uganda (PCU)**

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*Jud 1:3 Contend for the faith that was once and for all delivered to the saints.*

**PCU/Secretariat  
Kampala**

**Re: Semuliki Prebytery Brief Report For 2014-2016**

**Brief Introduction:**

As leaders of this Semuliki Presbytery, we thank God for His care, protection and provision for all our physical, material and spiritual needs and for the individuals, families and churches.

The geographical location of Semuliki Presbytery has gone through trials of wars and tribal conflicts in the last three years from 2014-2016. Still the situation is not clearly promising to all residents of Bundibugyo.

Semuliki Presbytery currently has five (5) Particular Churches and five (5) Missions churches namely; Bubandi, Bundikyora, Bundimulinga, Bundibugyo Community Worship Center, and now Grace Community Worship Center as approved by the recent Presbytery meeting that sat 28<sup>th</sup> June 2016.

In addition, the five (5) Mission churches are namely; Bunyamwera Community Worship Center, Bundibyeso Community Worship Center, Buhanda PCU, Bulireya Community Worship Center, and Mt Zion Community Presbyterian Church.

This Presbytery is located in Bundibugyo within the valleys of Mt. Rwenzori of Western Uganda. It is close to Democratic Republic of Congo.

This Presbytery has both ordained ruling and teaching elders with deacons

| S/NO | NAME                  | OFFICE         | CHURCH NAME    | LEVEL OF EDUCATION         |
|------|-----------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------------------|
| 01   | Bamwitirebye Vanensio | Pastor         | Grace CWC      | Bachelors & student of MDV |
| 02   | Happy Robert          | Teaching Elder | Grace CWC      | Masters (Theo)             |
| 03   | Tibamwenda Smith      | Teaching Elder | Grace CWC      | Bachelors Theo             |
| 04   | Kyomuhendo Geoffrey   | <b>Pastor</b>  | Bundibugyo CWC | Bachelors                  |
| 05   | Babiiha Christopher   | Teaching Elder | Bunyamwera     | Masters                    |
| 06   | Nasson N. Judson      | Teaching Elder | Mt. Zion CPC   | Bachelors Theo             |
| 07   | Byamaka Gideon        | Teaching Elder | Bulireya CWC   | Bachelors Theo             |
| 08   | Tusabe Vincent        | Elder          | Bundimulinga   | Bachelor (Educ)            |
| 09   | Baguma Deo            | Teaching Elder | Bundibugyo CWC | Diploma (Theo)             |
| 10   | Bakankwaki Geoffrey   | Elder          | Bundikyora     | Diploma (Educ)             |
| 11   | Musinguzi Charles     | Teaching Elder | Bundimulinga   | S. 4                       |
| 12   | Kisembo Acleo         | <b>Pastor</b>  | Bundimulinga   | S. 4                       |
| 13   | Tumwebaze Edison      | <b>Pastor</b>  | Bubandi 111    | S. 4                       |
| 14   | Baguma Jacob          | Elder          | Bundibugyo CWC | S. 4                       |
| 15   | Bihwa Boniface        | Teaching Elder | Bundimulinga   | S. 3                       |
| 14   | Bazara Acleo          | <b>Pastor</b>  | Bundikyora     | P.7                        |
| 15   | Musinguzi Johnson     | Teaching Elder | Bubandi 111    | P.6                        |
| 16   | Manzi Wilson          | Elder          | Bubandi 111    | P.6                        |
| 17   | Asaba Frank           | Elder          | Buhanda PCU    | P. 7                       |
| 18   | Tumusiime Charles     | Deacon         | Grace CWC      | S. 3                       |
| 19   | Balyebulya Alex       | Deacon         | Bundibugyo CWC | P.7                        |
| 20   | Byomuntura Vincent    | Deacon         | Bundimulinga   | G.111 Certificate          |

There are four elders on discipline (Not active) three from Bundimulinga, one from Bubandi and one deacon from Bundibugyo Community Worship Center.



### **Our Presbytery met and held discussions on our partnership with the WCIU:**

The Academic Registrar and dean of the faculty of Education at WCIU were in our meeting and spoke to the elders. They were with their colleague Mr. Balyesiima Methodius and all jointly educated/sensitized the leaders on the importance of the WCIU asking them to own the Institute since it is for the PCU denomination. They mentioned some courses being offered, investigated on the needs of people or leaders' based, and they promised to establish courses that were identified to be **key to the youth** and the well being of the Church leaders. These courses should be for spiritual, economic and social benefit to leaders, church members and entire communities.

### **Response & Action Points from Members:**

- ✓ Should design special short term education courses for leaders and other church members on economic development as well as plan for income generating activities.
- ✓ Set up plans to help sick people who are leaders, their families and all members of the church by establishing health centers and all its related facilities.
- ✓ Plan for short courses like; proposal writing & management, management skills, trainings on lobbying for resource management, skills in music drama and dance, nursing and other related trainings, welding and fabrication, watch, radio, television and other electronic repairs etc.

### **Brief Reports from Churches Especially Particular Churches**

Pastor Vanensio as team leaders for all the community worship center churches of the PCU, he showed the Presbyters that there is progress in these churches. God is at His serious work using his servants to do work that glorifies Christ. This Presbytery meeting was moderated by Pastor Bamwitirebye Vanensio, which sat at Grace Church.

- ✓ **Bundibugyo Community Worship Center;** started in the year 2003.

**Achievements;** It has now planted more four (4) churches with the efforts of the elders. There has been both spiritual and physical growth of the church with a commitment to giving through what they hear from the teaching. Women have been involved in saving and credit activities amongst themselves, while the youth and children are very active in worship and praise as they joyfully sing to their Lord. The WCIU Members are committed to overnight and fasting at church. Ministers are committed to preaching Christ in their sermons, and are involved in agricultural activities on the church land. The church has established both a nursery and Primary school that now accommodates **130** pupils, from nursery to Primary 4.

**Challenges:** Increment in orphans that need support from the church. There is also the need for trained & committed leaders in the church. Since the church accommodates a school and is close to the main road, it requires a fence for the protection of children. The church also requires a permanent latrine

- ✓ **Bundibyeso Community Worship Center**

**Achievements:** It is growing spiritually, physically and materially and has a nursery school that trains infants. The construction of a church building is going on well. They have purchased some components for the musical instruments and are supporting some orphans in the church.

**Challenges:** Elected church leaders need to formalize their marriages by December 2016 as promised. There is also need for financial support to complete their church building by the end of this year, secure musical instrument support their leadership training both locally and outside of Bundibugyo. The Church lacks a computer for proper documentation and keeping of church records. There is need for a motorcycle to aid ministry leaders in the area of transport. The women and youth in the church require more mentoring unto Christian maturity.

- ✓ **Bunyamwera Community Worship Center**

**Achievements:** Membership has increased this year 2016; they have established a health Center 11 on their church land to serve their community and are planning for the construction of a school. The church purchased musical instruments this year 2016; have established a small business for food stuff selling

through the women, and extending some small support to the orphans. The members also improved on their giving in the church.

**Challenges:** The church building has become small compared to the people who attend services every Sunday. They lack sitting facilities as well as local leaders with a call for Ministry from Bunyamwera who could be mentored and trained for ordination. Their youth also lack spiritual growth and so need to be kept in prayers.

✓ **Bulireya Community Worship Center**

**Achievement:** It was established last June the year 2015 by Elder Gideon as he was helped by the leadership of Bundibugyo Community Worship Centers. Teaching and preaching of the word is going on well. They normally have praise and worship done by the women and youth. There are bible studies for the youth which at least go on twice a week. They have now a total of **126** worshipper categorized as follows: **33 male, 37 female and 58 children**. There have made progress by purchasing land for the church and construct a roof for sheltering them during Sunday service. They have also gotten support for 10 orphans in their church. They are cultivating pepper on their piece of land for the future support of leaders and for construction work.

**Challenges:** They need to begin making bricks for constructing their church building. There also need for financial support and man power for gospel outreach in the neighborhood. Leaders with calling who are trained are also required as well as a computer for record purpose; plastic chairs and support for youth training and projects development.

✓ **Grace Community Worship Center- Bubukwanga**

**Achievements:** It is growing both spiritually and physically. They started a plan of opening up a bank account for the church, initiated support for some orphans, and women are involved in savings and credit services. Women and the youth are commitment to praise and worship during Sunday services. The women have established a project of food store and other domestic needs while the youths are engaged in brick making. The church supports one student at WCIU for theological training, and leaders are committed to preaching and teaching of the God's word. The church has an outreach work at Bubukwanga Prisons and evangelism work in the community especially by the youth and women. Six (6) leaders are being nurtured for future ordination to serve in the church in addition to going out to plant more churches for the kingdom expansion. The church has purchased land for the future permanent church building. It appreciates the support which was given by PCU/UTRECHT/DVN towards its Prisons ministry. A lot has been done in prisons and everyone in the area has recognized and appreciated the support the church has rendered to the prison inmates.

On this day of **28<sup>th</sup> June 2016** in this Presbytery meeting, Grace CWC was granted the status of a Particular Church as Elder Gideon Byamaka moved a motion that was seconded by the two elders namely; Pr. Tumwebaze Edison and Elder Bakankwaki Geoffrey.

| S/NO | TYPE OF CHURCH MEMBERSHIP   | MALE | FEMALE | TOTAL |
|------|---|------|--------|-------|
| 01   | Communicant members who did membership lessons, made vows and were received by the elders | 49   | 38     | 87    |
| 02   | Church worshippers who have not yet done membership lessons (adults)                      | 19   | 27     | 46    |
| 03   | Children (Non-communicant members)  | 61   | 77     | 138   |
|      | Total congregants   | 127  | 142    | 271   |

This church has three ordained elders (Pr. Bamwitirebye Vanensio, Elder Tibamwenda Smith and Elder Happy Robert with one deacon Tumusiime Charles). Therefore in the Semuliki Presbytery, we now have five (5) particular Churches; Bubandi, Bundikyora, Bundimulinga, Bundibugyo CWC and Grace CWC.

In addition, we have also some (5) Mission churches namely Bunyamwera CWC, Bundibyeso CWC, Buhanda PCU, Bulireya CWC, and Mt Zion Community Presbyterian Church.

**Challenges:** The current church is constructed in timbers but has plan for a future permanent building. There is increasing number of orphans in need support. There is need for a Christian founded school at the church and a better latrine for good hygiene. More funds are needed to organize trainings and conferences for the youth, women and married couples.

✓ **Mt Zion Community Presbyterian Church**

**Challenges:** It is growing spiritually and in numbers. It has a support for a few orphaned children, has a local project for making soap by women, and grows vegetables. They received some support from PCU-DVN for constructing a semi-permanent church building. They also have gospel outreach programs.

**Challenges:** They need trained youths to run some of their church activities; currently lack musical instruments, but have started contributing towards this requirement. There is also need for the orphans and other vulnerable children support.

✓ **Buhanda PCU**

**Achievements:** There is good report on the growth of the church that now has 148 people who attend normally during Sunday service. The church has registered spiritual growth with two newly called leaders namely; Tumwine Simon and Kandole Julius being mentored for the work of ministry. They started a nursery and Private school accommodating 40 pupils now. They have a program that supports nine (9) children although more is needed to fund this activity.

**Challenges:** This church has no good structure and no land where the church can be constructed for future expansion of the Ministry. Since the pastor comes from far, he also needs a motorcycle. The church lacks some sitting facilities and so they request for prayers for God's provision. They also lack space to begin a school for children since parents need Christian basics for their children.

✓ **Bubandi 111, PCU**

**Achievements:** Currently the church has 125 people which include adults and children. They have laid down a foundation for the church building and have moved up to the window level. The church has four (4) active leaders serving together. They have written and submitted a proposal for assistance to the PCU/UTRECHT/DVN pending their reply. They have many orphans who are praying and seeking for their support. They also need revival in reaching out to the unreached neighborhood.

**Challenges;** Construction materials, land for expansion, and transport for the pastor. There is for support towards the increasing number of orphans in the church. They need prayer and financing partners in work of missions. They also need a shelter for children Sunday school class for effective learning.

✓ **Bundikyora PCU**

**Achievements:** This church has just a small shelter for worship services compared to the big membership of **435 people**. Has small piece of land that do not support expansion, Members have made themselves bricks for constructing of their own church, they wrote a proposal and sent to PCU/UTRECHT/DVN for funding the construct and still waiting for the response. They have a nursery and Primary school classes, there is promise of growth experienced at the church, and few children supported by the church in their educational scholastic needs.

**Challenges;** There are challenge of lack of enough space of land, their temporary church structure is very weak, they are still waiting for the reply over their proposal that was written.

**Some General Achievements for Semuliki Presbytery**

1. Despite some difficulties, the word is still being preached and taught.
2. Worship and praise is still going on.
3. Prayer and fasting in all churches is ongoing.
4. Missions still take root on the ground and churches are planted while others are being revitalized.
5. Some members and few leaders have contributed or made commitment to support PCU/Secretariat office development.
6. Evangelism and outreaches to different communities such as Prisons and Pygmies and the neighborhood with churches is still in progress

**General Challenges for the Churches in the Presbytery (Observed)**

1. Lack of construction materials.
2. Due to the **increasing number of orphans and vulnerable children**, churches are struggling to support these needy kids. Assistance in this area is highly appreciated.
3. The churches also have no good **space/land for church construction**. The PCU/Secretariat is urged share this with the partners to give a hand in addition to the local contributions from church members
4. Some churches lack well built pit latrines for better hygiene. Therefore, if there are partners that could be in support of hygiene, they would stand with these churches in the construction of permanent toilets
5. The **Christian foundation for the children of the believers** is very poor and the traditional religions still tend to influence **Presbyterian/reformed** ways of teaching. This prompts parents who are believers to push for the nursery and Primary schools to be established at the church premises
6. **Sustainability for the churches and support for leaders**. Churches are therefore lobbying the PCU to source for the partners who may be supportive in the area of project development that could support particular churches.
7. Lack of computers for documentation and proper record keeping. Leaders in the Semuliki Presbytery have asked the stated clerk to inform the PCU Secretariat to **see how to help on sharing the need for leaders to access computers** from any of the partners or improvise a means of getting them at subsidized charges payable through installment for easy documentation and proper record keeping.
8. Lack of Scholarship funds for leadership training. The members of the Semuliki Presbytery have also asked the Directors and the Secretariat to lobby for **scholarship funds** that should enable leaders who meet qualifications to train at WCIU and to also provide similar funds to enable those who cannot come to WCIU but are already ordained to be trained locally in their respective Presbyteries.
9. Tribal conflict in the semuliki region. Continue to pray for Semuliki churches, since these last two to three years we have **faced challenges of internal wars** in the Semuliki that **have affected many families** and in case of any support towards **reconciliation and conflict resolution**, please think about us. If there are some experts who have funds, materials and knowledge of settling people's minds, please connect them to Semuliki Presbytery in Bundibugyo too.
10. Believers in the Semuliki still think about the **Redeemer FM**. Members wonder when this project will ultimately be realized.

We ask for continued connection of local Particular and Mission churches on the Netherlands Church partners from **UTRECHT/DVN**. At least few members can see a small contribution from the mother church or head office as this support continues to reach them.

**SUMMARY OF CHURCH MEMBERS (Adults =18 yrs. and above, Children= 17yrs. & below)**

| NAME OF THE CHURCH | M/Adults | F/Adults | T/adults | M/Chn | F/Chn | T/chn |
|--------------------|----------|----------|----------|-------|-------|-------|
| 1. Bubandi         | 35       | 43       | 78       | 39    | 44    | 83    |
| 2. Bundikyora      | 104      | 157      | 261      | 80    | 94    | 174   |
| 3. Bundimulinga    | 74       | 86       | 156      | 58    | 62    | 120   |
| 4. Bundibugyo      | 136      | 194      | 330      | 117   | 164   | 281   |

|                           |          |          |                          |           |              |             |
|---------------------------|----------|----------|--------------------------|-----------|--------------|-------------|
| 5. Grace-Bubukwanga       | 68       | 65       | 133                      | 61        | 77           | 138         |
| 6. Bunyamwera Mission     | 42       | 65       | 107                      | 53        | 57           | 110         |
| 7. Bundibyeso Mission     | 54       | 59       | 113                      | 27        | 43           | 70          |
| 8. Buhanda Mission        | 27       | 31       | 58                       | 55        | 35           | 90          |
| 9. Mt Zion Mission        | 32       | 47       | 79                       | 17        | 32           | 40          |
| 10. Bulireya Mission      | 33       | 37       | 70                       | 33        | 25           | 58          |
| <b>Total</b>              | 605      | 784      | 1389                     | 540       | 633          | 1173        |
| <b>Grand Total</b>        |          |          |                          |           |              | <b>2562</b> |
| <b>Those Who Come And</b> | Have not | Yet made | Decision In all churches | To become | Full members | <b>233</b>  |

Pr. James Yiga moved a motion that the PCU/GA report from Semuliki Presbytery be received as presented and was seconded by elder Fred Kabenge and carried.

✓ **Kapchorwa Presbytery**

**Kapchorwa Presbytery 2016**

**Report**

**Background**

Kapchorwa Presbytery first began as a provisionally Presbytery in 2005 under Eastern Presbytery being the mother Presbytery. In 2009, it started a process of being a fully fledged Presbytery. In 2010, it enjoyed a full status of a Presbytery. Kapchorwa Presbytery is undergoing several challenges and changes with the help of P.C.U revitalization process.

**Achievements**

Kapchorwa Presbytery has registered 16 Churches namely;

- ▶ Kapchorwa P.C.U – Particular Church defected.
- ▶ Kaserem P.C.U – Particular Church.
- ▶ Chema P.C.U – Particular Church.
- ▶ Kamnarkut P.C.U – Particular Church. Defected
- ▶ Branch P.C.U – Particular Church.
- ▶ Cheminy P.C.U – Particular Church defected.
- ▶ Bukwo P.C.U – Particular Church defected.
- ▶ Suam P.C.U – Mission Church
- ▶ Sanzara P.C.U – Mission Church
- ▶ Tegeres P.C.U – Mission Church
- ▶ Kaptoyoy Trinity Presbyterian Church – Mission Church
- ▶ Binyiny P.C.U – Mission Church
- ▶ Serere P.C.U – Mission Church
- ▶ Chekwasta P.C.U – Mission Church
- ▶ Kabela P.C.U – Fellowship Church
- ▶ Kapkwata P.C.U – Mission Church

So far, four (4) undefected Churches have reached to a status of being particular Churches, eight (8) are mission Churches with six (6) intern Pastors, two (2) ordained Pastors, three (3) to be licensed soon, eight (8) ordained Elders and fourteen (14) yet to be ordained. Most of the Deacons are still being mentored and soon each session will present their Deacons except some few Churches like Kaserem, Chema, Branch and Serere who have Deacons.

Kapchorwa Presbytery has also come up with projects like; Radio, Clinic, Tailoring, Training Institute and Farming, Schools and a Mill. The established projects are indicated below:

- ▶ **Schools:**
  - Kaserem Trinity Nursery School is in Kaserem Presbyterian Church. They have registered sixty five (65) pupils, three (3) staff.
  - Branch Oasis Presbyterian Academy (Bropa) is under the care of Branch Presbyterian Church. They have registered three hundred thirty seven (337) pupils from Nursery to P.7, thirteen (13) staff, five (5) trained Nursery trained teachers, 1 grade III teacher, 7 untrained teachers and 5 support staff.
- ▶ **Clinic:**  
Kaserem Christian Medical Clinic is in Kaserem Presbyterian Church under the care of Kapchorwa Presbytery. The Clinic has 3 Nurses, 1 Watchman, 1 Record Assistant and runs the following services.
  - Patients care
  - Counseling and guidance
  - Immunization services
  - Deliveries
  - Postnatal care
  - Antenatal care
  - Evangelism
- ▶ **Mill:**  
Branch Presbyterian Women Mill project is under the care of Branch Presbyterian Church. It is supposed to reach a level of packing Nylon maize flour.
- ▶ **Tailoring Project:** Kapchorwa Presbytery Women Tailoring Project is under the care of Kapchorwa Presbytery.
- ▶ **Farming Project:** Farm project is for the Church of Suam and it is in the care of Suam Presbyterian Church.
- ▶ **Radio:** Kapchorwa Trinity Radio (K.T.R) (94.1) is in the care of Kapchorwa Presbytery being fully controlled and managed by a Radio Committee.

Kapchorwa Presbytery has also encouraged their particular Churches to start projects like schools, and grinding mills, and engage in other activities like church planting, evangelism, joint rallies and small groups such as self help program for developments and fellowships.

Kapchorwa Presbytery has so far come up with some committees, namely;

- ▶ Administrative Committee
  - ▶ Mission Committee
  - ▶ Education Committee
  - ▶ Radio Committee
  - ▶ Clinic Committee
  - ▶ Tailoring Committee
- ❖ Administrative Committee has helped majorly on the defected Churches until of recently when General Assembly Administrative Committee intervenes.
  - ❖ Mission Committee helps on the area of receiving visitors, outreach and Church plant.
  - ❖ Education Committee hosts facilitators and interviews those who want to join the theological school. Trinity Biblical Institute (TBI) is fully being hosted by the education committee, overseen by the Presbytery. They also ensure that facilitators are teaching Christ Centered Courses.
  - ❖ Radio Committee fully controls and manages the funds and the production of the Radio, they also ensure that the Radio is protected; advances the expansion of the work of sharing the Gospel. Ensures that taxes, fees of UCC, and repairs are taken care of.
  - ❖ Tailoring Committee is the manager of the tailoring project.
- The above committees help accordingly depending for the desired spiritual and physical developments.



## Challenges

- ▶ Kapchorwa Presbytery has remained in a scenario where its partner Pr. Pete and his team is very careful because of some pastors that try to own Churches and projects within the Presbytery. This has made the Partner to leave us also in coldness and start his own ministry in Kapchorwa. He will be exploring around East Africa training and making disciples for Christ and doing very little for the denomination and Kapchorwa Presbytery T.B.I is fully in the hands of TCWM and governed by TCWM Board of Directors.
- ▶ The Clerk Kapchorwa Presbytery runs an office without shelter, facility and without any funding. Bropa is undergoing serious shortage of structures like classes and trained teachers. This has come as a result of no funds yet. Being a Christian School, most of the children registered are from poor families or orphans.
- ▶ Kaserem Christian Medical Clinic has undergone several processes which left the Church to think that they should no longer give hand. Currently, the services at Local Government level are H/C II. The Clinic is also registered in (UPMB) Uganda Protestant Medical Bureau. For the Clinic being a Christian founded, the Church has to come in and start lifting it up to H/C III.
- ▶ **The mill project:** It is in Binyiny currently facing lack of sufficient electricity to run the grinding mill.
- ▶ Tailoring project is in place but the technician went for further studies coming soon.
- ▶ The Radio lacks a means of transport and has low coverage which affects the business as well as facing Competition for business by the upcoming Radios. Lack of important equipment to support field activities such as laptops has been forwarded to relevant authorities on presbytery projects and to Churches for consideration.
- ▶ Kapchorwa Presbytery Pastors are serving voluntarily and survive through hard income generating activities.
- ▶ Most servants employed in the Presbytery projects lack Christian ethics and norms of serving the Church projects.

## Recommendations

I recommend that the above observations be acted upon and considered into implementation by Kapchorwa Presbytery members, P.C.U stakeholders, and development partners.

I recommend that all the workers, serving in the P.C.U projects should be part of the system and should have good Christian ethics. The already the women coordinator has started training teachers in P.C.U schools.

I recommend that all the projects should be advanced with the help of the General Assembly Committees and the secretariat and more should be added across the denomination.

In Christ, we shall serve faithfully.

God bless you.

Amen

Paul Kiwanuka  
**Stated Clerk, Kapchorwa Presbytery**  
**Response from the GA delegates**

- The PCU/GA should deal with the ministers who were filling the PCU church pulpits but had led these churches to defect from the PCU fraternity.
- The language reflected in the report indicated the trials the presbytery was going through and immediate intervention in their situation from the General Assembly office was necessary.

**A motion was moved by Elder Bob Gad that the report presented by the stated clerk Paul Kiwanuka be adopted and was seconded by Elder Smith Tibamwenda and carried**

✓ **Gulu Provisional Presbytery**

**To:** The Office of the Secretariat  
Presbyterian Church in Uganda,

**Subject: Report on Church Progress.**

As you are aware that Gulu has three churches that is **Grace Church, Calvary Church and Blessed Church, one Church** being a newly planted church. We therefore take this opportunity to present to you this report.

Gulu presbytery currently runs the following ministries and programs:

1. Evangelism
2. Christian education
3. Women ministries
4. Orphan and widow
5. Trinity biblical institute
6. Radio programs

Being confronted with a lot of challenges in the future, we have been able to make some achievement for the last three years to date. The following are the **achievements**:

1. Planted one new church at Patuda; blessed Presbyterian Church.
2. Trained and ordained new leaders which have effectively helped in the smooth running of the ministry.
3. Established **Trinity Biblical Institute** (TBI) in 2015. The institute is equipping our leaders with leadership skills.
4. Scheduled radio programs at Speak Fm which is helping to reach the community with the word of God.
5. Opened up nursery and primary school which is serving the community and has enrolled over 200 pupils.
6. Constructed one block of three class rooms waiting finishing only.
7. Opened up village saving and loans association as a source of income - generating activity for the youths.
8. Partly renovated the church .i.e. rehabilitation of concrete floor at Calvary Church in Pece, fixing glasses and also completed rehabilitation of Grace Church Aworanga and constructed a V.I.P Latrine
9. Received a music mixer and two microphones in May 2016 from Pastor peter Anderson.
10. Sunday school teachers trained with facilitators led by Sister Cate Nantabi from PCU Kampala.
11. Women conference held successfully with facilitators both from PCU and Gulu.
12. Peace and unity fostered among leaders.
13. Opened up bible study centers and fellowship centers.
14. Numbers of converts has increased to about 100 since 2013.
15. Received over 50 bibles from Trinity Biblical Institute (TBI).
16. Spiritual growth through prayer fasting, bible study, etc.

Despite some of the achievements above, we have encountered the following **challenges**:

1. Insufficient fund to facilitate various projects undertaken by the church.
2. Lack of management and administration skills.
3. Poor leadership from 2012 to 2013 that stagnated the development of the church at that period.
4. Lack of facilitation to conduct and attend mission oriented program.eg GA, crusades among others.

5. Incomplete renovation of church at Pece i.e. painting and construction of apron/verandah.
6. Both lands of the churches are not yet surveyed and stone marked.
7. Poor communication network.

**Financial Report**

We have received funds from our partner from the United State of America (USA) for the renovation of the churches and pastors house.

**Solutions/Way Forward**

1. Train and ordain new leaders to address the issue of poor leadership.
2. Volunteering to support the various projects in the church.
3. Open up viable and sustainable income generating projects.
4. Lobby from partners.
5. Train the youths with vocational skills to address the issue of poverty/unemployment.
6. More teaching /theological materials should be provided.
7. Further training/education has to be provided to the leaders.
8. Effective communication has to be fostered.

**Future Plan**

1. Survey, put mark stone and process development plan for the churches.
2. Construction of church premises for the newly planted church.
3. Planting of more churches.
4. Complete the renovation of church in Pece.
5. Construction of pastor’s house and office in Pece.
6. Opening sustainable projects for other churches.

**Conclusion**

The work of God is complete in His people and so the people need to have integrity in their work of serving the Lord God. This calls for unity, love, faithfulness and sharing what we have to effectively do mission and evangelism.

To God Be the Glory.

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Acting Presbytery Clerk, Gulu**

**Response from the members of the house:**

- The moderator Paul noted that a uniform template on a PCU/GA letterhead should be used when submitting reports to the PCU/GA.
- Pr. Deus Byebiroha moved a motion that the report be adopted as presented by Pr. Patrick Komagum. He was seconded by Pr. Samuel Musawo and motion carried

✓ **Kampala Presbytery**

This report covers a period from July 10th 2013 to June 30th 2016. Hello Fellow Presbyters from all the four Presbyteries, Kapchorwa, Central Semuliki Kampala and Gulu Provisional Presbytery, Missionaries assembled here today and other invited leaders and guests in your different capacities.

**Introduction:**

The Kampala Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in Uganda has 16 churches as of 2016 which are as indicated here below:

**Particularized Churches**

| NAME            | OFFICE | CHURCH NAME                                 |
|-----------------|--------|---|
| Patrick Bukenya | PASTOR | 1 <sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Church Kampala |
| Kefa Sempangi   | Pastor | Ntenjeru Community PCU                      |
| James Yiga      | Pastor | Nakitokolo PCU                              |
| Bob Gad Kalyowa | Pastor | Luwero Presbyterian Church                  |

|                 |        |                                |
|-----------------|--------|--------------------------------|
| Sentongo Andrew | Pastor | Namaseke Calvary Reformed PCU  |
| Godfrey Kasi    | Pastor | Nangunga Calvary Reformed PCU  |
| Moses Othieno   | Pastor | Nkokonjeru grace COMMUNITY PCU |
| Francis Mayanja | Pastor | New Life Kajansi PCU           |

#### **Mission Churches**

|                |                       |                             |
|----------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| Rashid Luswa   | Pastor/Church planter | Kiyoola Calvary PCU         |
| Alex Odoi      | Pastor                | Ngogwe Calvary Reformed PCU |
| Moses Odokaje  | Pastor                | Seeta Nazigo COMMUNITY PCU  |
| Edward Kasajja | Pastor Church planter | Mpunge COMMUNITY PCU        |
| Robert Wanyama | Pastor                | Bunakijja COMMUNITY PCU     |
| Alex Odoi      | Pastor                | Ngogwe Calvary Reformed PCU |

Below is the activity / performance report from all the Churches in Kampala Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in Uganda (PCU).

We thank God for his great mercies having called us to ministry and given us the opportunity to serve him in his church.

#### **1. Preaching and Teaching Ministry**

We continue to emphasize the teaching and preaching of the word in all the churches within the Kampala Presbytery. There is an opportunity to share pulpits within our churches. This has continued to bring the ministers and congregations together as they are fed with the word of God.

#### **2. Women's Ministry.**

We would like to thank God for this ministry within all Kampala Presbytery churches. The women have had a chance to visit each other and grow together in the word of God. This has been achieved through conferences and seminars, bible study groups and Prayer meetings. They always meet as a body of Christ, to pray together, lift one another's burden and evangelize to the nearby communities. This has led us thus to have a strong and vibrant women's ministry in Kampala Presbytery of Presbyterian Church in Uganda. All this has been achieved through the General Assembly standing committee of the women and children. We request that the women and children department come down to the local sessions for more teachings within the women and the children ministry.

#### **3. Youth Ministry.**

The youths are continuing to work together for the growth of the Kingdom. They've been able to achieve this through outreaches, prayer meetings, bible study groups, youth Camps and retreats. All the above activities have been arranged and organized by the youths. The rotational monthly overnight prayers have continued to bring the youths closer to each other with an active ministry and care for each other. The Lord has used this ministry to grow the church of Christ.

#### **4. Men of the Covenant Ministry**

The men in general are seen to be growing in the word and encouraging each other both spiritually and physically. We are praying that this ministry will reach out to other men and win them to Christ. The challenge we see is that men are a neglected ministry and so this therefore calls upon the General Assembly and the coordination office at large to think about men within the denomination of the PCU and cause them to be more involved in the ministry especially those who are not ministers of the word.

#### **5. Education Ministry**

We greatly want to thank the Mobile School of Theology (MSOT) for the training sessions it has carries out among the PCU fraternity. Glory to the Lord for this ministry! We are having a number of Primary Schools within the presbytery being run by our different sessions where they are located. These have contributed to the increase and growth of the local revenue within these churches. We pray for the

Secondary schools to be established in addition to these primary schools. The schools we have within the presbytery are as indicated here below:-

- ✓ Covenant Junior Primary School-Kampala.
- ✓ Nakitokolo Presbyterian Primary School-Nakitokolo.
- ✓ New life Presbyterian Nursery and Primary School – Kajansi.
- ✓ Covenant Junior Primary School-Mpunge
- ✓ Nangunga Calvary Nursery school-Nangunga

#### 6. Diaconal Ministry

The diaconal ministry has also registered more growth as they continue to the work together for the betterment of the ministry; however they still need more training to do their work better. We pray that God may strengthen them to work together and show care for the needs of the different flocks in the sessions.

#### 7. Children Ministry

We thank God so much for our beloved covenant children who are loving and growing in the word. We want to thank the coordinator of the women and children for the great work. Our humble request is that training sessions be brought down to the local sessions to benefit more parents. We pray that we do whatever it takes to raise up GODLY fearing children.

#### The following are some of the Activities which have been carried out:-

1. Seminars and Conferences for the youth, women, and church in general.
2. Evangelism outreaches both door to door and crusades as well.
3. The Distribution of treated Mosquito Nets and other basic needs has continued.
4. More Prayer meetings for leaders and congregations.
5. Monthly night prayers have continued in all churches respectively.

#### Prayer Requests/Needs.

1. Construction and completion of the church Structures like Ngogwe, Namaseke, and Bunakigya
2. Construction of more schools vocational, primary and secondary for each session to cater for the needy and orphans.
3. Income generating projects for the members.
4. Securing of more land for Namaseke Calvary Reformed Church.
5. Pray for the expansion of our Schools both numerically and structurally.
6. More training for the church leaders are still needed.

All in all the Kampala Presbytery has this year basically been involved in church discipleship as a means of strengthening the sessions.

Wish you all the blessings as you deliberate for the great Presbyterian Church.

In Him,

**Bob-Gad-Kalyowa (Stated Clerk-Kampala Presbytery)**

**Elder Busulo Patrick from Kapchorwa moved a motion that this report be received as presented by Pr, Bob Gad Kalyowa, and was seconded by elder Bagonza Robert and motion carried.**

#### ✓ Central Presbytery

**Report Presented to the 15<sup>TH</sup> General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Uganda by Elder Kibaye Fred (Stated Clerk)**

▶ **Preamble**

We would love to thank the Lord for his grace and strength accorded to us in serving his people and coordinating the work of the central Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in Uganda. To him alone be the glory forever and ever. Amen. The Central Presbytery comprises of five (5) Particular churches and six mission churches (6) namely:

• **Particular Churches**

- ◉ Zana Community Presbyterian Church
- ◉ Nkumba Presbyterian Church
- ◉ Mutungo Kitiiko Presbyterian Church
- ◉ Covenant Presbyterian Church
- ◉ Entebbe Presbyterian Church

• **Mission Churches**

- ◉ Kitintale Presbyterian Church
- ◉ True way Mayuge Presbyterian Church
- ◉ Grace Community Presbyterian Church
- ◉ Bweya Community Presbyterian Church
- ◉ New Jerusalem Presbyterian Church
- ◉ Mustard seed Presbyterian Church

▶ **Ministry of the word**

We thank God for his grace for the ministry of the word that has been carried out in these churches during this entire period of time. We pray that the Lord continue to offer more of his grace to these men to keep preaching sound doctrine for the edification and growth of his body.

▶ **Evangelism and Missions**

Our churches carried various crusades and door to door evangelism which resulted in numerical experiences of growths in our local churches. We pray that the Lord strengthen the new believers and enable them to grow to maturity bearing the fruit of the Holy spirit unto obedience to the word

▶ **Women, Youths, and Children Ministry.**

Women have been so instrumental in propagating the gospel through works of mercy, and vocational skill projects which have increased their house hold income and empowered them socially, economically and spiritually. We thank God for the women's leadership at the secretariat level that work tirelessly towards the empowerment of our women.

▶ **Youths Ministry**

The youth have been carrying out a lot of programs such as evangelism in the community, organizing youths camps, overnight prayers and other social economical programs of empowering youths in order to win them for Christ. May the lord continue energizing them and giving them much strength to endure as they carry on the work of ministry for his Glory alone.

▶ **Children's Ministry**

Through this ministry we would love to appreciate our heads of department at the Secretariat office for engaging in training Sunday school teachers, and primary school teachers for more effectiveness. This has really increased their knowledge and calling in as far as ministering to our covenantal kids is concerned; we pray that the Lord continue to bless them abundantly. In addition we would love to appreciate our partners for all the Christmas gifts rendered to our children in our various local churches may the lord bless them so much too. Through this immense work we have witnessed to children even in the community among those who come to church and be part of God's family.



▶ **Church Life**

We thank God for our church life, where by several local churches have had the opportunity of having conferences, workshops and seminars through the joint efforts of the local church and our partners; this has tremendously increased on our membership

▶ **Local Projects**

The central presbytery through its local churches has different projects such as Primary schools (5), and Secondary schools (2). These have supplemented to the church income as well as the life of our ministers. We pray that many more schools would be started by our churches to eradicate illiteracy and adding incomes to the church.

▶ **Loss of Lives and Property**

By the sovereignty of God 13 members in seven of our local churches went to be with the lord; we pray for the comforting hand of the Lord upon their families. No loss of property or damage was encountered in all our churches and projects so for this we give glory to our God.

▶ **Prayer Request and Needs**

By the grace of God we managed to go through all these things but still need Projects, church buildings that can accommodate many people and many other needs. Pray for the gospel of grace to continue spreading our area of Jurisdiction and beyond.

**Elder smith Tibamwenda moved a motion that the presented report from the central Presbytery by the Central Presbytery stated clerk Pr. Fred Kibaye be adopted and was seconded by Musobo Michael and motion carried.**

**C. Friday July 29th, 2016**

**a) Morning Session, 9:00am – 1:00pm.**

**a) Opening prayer and announcements by the Moderator – 9:00am – 9:15am.**

**b) Worshipping of our God – 9:15 – 9:30am.**

Worship was led by the choir from PCU Bukwenda.

**c) Ministry of the Word by Dirk Giffieon– 9:30am – 10:00am.**

Theme: The Meaning of Noah, the most unsuccessful preacher of the first world for people living in the second world - The message of Genesis 6-8 in the light of 2Peter 3:9 for the people of our time.

**Introduction:**

RCN/L no-longer does direct gospel missionary work but now does it by helping other people engage in missions. Who is a missionary and how does he do the work? There are many people who call themselves missionaries, proclaiming the gospel of Christ but are just collecting people around themselves. Where there is mission, there must be a church and Christ must be proclaimed.

The first missionary we see in the bible is Noah, now days missionaries are measured based on their success. Dr. Dirk Served in Papua New Guinea for years and seemed as if he was unsuccessful but when he looked at the story of Noah, he was encouraged.

In Gen6:1-8 we see a picture of what was happening then. We live in the world full of sin or sinners. Sometimes, we are tempted to think all people are sinful and we are the only ones who are in the right. Was the first world in the days of Noah more evil than ours? Probably not! But God chose to destroy those people. Was he happy to destroy them? Not at all! Though God is full of grace and mercy he also wants us to go to him and confess our sins.

But, people in those days were focused on one thing – pleasure (money, power, and women) at the neglect of their creator God. Why would God not spare these people? The pile of their sins had gone far

up not willing to repent, and so he had to destroy them. God had to reduce the time of life to 120 years – v.3, which is a time of God's mercy.

In verse 8, we are told that Noah found favor in the eyes of God. Noah was different, why? It is because he was a righteous man who walked faithfully with God. Noah found out that he cannot face God without being punished, and so he went to God and sought for mercy. Noah was also blameless. He was righteous, which is a gift he received from God and which had an effect.

God explained to Noah that he would destroy the world, why? In order for him to become the preacher of repentance to the world! Noah was to save the world by building an ark. God does not only call us to be missionaries but he also tells us what to do and for that reason we need to follow his instructions closely.

What was the mission of Noah? He was called a righteous, blameless man because he wanted him to build an ark and save his life from water. The only thing he was to do is to build an ark in accordance to God's instruction. He followed exactly God's instruction patiently, being certain that God was going to do what he threatened to do. Missionaries likewise must be patient.

#### **What was the content of Noah's Sermon?**

It was to build an ark for close to one 120 years. During this time people were mocking and laughing at him because he was doing the work on dry land. Yet, he strongly believed that God would fill his word to him.

Likewise, people laugh at us when we talk of the resurrection of Jesus, but we believe it so happened and God will in the fullness of time fulfill his promise. He will return and those who have believed and trusted in him will be saved as the apostle Peter indicates.

#### **Exodus3**

God will have mercy on whomsoever he will have mercy. He always gives people the opportunity to get saved. Matt 24, what happen to the first world will happen to this second world! How should we preach then?

Only preach when God has called you. We are not building an ark but the church of God. Trusting the Lord and following his ways is what is important. When they ask us about how many converts we have made, our response should be that we are faithfully doing our trust, the results are in the hands of the Lord.

Heb11:7, Noah continued preaching without quitting despite all the challenges. What is therefore of great importance to us is to remain faithful ever preaching the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

#### **d) Receiving of greetings from our partners and friends – 10:00am – 10:20am.**

- ✓ **The Deputy of BBK (RCN/L) Marike Blok** brought the greetings from the Reformed Church of the Netherlands Liberated. She highlighted some of the things we can learn from each other saying that the church is confronted with many challenges citing for example the challenge of reaching Muslims who have fled to the Netherlands in such of safety. She also mentioned about the forth coming conference due to take place in the Netherland where the role of Youths and women will be considered requesting for the General Assembly's prayers for this arrangement.
- ✓ **Pastor from New City and ACFAR**  
**ACFAR** – This organization is engaged in building church leaders for biblical defense of the gospel against cultic influences. The director of this organization who is also the pastor of New City

Church works with the PCU Covenant Pastor Deus Byebiroha in carrying on the ministry activities. He said New City Church has been exploring possibilities of how it can be integrated into the PCU.

- ✓ **MTW** – A letter from MTW on behalf of PCA was read to assembly by its visiting representative who stressed the importance of having such meetings like the GA and appreciated current working relationship between the PCA and PCU.
- ✓ **CECA** – Mr. Mugenyi Jophus represented this organization. He mentioned the activities they involved in and his connection with the PCU, highlighting their core programs as well. They were requesting for a partnership arrangement with the PCU in their ministry activities. He welcomed members to visit Kasese area in Western Uganda and see how they can get connected
- ✓ **UPCC. Pr. Safari**  
This is a union of churches in Congo and Central Africa. They church is stationed in Goma. These Churches have been disturbed by wars in Congo. They have established a working relationship with the PCU and would like her to help in developing a solid foundation for the UPCC.
- ✓ **Kampala Biblical Presbyterian Church**  
Pr. Joseph Kakule brought their greetings. God has blessed the church with land. It is a church built on the five reformation solas (Sola Gratia, Sola Fide, Sola Christos, Sola Scriptura, Soli Deo Gloria). Their church motto is derived from Pslam 133 “How good it is for brothers to live together.” The church was looking looking forward to becoming part of the PCU because a kingdom cannot stand when divided. They have planted a new church in Kanungu area in Western Uganda.
- ✓ **WCIU – By Pr. Happy Robert (Deputy Principal)**  
He welcomed those in attendance and thanked them for being around, asking them to tour the campus and see its general out look so that they would be in position to recommend people to come and study with the school.
- ✓ **Greetings from Another Pastor From Congo**  
He had come from Congo to Bndibugyo as a result of war but had planted there a Church.

**e) Presentations of Reports for PCU/ GA Standing Committees’ and Agencies Reports: 10:20am - 12:20pm.**

**Some observations on reports Presentations:**

The moderator noted that certain things had to be reflected in the reports that were to be given. He said that even the government relies upon the church for its own reports. For that reason he recorded for the development of a standard template for reporting that would help reflect a number of crucial issues that transpires within the church such as conversions, ordinations, new church plants etc.

- ✓ Presbyteries through the clerks must pass on information to other presbyteries so that they get to know how to deal with issues of common interest.
- ✓ Presbyters have spiritual oversight over ministers of the word who have to be tried in case of any error and if they do not repent then they can be excommunicated.
- ✓ When we meet, we need to get significant time to pray or be instructed in this area.
- ✓ The issue of Gulu continuing to be a provisional presbytery was to be put into serious consideration. There is a need to make it a fully fledged Presbytery.
- ✓ The PCU/GA should discuss and act on the issue of Kapchorwa Presbytery pastors who were excommunicated, but refused to leave the churches but continue to disturb and disorganize the churches and the legitimate presbytery. The issue of Kapchorwa has been long overdue.

Pr. James Yiga moved a motion that the incoming committee on mission and development come up the document on PCU church planting and development as well as a church revitalization strategy with immediate effect. The motion was seconded by elder Francis Mayanja and carried.

▶ **Christian Education and Publications Committee Report - 10Mins.**

Dear Presbyters and partners,

Greetings to you all in the mighty name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! We would love to thank the Lord first of all for the teamwork that has been experienced among the members of the committee and to the other committees mainly the Admin and finance Committee members who have made it a point to stand with us in whatever we have been doing as a committee.

Education and Publication Committee by the grace of God has been able to handle most of the assignments given to it and some other things besides the assignments that we were able to accomplish. All glory and honor goes back to the Maker who gives us the strength. Allow me therefore to concentrate on reporting about what has taken place during the period of July 2013 to July 2016.

The report is written in the arrangement of **activities**, which have been undertaken by the Committee, the **achievements** registered, along with the **challenges** encountered, and some **recommendations**:

**Activities:**

All activities we have under this committee fall under two categories:

- Education
- Publication

**Education**

Under Education, we have been able to:

- Visit schools that were started on church land (mostly those in Kampala and Central Presbyteries due to financial Constraints. During these visits we were able to:
  - ⦿ Meet church leaders and talk about starting of school.
  - ⦿ Its progress and challenges;
  - ⦿ Prayer requests;
  - ⦿ Build confidence in the administrators that the process is not to take the powers of the school from them;
  - ⦿ Count both primary and secondary schools in the Presbyteries visited.

❖ Nursery Schools:

- Central (2)
- Gulu (1)
- Kampala (1)
- Kapchorwa (0)
- Semuliki (1)

❖ Primary Schools

- Central (2)
- Gulu (1)
- Kampala (2)
- Kapchorwa (1)
- Semuliki (0)

❖ Secondary Schools:

- Central (2)
- Gulu (0)
- Kampala (0)
- Kapchorwa (0)

➤ Semuliki (0)

- ❖ Higher Institution of Learning (1) WCIU – degree awarding institute
- ⊙ Establish some of the challenges of the PCU schools.
  - ❖ Lack of Christian teachers;
  - ❖ Low numbers of pupils;
  - ❖ Lack of transport means;
  - ❖ Lack of good structure for class rooms and offices (to some);
  - ❖ Laziness of church members who are employed in the schools;
  - ❖ Lack of up-to-date nursery facilities;
  - ❖ Lack of enough funds to pay the staff;
  - ❖ Lack of uniform administration structure;
- ⊙ Establish some of the strengths of the PCU schools
  - ❖ The leadership of the schools are Christians, which enables Christian integration in curricula
  - ❖ Most schools are located at church premises giving an opportunity for evangelism.
- Peruse through the PCU Book of Church Order (BCO) to ascertain the areas or articles that need amendment; and suggesting articles that are not in the BCO but need to be included in it.
- Provide teaching and training to church leaders and other different groups of church members.
  - ⊙ The mobile school has provided a series of teaching and training church leaders in different places like Bundibugyo, Gulu, Kapchorwa and Luwero. These teachings and trainings were organized around training centers in both Bundibugyo and Luwero; then seminars and conferences in Gulu and Kapchorwa.
  - ⊙ Teachings and trainings have also been organized in the women ministry in form of seminars and conferences in presbyteries mainly targeting women leaders from different sessions; and at national level mainly targeting women leaders from different presbyteries. Also general women conferences for all women in different Presbyteries were organized.
  - ⊙ Teaching and training has also been organized among the youths through seminars/conferences and youth camp.

**Publication**

Under publication, we have been able to:

- Draft and revise the Missions' Policy. This is a document that will guide the PCU in things regarding with missions both local and international.
- Support in terms of human resource the production of the Children's Sunday School Curriculum. This is being tested so far in some churches in most of the Presbyteries - sampling.
- Come up with Sunday School Teachers' Train Manuals – volume one is already out.
- Come up with suggestions of sections/sub-sections that need to be added in the BCO.

**Achievements:**

- We have been able to train different groups of PCU members such as church leaders, youths, women and Sunday school teachers.
- We have been able to produce a missions' policy that is waiting for the approval of the General Assembly to start guiding our church in the running of our missions as PCU.
- We have been able to come up with the rules of procedure – a document that will guide the running of business during the General Assembly.
- In conjunction with the children's Sunday school leadership, we have been able to come up with a curriculum that is being tried in different churches.
- We have been able to support one church leader from Semuliki Presbytery to pursue his farther education from WCIU.

**Challenges:**

- Due to lack of funds at the secretariat office, it has been a challenge for all the committee members to gather for the scheduled meetings in order to talk about issues regarding this committee.
- There is lack of skills in terms of school management amongst the church leaders.
- Lack of unity amongst the school leaders/church leaders to have a common goal amongst the PCU schools.
- Lack of clear guidelines on how to revise the PCU documents such as the BCO.

**Recommendations:**

The Education and Publications Committee of the PCU GA therefore recommends that:

- Proper guidelines be given to the committee on how to handle the PCU documents in the area of revision.
  - PCU organize capacity building conferences for Christian Educators within the PCU.
  - Exchange visits of teachers be organized within the PCU schools.
  - PCU organize a tournament in games and sports for the PCU schools to create the unity.
  - PCU organize an annual national conference with a selected topic from a particular ministry like youth, Christian educator, marriage, women, child development /evangelism...
  - After the creation of the unity among the PCU schools, PCU Christian educators set a common exam paper for all the PCU schools that can be done at the end of term I or mid-term of term II.
  - PCU plans to start at least one secondary school within each Presbytery.
  - PCU comes up with a clear organogram/administration structure that is common in all PCU schools.
  - Harmonize the strategy of beginning PCU schools across the country.
  - Should establish department to oversee PCU schools and tag this on the PCU website.
- Bob Gad moved a motion that the report to adopt and was seconded by Bagonza and motion carried.

► **Administration/ Finance Committee Report – 10Mins.**

**Presbyterian Church in Uganda****General Assembly Held On 27<sup>th</sup> -29<sup>th</sup> July 2016 At Westminster Christian Institute (WCIU) –****Bweya**

The administration and finance committee is one of the five standing committees of the General Assembly of the PCU. It carries out its duties and operations in liaison and consultation with different presbyteries, and the secretariat of the PCU. This committee also performs her duties in conjunction with other standing committees of the GA. Its main objectives include:

- ✚ Monitoring and evaluation of all programs and projects which are handled at the Presbytery level and financed directly or indirectly by the PCU.
- ✚ Liaising with the office of the coordinator of the PCU secretariat to enforce the implementation of the PCU sponsored and funded programs,
- ✚ Creating and promoting sustainable administrative and financial policies that will cause development and progress of the PCU.
- ✚ Monitoring the progress and operations of the Presbyteries and the PCU GA standing committees in liaison with the office of the PCU coordinator.
- ✚ Carrying out any general duties on behalf and in the interest of the PCU in close consultation with the office of PCU secretariat and the coordinator which may arise during the course of the year before the General Assembly sits in her plenary session.

- **Developments and Issues Handled by the AFC during the Past Three Years**

- ✓ **Vetting and Appointing of a New Coordinator at the PCU Secretariat**

By the time we came out of the previous GA meeting at Bundibugyo, the PCU coordinator's term of office had expired. ACF was assigned with the responsibility of making arrangements of recruiting a new coordinator for the PCU secretariat. The office of the stated clerk reached



out to different presbyteries of the PCU and requested them to approach different people from their sessions to write and send in their applications seeking to assume the office of a coordinator at the PCU secretariat. The stated clerk received one application in the names of Rev. Kabenge Fred from the central presbytery who expressed interest in occupying this office. Rev. Kabenge Fred is the Founding and Incumbent Coordinator of the PCU secretariat;

Since there was no other applicant who had applied for this job, from other presbyteries AFC had no choice other than endorsing Rev. Kabenge Fred with another term of office.

Allow me at this point to express my word of appreciation to the office of the coordinator for the job well done at the PCU secretariat. There could be some flaws, loopholes and short comings at the PCU secretariat, but some of these flaws and weaknesses can be easily rectified. Remember, that this is an office which is run by human beings, who can make mistakes like any of us. Therefore I would strongly suggest that if there is any mistake or loopholes which may be identified at the PCU secretariat, let us apply true brotherly love, as we try to address these concerns. Destructive criticism can easily kill and destroy any young institution like the PCU secretariat office.

✓ **Representation of The PCU at Different International Conferences and Meetings**

During the past three years, we had different officers of the PCU who represented our denomination in different conferences and General Assemblies abroad. Rev. Emma Kiwanuka represented the PCU at the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA) General Assembly which took place in 2014. New ideas and insights from this Assembly were brought by Rev. Emma to our secretariat office. I do believe that these insights will be so useful to our young denomination as we carry out and conduct business in our meetings in the future.

In May 2014 also, Rev. James Yiga and Rev. Patrick Bukenya represented the PCU at the General Synod of the Reformed Church of the Netherlands (Liberated) which was held at Ede, near Amsterdam. The major point of discussion in this Synod was whether women should be ordained as Ministers and Elders. It was a very hot discussion which was not resolved in that particular meeting. The issues were deferred to another Synod meeting which will sit either later this year or mid next year 2017.

Rev. Kabenge Fred attended another conference with Madam Cate Nattabi in Zwolle Netherlands, and Rev. Smith Tibamwenda and Mrs. Brenda Muganzi attended a refresher theological training through the IRTT program in Ziaa the Netherlands. And a few weeks ago, Deacon James Lutaaga and Mrs. Grace Kabale represented the PCU at another International Conference in Yaoundé Cameroon.

The main purpose of attending conferences, Synod meetings and Assemblies is to expose our pastors, Elders and other church workers as to how different church programs and activities are conducted. We do learn a lot from these brothers and sisters abroad, as they do learn from us also. It is our prayer that more doors may get opened, so that we may send more officers abroad where they can be exposed to new insights and ideas which can bring positive change and development to the PCU.

✓ **Meeting with the Orthodox Presbyterian Churches of Mbale**

Through the office of the coordinator, we received a letter from our brothers of the OPCU, in Mbale in which they were requesting and seeking to rejoin the PCU. For your information,

most of these churches of the OPCU were part of the Eastern Presbytery which was formerly part of the PCU.

We had series of meetings which involved all members of our GA stranding committees in which we discussed these issues of re-integrating these OPCU churches into the PCU. These brothers had some few concerns which they wanted PCU to address before they could make a final commitment of rejoining the PCU, and we as PCU also had our concerns which we put across to these OPCU brothers, and at the end of the meeting we realized that there was no big problem and hindrance which was curtailing us from merging and working together ecclesiastically as one church.

Since then different leaders from the PCU have visited these brothers and sisters at their churches in Mbale, and we were so much impressed and encouraged by the ministry which is being carried out by the OPCU in this part of the country. They still need much of our prayers as we need their prayers as well. It is our prayer also that may our merger and re-union brings much progress and development in the body of Christ as PCU. It is our prayer also that our main goal and objective may be to glorify and uplift the name of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ as we propagate and spread the gospel of the Kingdom to different parts of country and worldwide.

✓ **Vetting of New Members Who Will Join the PCU Board of Director**

As a follow up of one of the resolutions which was taken at our GA meeting at Bundibugyo in June 2013, our committee through the stated clerk contacted different presbyteries to choose and submit names of different people whom they wanted to be included on the PCU board of directors. All the Presbyteries cooperated well and submitted these names to the clerk, who later submitted them to AFC committee and in conjunction with other board members, the vetting exercise started and went on very well. As I compiled this report, the representative of Semuliki Presbytery had not appeared before our vetting committee but later showed up for the exercise before the time of the GA plenary.

The names of those candidates who were screened to join the PCU board of directors include:

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|---|---------------------|---|----------------------|
| ✚ | Pastor Rashid Luswa | – | Kampala Presbytery   |
| ✚ | Elder Paul Bukenya  | – | Central Presbytery   |
| ✚ | Moses Kabushai      | - | Kapchorwa Presbytery |
| ✚ | Gideon Byamaka      | - | Semuliki Presbytery  |

In some months to come, we will have more names of the representatives of Mbale Presbytery and Gulu Presbytery. This issue will be strongly followed up by the incoming AFC in liaison with the PCU Secretariat office.

✓ **Reconciliation and Reunification Meetings**

After the PCU 36<sup>th</sup> Anniversary which took place in May 2015, our committee received communication from the Founding father of the PCU, Rev. Dr. Kefa Sempangi, that there were some brethren who were part of the PCU, but who for some reasons decided either to pull out of PCU or suspended their membership with the PCU, who had a desire and interest of rejoining the PCU. AFC sat and designed a roadmap and plan of meeting these brothers. The idea of reconciliation was sent to different Presbyteries which discussed these concerns thoroughly well and sent their resolutions to the PCU stated clerk. After that these ideas were forwarded to different committees of the GA who discussed them, and then the committees sat to map out a final plan and strategy of meeting brothers from these different groups and churches.

The concerned groups which were seeking for reconciliation include:

- ✚ The Eastern Presbytery - Pastor Morris Ogenga
- ✚ The New Life Presbyterian church - Fort Portal
- ✚ Kampala, Bible Presbyterian church - Rev. David Baguma
- ✚ Pastor Samson Gusinja

Our committee in conjunction with other committees agreed that we should meet each group separately, since these groups seem to be having different issues and concerns with the PCU.

So far we have been able to meet brothers from Kampala Bible Presbyterian Church and New Life Presbyterian Church. Since all of us believe that reconciliation is a process, the discussions which started in May this year are still going on, and we do believe that by the end of this year, the whole process will be completed and possibly the PCU will be in position to reconcile and reunite with these different church groups, and work together for the glory of God. Continue to pray for this process.

- **Challenges of the Administration and Finance Committee**

- ✓ Some members of the committee and other standing committees still find it hard to raise money for transportation to come to Kampala to attend committee meetings.
- ✓ AFC in conjunction with the PCU Secretariat Office still find it very hard to raise money locally to finance different activities of our denomination.
- ✓ Financial and Progressive reports on different activities of our churches countrywide are not submitted in time to the office of the Clerk and the Secretariat Office. This practice need to stop. On a number of occasions it has delayed the processing of renewal of our NGO status.

- **Recommendations and Future Plans for The PCU**

- ✓ Due to financial constraints, our committee recommends that the General Assembly of the PCU should be held after every two or three years. This also gives different Presbyteries and Standing committees of the GA an ample time to work upon the resolutions which may have taken place during the previous GA and complete them before the next GA meeting.
- ✓ When the Presbyteries submit names of different Elders whom they want to serve on the GA standing committees, let these Elders sit by themselves and choose the chairperson and the secretary from among themselves instead of having chairpersons elected by the whole plenary meeting. It is time consuming to let the whole Assembly elect members of these committees, and experience shows that sometimes this exercise become chaotic due to different interests and hopes which different people have in these committees.
- ✓ Let the composition of the Administration and Finance committee consists of the direct representatives on this committee from different Presbyteries, and let these be joined by all the chairpersons of other standing committees, the clerk of the GA, the coordinator of the PCU secretariat, and the staff members of the secretariat office can also be in attendance whenever these meetings sit.
- ✓ Let the idea of having the Presbyteries submitting a certain amount of money to the secretariat office be adopted and implemented forthwith. This may be done in percentages or any other ways, but the secretariat office cannot carry out its operations without locally generated funds.
- ✓ Prayerfully, let each local congregation create and start up an income generating project. Experience has shown that there are very few churches which can run all the activities of the church, plus paying their pastors from the basket or bag of Sunday tithe and offerings collections.

- ✓ The PCU should encourage regular visits of Presbytery to Presbytery, or local church to a local church; this will help to cement our relationship and brotherhood as servants of the Lord in the family of the PCU.

- **Word of Appreciation**

- ✓ Allow me to extend our profound thanks to all our stakeholders in the PCU, that is all of you Pastors and Elders for the great job well done. Much as there were some inconsistencies and short comings in the course of discharging our duties, during the past three years, we pray that the Lord may enable us to mend what was messed up in our ministries and look forward to creating a healthy and a vibrant PCU.
- ✓ Our committee would also like to register our sincere thanks to Rev. Emma Kiwanuka and the session of Zzana Community Presbyterian Church for enabling us to use one of their facilities as offices for our PCU secretariat. God bless you so much.
- ✓ My profound thanks also go to all our partners, friends, donors and stake holders of the PCU which include, RCN/L (DVN/UM) – Netherlands and our long term missionaries from PCA who work with WCIU and the ARTS. We would also like to commend some short term missionaries like, Rev. Pete Anderson (PCA) who carries out seminars and other forms of training to our pastors and leaders in Kapchorwa, Gulu, etc. May the good Lord bless all you immensely. We look forward to further strengthening our relationship with you in the future.
- ✓ Last but not least, we would like to thank the entire staff of PCU – Secretariat Office. The coordinator and your staff in different departments of the youth, women and children affairs, may the Lord bless you so much for the great effort done to ensure progress and development of the PCU.

- **Conclusion**

One of the great challenges which we have as a denomination is to spread the gospel of the kingdom countrywide and worldwide. The 2016 General Assembly has been rotating around that theme. However, we cannot achieve much if we are not united and fully organized as a denomination. Let's all strive to work for love, peace and unity in the PCU and as a result the Lord will bless us and also enable us to achieve our goal and objective, for His own glory.

**Soli Deo Gloria!**

**Rev. James Yiga**  
**Chairperson, PCU/GA Administration and Finance Committee**

**Elder Smith moved the motion that the report be adopted as presented and was seconded by David Kabale and motion carried.**

▶ **Westminster Christian Institute Uganda (WCIU) – 10 MINS.**

Westminster Christian Institute Uganda  
 Summary Report to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Uganda (2016)

**Motto**

Training for Gospel Transformation

**Mission**

Seek to glorify God equipping men and women to serve Christ's church, society and advance His Kingdom in Africa and beyond.

**Vision**

Desires to spread the passion of God's glory training men and women who will be used as agents of transformation.

**Core Values**

- Submission to Biblical Authority
- A Love for the Gospel, the Church and Missions
- Reformed and Confessional
- A Diverse Student Body

- Holiness and Godliness of Life
- A Balanced, Caring Community
- Academic Excellence
- A Biblical Worldview

### **2013 -16 Journey**

In 2013 there were a number of challenges most especially for Westminster graduates: there was a struggle for them in bringing a transforming power of Christ's Gospel of grace and the Word of God to the African church and all of African society. That caused the stakeholders of WCIU former (Westminster Theological College) to think of how to grow and expand the institute's services to meet the needs of the church and the society at large.

The first area for growth was to add a Teacher Training College, to meet two specific needs, first to train students for a profession so that as they minister in the church, they can also provide income for their families, and secondly, to prepare a whole new generation of teachers who have not only been taught from a biblical worldview, but who can teach their students from a biblical worldview which will impact thousands of students for gospel transformation.

The second area for expansion for WCIU was to add a vocational school, offering training opportunities in areas like agriculture, mechanics, carpentry and computers. Because the majority of Africa's pastors do not earn an income from the churches they serve, it is necessary to equip the WCIU students with skills so that they can support their families while serving the church.

### **Strategic Initiatives Taken**

#### ***Teacher's Training College officially called "Faculty of education and vocational studies"***

The Faculty of education has first and foremost the obligation to ground students in the gospel and teach them how to live all of life from a biblical worldview. Students are required to take theological courses along with education courses. Training from a biblical worldview is not a new concept, but WCIU seeks to build a unique position in education by also teaching its students how to teach all subjects from a biblical worldview.

Because the PCU already has primary and secondary schools, the first target for training teachers is for these PCU schools. However, the larger target is to train teachers who can impact all of Africa society by training students in a biblical worldview. Thousands of children could be impacted by such teachers. The school of education has also trained men and women to teach in higher institutions of learning.

A secondary outcome to establish a Teacher's Training College is to provide employment for the students whose greatest desire is to pursue ministry but aren't able to support themselves. These "tentmakers" can serve as a teacher in a local school while serving the local church and thus provide for themselves and their families.

While WCIU has taught many students over the years to be well grounded in the faith and how to do ministry, the glaring problem for most students has been the inability to earn a living from their theological degree. Therefore, establishing a vocational school that can teach students a trade so that they can accomplish ministry and provide for their families is the other aspect tied within the school of education.

#### **To excel at starting a Teacher's Training College, WCIU administration embarked on:**

- Devoting considerable time and effort in research for this type of school, to ensure that a training college that is uniquely teaching from a biblical worldview and teaching how to teach a biblical worldview is added to the already existing theological school.
- Identifying faculty with skills and knowledge of imparting a biblical worldview to students. That having been said, the administration had in view to train the local church personnel to take on these positions in case there no candidates on the market to fill these positions.
- Research and choosing the appropriate curriculum that could accomplish the above goal.
- Determine which vocations are most suited to meet the needs for those who are called to ministry.

- Write programs that effectively include theological as well as educational training
- Recruiting a team to lead the Faculty of education.
- Identifying a team of technical team of men and women to design relevant academic such as the following and submit them to the NCHE for accreditation:
  - ✦ Postgraduate Diploma in Higher Education and Pedagogy (1 year).
  - ✦ Post Graduate Diploma in Education.
  - ✦ Bachelor of Arts in Child Development, Children Ministry with Education.
  - ✦ Bachelor of Arts with Education (Emphasis on New Proposed Learning Assessment and Examination Reform CURASSE).
  - ✦ Bachelor in Education (Early Childhood Development) BECD.
  - ✦ Diploma in Christian Education
  - ✦ Diploma in Education (Early Childhood Development) DECD.
  - ✦ Certificate in Early Childhood Development Teacher Education (CECDTE).
  - ✦ Certificate in Higher Education Curriculum Planning, Design and Development.
  - ✦ Certificate in Child Care (CCC) - For candidate with Primary Leaving Examination Certificate.
  - ✦ Certificate in Community Child Care (CCC).
  - ✦ Foundation program to Higher Education (Bridging course).
  - ✦ Certificate in Education Planning, administration and management (1 year).
  - ✦ Certificate in Curriculum Design and Development (1 year)
  - ✦ Certificate in Christian Education (1 year)
  - ✦ Certificate in Library and information science (1 year)
  - ✦ Certificate in Child Development, Children Ministry with Education.

#### **A Dream Fulfilled:**

2014 was ushered in with several meetings and work focused on getting a license from the National Council for Higher Education (NCHE).

In the year 2014, the Institute was granted a **Provisional License** by the **Uganda National Council for Higher Education (NHCE)** to offer diplomas and degrees that are accredited and recognized internationally. This has so far resolved most of the graduates and students' concerns. They were being denied employment opportunities or furthering their studies because the credentials from WCIU were not recognized. The reason wasn't that the content received had no quality but rather a need to accredit the courses. Since the day WCIU received the provisional license discussions were going on regarding the graduate Seminary that co-existed with the former WTC. The two could no longer operate under one umbrella for philosophical reasons elucidated by facts from the history of theological education in USA. It was agreed upon to separate the two institutions to operate independently but supportively. **Africa Reformation Theological Seminary (ARTS)** was formed as a result of this.

WCIU has a vision of not only training pastors to be fully involved in church ministry, but also to give them skills that will enable them cope up with the trend of the church in Africa. It is very difficult and next to impossible at present (not saying that the future may never change) for the African church to financially pay their pastors. The present situation necessitates that theological students receive additional vocational training. WCIU resolved to add some courses that would open up paying job opportunities to the graduates. The first field to consider was education. Training a teacher of the word with education courses will enable him or her teach in an ordinary school while at the same time serve the church. Some may even end up being school administrators.

#### **What are some of the gaps or challenges created due to the formation of the ARTS?**

- Reduction of teaching staff. The abrupt move to form a new school opened a number of gaps in our teaching staff. There is no assurance that the missionaries and some Ugandan staff members who left with the new seminary will effectively be able to serve two schools at the same time.
- The partners in this ministry will not all remain focused on one campus. That alone divides up the support WCIU has been getting as one institution in the past.
- The former director of WCIU campus development is now pouring his energies into the new work; this is no simple matter to overlook. That calls for someone to fill the position because campus



development seems to be a perpetual process. Here below are some of the immediate projects that need attention:

- ✦ The unfinished library building currently weakened by the heavy rains.
- ✦ There are campus maintenance jobs.
- ✦ Financial Support for the teaching staff.
- ✦ Scholarship for WCIU students.
- Some administrative offices need to be filled because of some individuals who left to start the new seminary. These are key positions that need immediate attention or else WCIU's status with NCHE might be jeopardized.
- WCIU needs a librarian since this is a very important department in any higher institution of learning.
- Since most of the staff members who got involved in starting ARTS are missionaries, WCIU has a need to recruit local staff and that come with financial implications; the missionaries who moved to the new seminary were raising their support.

#### **WCIU Committees/Boards:**

The institute operates through committees for smooth running of business. These are all under the mandate of the Governing Council of the Institute. These include:

- Academic management board
- Recruitment and Appointments Board
- Admission and Students' Affairs Committee
- Administration and Finance
- Central executive Board

#### **Academic Office:**

New Academic programs since 2013 (see attachment with the list of Academic programs and those that will be offered in 2016-2017 academic year.

#### **International Partners:**

WCIU recognizes the following international partners and churches for their continuous support to the institute. These organizations and churches have sacrificially given to support WCIU's efforts.

- DVN-UM
- MTW
- LMPC
- NCPC
- Northern California Bible Churches

#### **Student Body**

Students are key stakeholders in WCIU. We have realized a reduction in student enrollment during the last three years mainly in the faculty of theology. The institute spent most of the time on administration work with less attention on students' recruitment. Nevertheless, 2016-2017 has been dedicated to aggressive student's recruitment as one of the major item. The institute requests the PCU members to join the drive.

We have graduated students in the following programs during the last three years.

- Bachelor of Arts in Theological Studies.
- Diploma in Biblical Studies
- Postgraduate Diploma in Higher Education and Pedagogy
- Certificate in Biblical Studies

#### **Staff Academic Development**

- The Principal Successfully completed his Doctor of Ministry Program through Miami International Seminary in Florida. He can be addressed as Associate Doctor Emmanuel Kiwanuka.

- The administrative Assistant (Elder Ben Tumugabe) is undergoing studies at Nkumba University in the Bachelor of Business Administration.
- The Registrar (Rev. Robert Happy), Institute Secretary (Elder Fred Kabenge), Estates officer (Elder Kimera David) and teaching Assistant (Cate Nattabi) completed their Postgraduate Diploma in Higher Education and Pedagogy

### Staff Publications

As one of the requirements and indicators of institute growth comes in the area of publication. It is one way of adding to knowledge to the academic world. WCIU is blessed to have some of our staff writing and publishing their work.

- School of Theology publications by Ass. Doctor Emmanuel Kiwanuka. These publications can be accessed on [www.mints.edu](http://www.mints.edu) website
  - ✦ Developing a Christian Worldview for Africa (MAT 816)
  - ✦ A Study of 2 Timothy (Commentary)
  - ✦ Introduction to Marriage and Family for African Context (BAM414-MAM414)
  - ✦ Foundations for a Biblical Church
  - ✦ Christian Education in a Local Church (MAL031)
- School of Education and Vocational Studies publication by John Ssali Ssekiziyivu
  - ✦ Dilemmas of School Management and Leadership

### Appointments

The Governing Council Made The Following Appointment During The Last Three Years:

- Elder Fred Kabenge in the position of Acting Secretary of the Institution.
- Kimera David as Estates Manager.
- Happy Robert as Acting Deputy Principal.

### Recommendations:

- Every local PCU local church elects two persons as focal persons to WCIU.
- Every local church makes a contribution to WCIU every month or year.
- Support men and women support with a fund to teach at WCIU.
- Officers on acting positions get appointed fully.

**A Motion was moved by elder Fred Kibaye to adopt the report as presented by Deputy Principal Happy Robert was seconded by Pr. Edward Kasajja and carried.**

### ▶ Diaconal Committee – 10mins

#### PCU Diaconal Report of July 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> 2016 to the GA Sitting in Westminster Theological Seminary

The diaconal committee is one of the PCU standing committees of the General Assembly duly constituted in 2010 from all PCU presbyteries of Semuliki, Kapchorwa and Central. The committee is charged with the responsibility of planning, assessing, monitoring and evaluating all PCU diaconal needs and projects from each of the four current Presbyteries that constitute the Presbyterian Church in Uganda. It is in the best interest of this committee to see that PCU addresses both the Spiritual and the material needs of the people in the communities where our churches are, especially the needs of the disfranchised members of our churches so that the Gospel is not only in word but also in deed.

The overall objective for which the diaconal committee undertakes its activities is to see the members of our churches empowered with financial capital and human resource development where people can be able to identify their needs and have the knowledge and means to find solutions to their own problems. That takes sensitization, training, resource mobilization and utilization to ensure effective and efficient service delivery and accountability.

### **Summary of Activities Done**

Has given support to Semuliki Presbytery for the refugees from Congo and Uganda to a tune of **Twenty Million Shillings (UGX 20,000,000)**. We have also given diaconal support to a woman whose house caught fire at Covenant Presbyterian Church **Four million five hundred thirty five thousand shillings (UGX 4,535,000)**.

### **Challenges**

- Limited financial support from PCU. We take this opportunity to appreciate our partners especially DVN for the support they always extend to us when called for help.
- Poor coordination of the diaconal committees' right from the sessions, the Presbyteries, and the General assembly which at times complicates diaconal activities.

### **Recommendations**

- Some money should be set aside in our congregations, Presbyteries as diaconal fund to fund crisis situations.
- The PCU should give travel opportunities especially to the sister international Churches to standing committee Chairpersons to campaigning for the Church.
- All PCU agencies should be assessed to remit some funds to the diaconal account of the PCU to help in facilitating some diaconal needs in different Presbyteries.

Thanks

**Pastor Samuel Musawu**  
**Diaconal Committee Chairman**

**Elder Boniface moved a motion that the report presented by the diaconal committee chairman be adopted as presented and was seconded by Fred from Gulu and motion carried.**

### ▶ **Pres-Aid (Water, Child Care, Environment).**

Dear friends,

Thank you for caring enough about the ministry of Pres-Aid that you would choose to review this GA report. In 2015, we completed another year of serving Ugandans with safe water. In addition, we continued the transition of the ministry to a Holistic Community Development model by introducing other interventions. It is essential for us as an organization to maintain the record of project sustainability. It is also essential to ensure project sustainability for the next decade working with our ministry partners. Our commitment to serving communities through the church, the Body of Christ, is steadfast and sure.

We must clearly state what we are about and what we are not about in ministry. We are about long-term transformation of people and communities. We are not about short-term relief. These facts guide our operations, staffing, and our stewardship.

The Holistic Community Development model supports this commitment with three operational elements in all our three focus areas (Water, Child-care, & Environment)

- **Water Treatment Solutions** – We established our Water Technology Team to develop an array of water treatment solutions that serve a wide variety of community demographics and field conditions.
- **Health and Hygiene Education** – To increase measurable impact, we commit to changing existing habits and behaviors through education. Safe water alone is not enough. These biblically-based curriculums start with children, move to young women, and then to all adults.
- **Local Ownership Model** – Locally-owned and operated sites are the key to this model. The model provides simple, sound, business plans and strategies that support local ownership and accountability.

Beliefs and principles that support this model include:

- ✓ There is no short-term solution for long-term development.
- ✓ What we do must work on the ground, or it doesn't work-period.
- ✓ Pres-AID would rather serve 1,000 people for ten years than serve 10,000 people for one year and then fail.

Transitions of this magnitude take time. We expect acceptance and implementation of this model to be slow and steady. "Slow and steady wins the race." We expect this theology and approach to bring sustainable, measurable impact for decades.

#### **Our Vision**

To See Safe Clean Water And Child-Care Sustainably Provided In The Name Of Jesus In Every Poor Community Of The World Starting From Uganda.

#### **Our Mission**

Pres-aid challenges the traditional approach to assisting people in deprived communities by empowering those communities to bring physical, social, and spiritual transformation through provision of sustainable, safe water and childcare lasting solutions. Our goal is to draw attention to the wanting community livelihood.

#### **Core Values**

Jesus-Inspired  
Sustainability  
Integrity  
Accountability  
Accessibility  
Unity

#### **Board Of Directors**

Rev. James Yiga, Chairman  
Noel T. Kalunda (Ex-Official)  
Rev.Dr. Kefa Ssempanji  
Rev. Edward Kasajja

#### **Annual Highlights**

- Lake Victoria Water Project Assessments with Rotary club of Ggaba D9211
- Official commissioning of Nangunga Water Project by Rev Robert Benn
- Children's Village 2016 concept approved by the Board of Directors
- Corrective Action at both Mpunge and Nangunga water sites
- Two of our Pastoral Training Fund beneficiaries will be graduating 2016
- Entered into a loose working relationship with Beyond Subsistence Australia
- Tree Planting training (GO-Green campaigns)
- 10 acres of land for the Children's village secured in Wobulenzi

#### **Presbyterian Children's Village, as a key project for 2016-2018**

Considering the so many projects in our pipeline, the Children's Village shall take the highest priority in 2016 to 2018. It is an area the reformed faith in Uganda has not given much thought for her close to four decades of existence.

Early missionaries had a different approach to church planting and community development, and this is where their strength lies. To date there are generations of the Anglican and Catholic faith. The Presbyterian Church needs to follow this tradition in order to create a strong reformed Faith in Uganda. The Church's involvement with the children is therefore of significant importance which will also see generations of the reformed faith in Uganda serving and building the body of Christ.

The village setting is representative of a familiar traditional dwelling for many ethnic groups in Africa. The Village is starting with a farm and a junior school (Victoria Christian Academy) for sustainability purposes; The Village's sustainability initiatives are critical for continuing development. The purpose is three-fold: 1) To generate income to sustain The Village's activities, 2) Create a training component for young adults to become future business leaders, 3) Create employment opportunities for young adults and the extended community.

The ideal land has already been secured at KITO, Wobulenzi to facilitate the school, farming activities and future children's home.

#### **Finance and Administration**

The administration of Pres-AID is entirely voluntary, and our part-time technical team is only paid when there is a running project. Housed at FPC Kampala, Pres-AID maintains a 3-member team of devoted volunteers offering 20hrs a week

Emmanuel Kabuye: V.P Finance  
Fredrick Sseruyange: V.P Child-Care  
Noel Thomas Kalunda: Country Coordinator

We received USD\$ 3,600 for our college students from individual donors, and USD\$ 23,116 from Presbyterian Church Australia for the development of the Children's Village. We bought 10 acres at 5M per acre, and the balance has been used for the ground breaking of Victoria Christian Academy and transfer of title.

Warmest regards,

**Noel T. Kalunda**  
**Country Coordinator**

► **Missions and Evangelism Committee -10mins.**  
**Report to the GA July 2016**  
**By Pastor Francis Mayanja**

#### **Introduction:**

I would like to thank God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ our savior. I am graced to have this moment to address matters concerning the missions and evangelism committee of GA of the Presbyterian Church in Uganda.

I will briefly start by looking at PCU during its initial stages. PCU was set on the foundation of Worship, prayer, missions and commitment to the preaching of God's word, all these culminated into PCU being a church that was committed to taking the gospel to the lost people of the world zealously seeking a harvest of souls for the Lord's kingdom. Our pioneers took it zealously as their duty to set the pace of bringing the gospel of Christ to the lost by every means available to them. Those who were brought to the kingdom of God were taught in order to fulfill the great commission. (**Mat. 28:18-20; Acts 1:8; 8:4 ...**). However, over time this zeal has greatly waned away.

What does this mean to the church? when the infinite, all glorious Creator of the universe by whom and for whom all things were made and exist in every moment, is disregarded, disbelieved, disobeyed and dishonored among the people of this world who are lost in their sinful nature then the church must rise up for missions and evangelism. Jesus came to save us from sin so that the glory of God may be restored and worship may be established among his people.

Missions and evangelism is not meant for only gifted and skilled laborers but individual believers are also commanded to take the message of salvation to non-believers around their communities (**Mat 28:18-20; Acts 1:8; 8:4...**). It is evident that as church leaders, we have neglected our responsibility to

disciple believers for the work ministry (**Eph. 4:11-16**). We have given people in our pews the impression that the responsibility of mission and evangelism is the work of elders, deacons and a few believers zealous for the lost people of the world. Therefore, we have to revive the zeal for missions and discipleship in order to fulfill the great commission.

During our term of service, the GA missions committee was able to carry out its work through presbyteries and churches as well as the youth ministries.

**Activities:**

- The Zana church worked together with the missions committee in prayer and planting New Jerusalem Church in Katala. In order to carry out this exercise every local church from both central and Kampala presbyteries were requested to send at least two members to engage in the program.
- The Kampala presbytery was able to plan three churches in three different villages (Please name the churches and villages)
- Most of the mission activities were done by individual local churches in their respective presbyteries.
- The youth ministry organizes monthly overnight prayers in every local church in both Kampala and central presbyteries

PCU has to understand the times of our generation as the world stands in terms of communication. In other words, PCU is still behind when it comes to publicity, communication and advertisement. For instance, when did we ever think of using the youth annual conference to attract other youths from other churches, universities, secondary schools and young non-believers around us?

**We Need to Think Of Missions and Evangelism Locally, Nationally and Globally.**

- We should know that people want to hear the truth we treasure through media. In this area, we are poorly represented. Our church is really behind as regards communicating the cores of our existence and proclamation of the gospel through the media. Radio station and other media are not only a need but also a necessity for the church to reach out to all those who would like to hear the true gospel.
- The church should think of annual conferences in the future whereby different churches and non-believers are invited to hear about well-articulated theological themes and prayer sessions.
- The PCU has not yet invested much in children and teens evangelism. According to the population census of Uganda, the majority of our population is young people and children and I believe that "Children are great group to evangelize."
- The youths and women ministry are the most vibrant groups in the PCU that can be supported to engage in children evangelism. I emphatically appeal to local churches to engage in children and teens evangelization. I would suggest if possible the current women department at the secretariat office to work together with the missions committees at the local session to campaign for children evangelization in our communities and around Uganda.
- Fundamental strategy to reach out to children, teens and youth at homes, in communities and school at all level should be our desirable aim in order to build a strong church.
- Special attention to women in their specified group e.g. married couples, single parents and singles, working class and home wives. As a church, we need to set up a forum to hear the needs of women and address them with the gospel of hope.

**A motion was moved by elder Simon Kimbowa that the report be adopted as presented by Pr. Francis Mayanja . He was seconded by elder Saul Lengwa of Kapchorwa and the motion carried.**



► **Projects and Development Committee – 10mins.**  
**Report on the Presbyterian Church Projects**  
**Submitted to the GA as of 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> July, 2016**

**Background**

As we all know that the Presbyterian Church in Uganda is a denomination that has a number of churches. It has given birth to children in form of projects. These are expected to be gospel oriented projects for the Presbyterian Church in Uganda (PCU) with a board of directors and management committees. It has been found that we still need secondary schools in the denomination and also at least try to have a project for each session.

As a denomination we need to advertise ourselves. We need to tap resources from partners and government through projects. This will increase our revenue as churches and as a denomination. This will ease the problem of financing our several different activities. We have been able to have the secretariat land secured at Bweya where we hope the Secretariat offices are going to be established.

The offer was through our friends and partners from the Netherlands; UM/DVN. We praise God for this support and for the many years of partnership with them in the work of ministry. The offices are still under construction and a committee for projects we are calling upon each and every one to own this project so that we may have our own home set up on the secured piece of land.

We would therefore like to thank the session of Zana Community Presbyterian Church for housing the Secretariat office for all these past years. Thank you and God bless you so much. We would like to thank all those who attended the fundraising function for the contributions you made. Also we would love to remind those who have not yet honored their pledges please do so. We still need more support for this work in terms of cash and physical items too. We also wish to call upon all presbyters and friends to support the construction work of the secretariat offices.

**Redeemer FM.**

Redeemer radio Uganda limited still has a vision of operating in the whole country especially in districts where PCU churches exist, preaching and teaching the Scriptures on media and subscribing to the reformed faith that resulted from 16th Century Reformation. Upon this purpose, is the desire to uplift the Christian Community's disciple-making and commitment to help the individuals enter into a right and lasting relationship with God their maker and offer meaningful direction on how they can grow to maturity in Christ Jesus the savior. This because we understand that right doctrine (Teaching) together with right emotions will always lead to right practice. Therefore if the word of God is faithfully preached to Ugandans, we will not only have people saved from their sins but will as well have to bring a total transformation of the whole person that no any other radio station in Uganda can do.

**Monitoring and evaluation of PCU projects**

As a committee on projects we have monitored some projects of the PCU especially in the central region (Kampala and Central Presbyteries) to see the progress of the school projects. The schools visited were found to be having some progress though they were having some challenges as well. These challenges are in the areas of the structures, Teachers' salaries, play grounds for games and publicity to the communities where they are located and the country at large. A detailed report will be given by the education Committee. The administrative structures need to have the elders on board if the schools are for the denomination.

The projects in Kapchorwa; Kapchorwa Trinity Radio (KTR), the women maize Mill, and the clinic in Kaserem have not been regularly monitored due to some limitations and luck of funds to do this.

**Recommendations:**

- The committee therefore recommends that as a denomination we join hands to support all our institutions in terms of publicity and networking through the secretariat office website.
- The session members see to it that they streamline the administrative structure of these schools.
- The denomination considers starting up more secondary schools and other institutions to provide better Christian education to our children.

- The denomination designates some funds to the projects committee in order to monitor all our projects within the PCU.

In Him

**Pr. Bob Gad Kalyowa**  
**Projects Chairman PCU**

**Kusolo Patrick moved a motion that the report be adopted as presented by the chairman for Project Development and was seconded by Elder Robert Sebuufu and carried.**

▶ **Secretariat Office departments:**

- **Coordination – 10Mins**

**PCU Secretariat Office Report**  
**Submitted at the PCU General Assembly**  
**For July 27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at Westminster Christian Institute Uganda**

**Introduction**

Our esteemed yokefellows and commissioned delegates from the PCU fraternity, all our partners in the gospel ministry, the invited distinguished guests in attendance as observers, ladies and gentlemen! We thank the Lord for the possibility of meeting together and reflect on our involvement with the work of ministry for the last three years.

The period i.e. July 2013 -July 2016 on our part as secretariat office staffs has been characterized by a mixture of joys and grief as we have made attempts to fulfill the laid down obligations for us. Yet, in all and every situation, Christ has remained our mighty fortress to guard us against the danger of running into both of the fore mentioned extremes (Heb12:2).

Allow me therefore, on behalf of the secretariat office staff to concisely present to you the **activities** we have been able to carry out during the past three year period, the **achievements** registered with the accompanying **challenges**, and a series of **recommendations** for your review, deliberation and possible approval.

✓ **Activities Embarked Upon During the Period in Question**

○ **Maintaining of PCU connectedness**

Connectedness among PCU Local Churches / Sessions, Presbyteries, and General Assembly has been maintained through the routine communication and sometimes on ground visitations to these various levels of our church administrative structures by the Secretariat Office Coordinator.

○ **Developing and Upholding of Partnerships**

The secretariat office has sought partnerships, and brokered collaborative agreements and initiatives between the PCU and some working partners. The PCU is maintaining corroboration with the Presbyterian Church in America working under its agency, Mission to the World (PCA/MTW), the Reformed Church of the Netherlands Liberated working with us through Utrecht Mission and Deverre Naasten (UM/DVN), the World Reformed Fellowship (WRF), Trinity Center for World Missions (TCWM), Africa Christian Training Institute (ACTI), International Conference of Reformed Churches (ICRC), Presbyterian Church of Australia (PCA), Orthodox Presbyterian Church (OPC), Community Evangelical Church of Africa (CECA), Africa Evangelical Presbyterian Church (AEPC), Reformed Church of East Africa (RCEA), United Reformed Church of Congo (URCC), and Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Central Africa (EPCCA).

- **Designing and Promoting Funding Proposals**  
Attempts have been made to design and promote funding proposals to mobilize resources for the implementation of the five year PCU strategic initiatives which have included theological training of church leaders, church planting work, youths and women empowerment at all levels, capacity building among college tutors, and curriculum development for teacher training and vocational studies at Westminster Christian Institute Uganda.
- **Seeking of Diverse Revenue Sources and Report Writing**  
The secretariat office continue to innovatively seek for various sources of revenues to fund PCU's activities and endeavor to write both activity and financial reports to our ministry partners that conform to best practices.
- **Meetings by Administrative and Finance committee.**  
The members of PCU/GA admin and finance standing committee have consistently sacrificed their time, and resources to regularly come and attend every single meeting that has been administrative in nature. We would therefore wish as secretariat office staffs to register our deep appreciation to this entire team for the relentless commitment its members have demonstrated towards the service of Christ's church but above all to our Lord Jesus Christ (Col3:23-24).
- ✓ **Registered Achievements:**
  - **Coherence within the PCU.**  
Apart from a few exceptions, the five PCU presbyteries have generally continued to demonstrate a sense of coherence organized around the PCU central nerve which is the secretariat office since our last General Assembly. Members have been keen in showing a spirit of unity demonstrating collective efforts as they have responded with a spirit of love and care towards the challenges that have in the past risen in our midst e.g. the collective support the secretariat office has received from a cross section of PCU churches that has helped in making a humble but steady development of the basic secretariat office structure.
  - **Additional PCU Board Members**  
The resolution that was passed in the last General Assembly to have representative members from the Presbyteries of PCU was implemented. We wish to inform you that presbyteries proposed names which were vetted and passed by the joint meeting of the PCU/GA standing committees and PCU Presbytery clerks. The appointed members were Elder Paul Bukenya for Central Presbytery, Elder Moses Kabushai for Kapchorwa Presbytery, Elder Rashid Luswa for Kampala Presbytery and Elder Gideon Byamaka for Semuliki Presbytery. Gulu Presbytery being still provisional will in due course propose its representative when it becomes a fully fledged presbytery. We congratulate all those who were appointed, vetted and now are being presented before this broader court for official endorsement.
  - **Representation of the PCU in International Conferences/**  
Six members of the PCU have been commissioned during these last three years to represent the denomination in four different forums: two travelled to the Netherlands in 2013, another two returned in the Netherlands in 2014, three were sent to Cambodia, and two others represented the PCU this month July 2016 at a conference which was held in Yaoundé Cameroon.

- **National PCU Conferences**

A joint conference of all pastors in the five PCU presbyteries was held and it focused on the necessity of the PCU leaders understanding the obligations we collectively have towards the government; the responsibility to engage in local resource mobilization which enhances local ownership of the denomination's vision and mission; and the stakeholders that influences the PCU's activities knowing that PCU survives by meeting and maintaining their interests and expectations. In a nutshell, PCU was challenged to exhibit professionalism in the way she does her work and to make use of best practices adopted by other organizations in her operations. PCU is strategically placed and therefore should exhibit relevancy by harnessing her existing potential and utilize it in a constructive manner. The directors were challenged to give the needed direction so as to enable others to follow closely, while the PCU/GA standing committees were called upon to do follow up work on the various resolutions passed during PCU/GA meetings and make sure they are practically implemented.

Furthermore, in April 2015 the secretariat office organized a retreat whose purpose was to orient the PCU/GA standing committee and PCU Presbytery clerks on their key duties and responsibilities. Within this same period, the secretariat office visited the Orthodox Presbyterian Churches in Uganda (OPCU) around Mbale area in eastern Uganda to discuss on a possible merger with the PCU (PCU/BCO 14.6). Since then, both the PCU/GA standing committees and WCIU have been in discussion with OPCU for this merger.

- **Small Project's Developments**

Through the secretariat office, financial support has been extended to some of the PCU churches in Central, Kampala, and Semuliki presbyteries to start or enhance some small projects.

- **Developments By Trinity Center for World Missions (TCWM)**

Working in close association with the PCU, Trinity Center for World Missions (TCWM) has started Trinity Biblical Institute training centers in Kapchorwa – Uganda; Gulu – Uganda; Juba – South Sudan; and Endebase - Kenya, and further anticipates beginning more six centers around the great lakes region (**Uganda, Kenya, Tanzania, Rwanda, Burundi, and the DRC**) as well as in **Ethiopia**.

- **Recognition of the PCU by the Reformed Church of the Netherlands Liberated**

In December 2014, PCU received an official recognition of a sister church relation with the Reformed Churches in the Netherlands Liberated (RCN/L). This was done with a view of learning from each other, and supporting each other as the two denominations together praise the Name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ; joining hands in the promotion of his kingdom around the world. In 2015, PCU was recommended for membership within the International Conference of Reformed Churches (ICRC) by three Reformed Churches: the Reformed Church of the Netherland Liberated (RCN/L), the United Reformed Church of Congo (URCC), and Africa Evangelical Presbyterian Church (AEPC) in Kenya which are already member churches in this reformed ecumenical movement.

PCU was tasked to organize this year's ICRC Africa Region Conference which is due next week August 02<sup>nd</sup>-August 04<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at Westminster Christian Institute Uganda campus in Bweya Wakiso District.

Right now the PCU is engaged in preliminary discussions with the Presbyterian Church of Australia (PCA) exploring for possible working partnership in the gospel ministry together with this part of Christ's Body. Through the diaconal department of the Presbyterian Church of Australia, PCU Nangunga with its surrounding community was assisted to receive clean piped water. The church has also helped Pres-Aid to secured 10 acres of land, at Ssekamuli Wobulenzi 48Kms from Kampala for the establishment a Presbyterian Children's Village (For Details contact Fredrick Sseruyange, V.P Child-Care, Plot 892 Kisenyi Road-Kampala. P.O.BOX 20187 Kampala, Uganda. Tel +256414 663 111 Cellular +256776 807 094, Email: [Child-Care@PresAIDUganda.org](mailto:Child-Care@PresAIDUganda.org), [www.PresAIDUganda.org](http://www.PresAIDUganda.org))

- **Securing of Secretariat Office**

In Dec 2014, RCN/L through its agencies the Utrecht Mission and Deverre-Naasten (UM/DVN) assisted the PCU to secure a piece of land measuring 42 decimals in Bweya Area Wakiso District to establish the PCU Secretariat office. At present, construction of a basic structure for the secretariat office space is under way and your continued support towards its completion is highly appreciated. Our intention is to have the Secretariat Office running all its office activities at the new site before the end of this year.

- **Request for Working Partnership with the PCU**

The Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Central Africa (EPCCA) / United Presbyterian Churches in Congo (UPCC) and Community Evangelical Church of Africa (CECA) are both seeking for close working partnership with PCU. In July 2015, a delegation was sent by the secretariat office to Goma DRC to meet with officials of EPCCA, now UPCC and reflect on possible areas of corporation.

On the other hand, both the coordinator and youth department have had close engagement with the leadership of CECA for close corporation in the work of ministry. Some of CECA members have had their ministry training at Westminster Christian Institute Uganda. Both UPCC and CECA have sent representative delegates to this year's PCU/GA.

- **Memorandum of understanding with Presbyterian Church in America (PCA)**

The PCA through her agency MTW is currently working on a memorandum of understanding to be signed with the PCU as a way of streamlining the working relationship between the PCU and Mission to the World (MTW) which is the PCA's global mission agency. It is our hope that the document will be finalized soon and become operational in regulating the activities of both entities.

- **Timothy Leadership Training Institute (TLTI) Program**

Deverre naasten (DVN) working closely together with Timothy Leadership Training Institute (TLTI) piloted this training program in 2014 with PCU women and youth groups and offered it again more recently this year. The program is of great benefit to the PCU in its most urgent need of capacity building. Another major training program of DVN is an International Course to which PCU has had the privilege of sending participants to attend since 1999. From 2015 – 2017, the theme of this International Courses is 'Living in God's Kingdom: called to joy and suffering'.

- **Audited financial report for the secretariat office.**

We are glad to inform you that the PCU secretariat office books of accounts for its office operations for the financial years 2013 and 2015 were reviewed by the external auditors who concluded that proper books of accounts had been kept and that the financial statements which were in agreement therewith, gave a true and fair view of the state of the organization at the closing of the respective financial periods (See attached copies of these audited reports).

✓ **Encountered Challenges:**

○ **Sustainability of Ministers**

From the various travels made by the coordinator around the PCU fraternity, it has been observed that many of the PCU full time ministers are struggling with the issue of both sustaining the ministries God has called them to oversee and to have both ends meet in regard to their families. This trend is causing many would be future leaders within the PCU not to desire to take on the full time pastoral ministry with all its inevitable risks in terms of ministers support and sustainability.

○ **Lack of a good strategic planner.**

The strategic planner is an instrumental person in providing strategies for the current and future growth of the Presbyterian Church in Uganda. This is a technical position that calls not only for skilled and well trained personnel, but also for someone who possesses a passionate desire to promote the PCU's vision and mission for the glory of God.

○ **Constrained Operating Budget of the PCU Secretariat Office.**

The PCU Presbyteries have continued to lack financial support from their respective local churches which has resulted in no support being extended to the General Assembly secretariat office for running its day to day activities. Such lack of commitment in supporting and sustaining the PCU structures pose a risk of leaving much work undone and hence the continued lack of progress on many of the planned activities by these administrative structures of the PCU.

○ **Inactive PCU/ GA Standing Committee Members.**

Many of the people who were appointed by the GA as PCU standing committee members turned out to be none performers as the majority lacked the will and time to devote to their committees' assignments and responsibilities. This scenario has resulted into significant work being left pending, hence the scanty realization of the stated PCU strategic goals.

○ **Development of the Secretariat Office**

The secretariat office has been housed in the premises of Zana Community Presbyterian Church for six years now since its inception in 2010, which gesture we shall forever be grateful to the Lord. Our desire however, was to move to the newly purchased PCU Secretariat Office site in Bweya by July 01<sup>st</sup>, 2016 as per the agreement we signed with our partners. This deadline was not met by the PCU, something that would have made us pay dearly for our slackness. Nevertheless, the secretariat office appealed to the partner for another period of grace which was kindly granted but expires on December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016.

○ **Lack of Transparency among the PCU Fraternity.**

The secretariat office data base is lacking in many ways for a simple reason that PCU presbyteries have not provided us with clear and regular reports both activity and financial on their ongoing activities. This has posed a big challenge to us more especially when it comes to PCU being demanded to meet its tax obligations to the government. In



order to regularly submit the PCU returns to URA, the secretariat office would like each year to receive financial reports from each one of the five or now six PCU presbyteries.

○ **Laxity in Enforcing Church Discipline**

In some PCU presbyteries, there has been laxity in enforcing church discipline upon ministers of the word and elders whose ethical values have been seriously compromised. This has resulted into unnecessary confusion within these presbyteries simply because these ministers have become adamant refusing to comply with the resolutions of our PCU administrative courts but have rather continued to serve on PCU pulpits with impunity.

✓ **Recommendations:**

- Develop a resource mobilization mechanism for generating funds from PCU local churches and elsewhere in order to build a resource base that would help support the full time ministers (Pastors) at the Presbytery levels for their effective church service as well as assure them of all the accompanying benefits (Housing, Medical, Transport, Social Security Fund, and Retirement).
- Members of the PCU fraternity assist in soliciting for a strategic planner who possesses a passion and desire to promote the PCU's vision and mission to the glory of God so that he or she can help provide the PCU with current and future development strategies of the denomination.
- Pursue formal working partnership with the two denominations i.e. CECA and EPCCA/UPCC which have expressed a desire to partner with the PCU in the work of ministry.
- All PCU local and regional courts (Sessions and Presbyteries) to take it as an obligation to pay **10%** of all their monthly earnings (**from tithes, offerings, first fruits, free will offerings, schools & other projects incomes, gifts & donations etc**) to their respective Presbytery Accounts, which would in turn advance **10%** of what they obtain to the General Assembly Account. We wish at this point to request our partners in the gospel ministry to assist the various levels of the PCU structures i.e. Sessions, Presbyteries, and General Assembly to work towards building a sustainable resource base that would sufficiently cater for both current and future qualified personnel involved in the day to day administrative work of the PCU.
- Both the PCU church leaders and members of local congregations to become responsible stewards of the resources God has entrusted them (1Chron29:11-17) to enable the PCU become a three self church i.e. self sustained, self propagated, and self governed.
- While the General Assembly is electing PCU standing committees members, peoples' skills and giftedness, commitment to servant leadership, faithfulness, availability, and readiness to sacrifice for the purpose of fulfilling the tasks laid before them should seriously be taken into account. This will greatly help avoid all the unnecessary bottlenecks that creep in after such appointments are made and frustrate effectiveness in the performance of these committees. The appointed members must also be oriented to their new fields of service so that they get to know what is expected of them. Intentional discipleship, coaching, and mentoring with hands on tasks must be extended to all appointed committee members.
- All PCU stakeholder to be committed to raising the required funds for the remaining work that needs to be done on the basic structure of the PCU secretariat office so that the Secretariat office get moved to the new site before December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016 – the granted period of grace by our partners.

- All local churches make it a point to regularly submit their activity and financial reports to their respective presbyteries, which should in turn submit their consolidated reports to the General Assembly secretariat office to enable it process the general PCU annual report, and returns both to the NGO office and Uganda Revenue Authority (URA) respectively. Please, note that PCU will not be spared the long arm of the government if she fails to meet her obligations to the government (Rom13:8).
- Presbyteries must do a good job in testing and assessing men aspiring to become church ministers and make sure that they have good ethical values, are biblically qualified, and well trained before they are officially placed into leadership roles as required by the PCU/BCO 8.1 - 8.3 and 21.1 - 21.3. This will help avoid the jeopardy unqualified men have from time to time brought to Lord's work of ministry within the PCU in the years gone-by.
- The PCU/GA should call to order all the in-disciplined church ministers who have continued to fill the PCU pulpits even after they have been put under discipline by their respective presbyteries.
- Clear policy manuals and control measures should be developed to regulate the different church activities at all levels (Session, Presbyteries, and General Assembly), and to require serious compliance by all parties who are involved in PCU church administrative work.

✓ **Appreciations:**

- Special thanks go back to our Lord Jesus Christ who has empowered and qualified each one of us by His Holy Spirit to participate in the gospel ministry for the last three years.
- We wish to thank you all for the diligence and earnestness you have shown to make this General Assembly a success. In the history the PCU's existence for the last 36years, this has been in our estimation the first time when a PCU/GA has been exclusively organized by the PCU fraternity without leaning on contribution from partners or external funding. Thank you very much, and please keep up with the spirit because this is a clear sign of spiritual health indicating a gradual recovery of the PCU from the (DS) dependency syndrome virus.
- Many thanks go to Reformed Church of the Netherlands Liberated (RCN/L) through her mission agencies UM/DVN for all the support she has rendered to the PCU in realizing some of her strategic initiatives.
- We also thank the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA) through her Mission Agency (Mission to the World - MTW) for all the support she has rendered the PCU in the area of leadership development and other Christian work of ministry.
- Our gratitude also goes to Trinity Center for World Mission (TCWM) for its relentless love and commitment in nurturing the bride of Christ in Uganda despite the many challenges it has encountered.
- Thanks to our partners from Community Bible Churches whose contribution to PCU work of ministry has also been invaluable.
- All the staff of the secretariat office as well as the PCU/GA committee members on administration your wonderful commitment to the service of the Lord during this three year period has been incredible and is greatly appreciated.
- Last but not is our thanks to the Government of Uganda for the present reigning peace by which the PCU and wider body of Christ have been able to engage in the gospel ministry without any hindrance.
- My official term of office as PCU Coordinator expires at the end of this General Assembly, I would therefore wish to thank all the comrades at the PCU secretariat office with whom we have struggled through the thick and thin in taking forward the

coordination work of the PCU fraternity for all the good corporation, support and mutual encouragement we have shared during my term of service with you. Many thanks also to all of you, PCU fellow ministers, all my brothers and sisters in the five PCU Presbyteries i.e. Central, Gulu, Kampala, Semuliki, and Kapchorwa for the love and cordial working relationship we have shared together for the glory of God during my term of office.

✓ **Conclusion**

Christ promises to build his Church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it (Matt16:18). With this great promise the PCU is certain and well assured that the body of Christ will continue to grow in Uganda, Africa, and the world over. As stated in our five year strategic plan, PCU desires to continue growing in vital worship, engaging in assertive evangelism, and eradicating poverty by improving the quality of life among God's people in Uganda and beyond. All these tasks can only be accomplished by the aiding power of the Almighty God through our Lord Jesus Christ who is our Head and unto whom we look to lead and guide us his body to fulfill the tasks that we believe He has called us to do.

**Soli Deo Gloria**

**Elder Fred Kabenge**  
**Coordinator of PCU Secretariat Office**

**Pr. James Yiga**  
**Chairman Administration and Finance**

**Elder Smith Tibamwenda moved a motion that the report be adopted as presented by the coordinator elder Fred Kabenge. He was seconded by Pr. Bob Gad Kalyowa and motion carried.**

• **Women and Children Department -10mins.**

Presbyterian Church in Uganda Women and Children's Ministry Project Report 2014/2015

PCU women and children department was started in 2012 aimed at making disciples of the women within the PCU who know Christ personally, whose lives have been impacted by the gospel of Grace as well as helping them understand their positions and potential in Christ.

Until May 2012, the Presbyterian Church in Uganda (PCU) had no denominational women and children's ministry. All that existed were session women and children's ministries managed by the local churches. The PCU began the Department for Women and Children at the secretariat level; with the aim of coordinating the different Women and Children's ministries to achieve the following objectives:

- ▶ To disciple women and children in the whole denomination for God's glory.
- ▶ To help women within the PCU to know Christ personally, have their whole lives impacted by the gospel of grace and to understand their positions and potential in Christ. Ephesians 4:12-13, Colossians 1:28
- ▶ To establish strong Godly relationships among Presbyterian churches.
- ▶ To work towards the improvement of women's standard of living.
- ▶ To build a formal organizational structure for the women and children's workers in the denomination, through which we can work, minister and serve better.

The PCU Women and Children's Department is a section within the PCU denomination supervised and accountable to the Coordinator and the Administrative Committee of the PCU.

The department is headed by Ms. Cate Nattabi; a post graduate diploma candidate in pedagogy, a graduate in Theological Education from Westminster Theological College, a professional teacher, holding a Diploma in Education from Kyambogo University.

### **Women's Ministry**

To achieve the above objectives the Women's ministry focused on four key areas; Discipleship, Relationships, Standard of Living and Organizational structure. In order to achieve the above objectives we planned the following activities;

- ▶ Organizational structure
  - Annual vision casting and planning meeting;
  - Monthly monitoring of five leadership teams by head of department through telephone/ emails;
  - Organize and conduct trainings in each presbytery.
- ▶ Improved standard of living
  - Three week trainings;
  - Evaluate whether there is readiness to start personal or group projects'
  - Help them identify and mobilize funds within and without for starting personal or group projects.
- ▶ Well trained and equipped Sunday school teachers and women's leaders.
  - Organize and conduct trainings in each presbytery per year.
  - Annual conferences for women leaders and children's workers
  - Monthly monitoring of five presbytery leaders through the presbytery representatives by the head of department
- ▶ Discipleship
  - Mentoring, equipping and evaluating regional leadership.
  - Annual conferences for women's leaders and children's workers.
  - Encourage and send five women to Westminster Christian Institute Uganda for Theological studies.
  - Look for and develop culturally relevant curriculum for both women and children.

### ❖ **Organizational structure**

In the first year of our ministry this objective took the prime position. In 2013 we elected the three leaders from every presbytery and the following years 2014 and 2015 we embarked on developing, equipping and training the leaders to strengthen the leadership structure. We agreed that we would meet annually with the presbytery leadership team to cast vision, plan and equip ourselves as leaders. Though we had planned for just one retreat, we ended up meeting twice every year since 2013 because we needed to stay connected and track progress.

Because of our meetings the PCU women leadership team got to understand their responsibilities, one of which was to duplicate the structure at the presbytery. Together with the head of department

the PCU women leadership team embarked on developing the presbytery leadership team with the intention of ministering better to women in our churches.

Currently we have working structures in most of the presbyteries. These structures are continuously being strengthened through regular leaders meetings, trainings for the leaders, involvement of the leaders in other ministry opportunities for exposure and practice, support from church and presbytery leaders among others.

There are however a few challenges with the structure in Kapchorwa and Bundibugyo due to issues relating to culture and attitude. The women's leadership team has planned to make deliberate efforts to support, encourage and strengthen the women leaders in Kapchorwa and Semiliki presbyteries.

#### ❖ **Discipleship**

The PCU women and children's Department has endeavored to empower women spiritually to enable them be mature disciples who are able to disciple others. This has been done through regular engagements with the women's leaders who are also inspired and commissioned to disciple women at the local churches within their presbyteries. The following activities have been carried out to this effect; Women leaders' retreats which targeted three women leaders from every presbytery and in the period 2014-2015 we had four (4) retreats. We have also had trainings, seminars and conferences in all our presbyteries more so those who were corporative in organizing and mobilizing people and the needed resources. Some of the topics addressed included; who we are in Christ, leadership, roles of women and others.

#### ❖ **Relationships**

Our activities in the past three years have done a lot in building relationship among PCU women. Women from different presbyteries now know and interact with each other. Through this ministry we have encouraged, inspired, appreciated and shared experiences with one another and this has created a bond of unity and love among us. Through our activities PCU Women and Children's Department got the opportunity to influence the mindset of the men in the denomination towards loving, valuing and supporting women. This improved the relationship between men and women. In the past men used to be skeptical about the department's intentions but now the environment has changed in such a way that our intentions are understood and given support.

On different occasions we have also been involved in activities with other denominations and organizations which helped in creating and improving the relationships and PCU image from which we have benefited; for example our relationships with Rafiki has helped train four (4) young women and two (2) young men in child development now teaching in our schools in Kapchorwa, Mukono and Bundibugyo. One (1) young woman trained in Crafts, now operates a personal business and is ready to be instrumental in training our women. We have developed relationship with Kids at heart who have trained twelve (12) of our Sunday school teachers and also availed us with some of their training materials; we have relations with Transforming Nations Alliance (TNA) whom we can reach in time of need and many other important people who can be instrumental in our ministry.

#### ❖ **Standard of Living**

The department has also done activities aiming at improving the women's standard of living. This has been done by identifying organizations and trainers who can train in microfinance for example Global Torch Company has done trainings in Kapchorwa and Central presbytery where women were taught how to budget and plan and manage a business. Living Business Education who trained our women and boda boda men on how to start and manage business. Transforming Nations Alliance also encouraged women not only to be mindful of spiritual life but to look at life holistically. This training focused on creating seed projects, less costly community projects that can impact communities for Christ.

The department has also provided skills to women that have enabled them to get jobs or start their personal business. For example Hope who trained through the department at Rafiki now operates her business in her auntie's house, all our students who trained in child development are now involved in schools, for instance Evas is the head teacher of Seeta Nazigo Christian school. The trainings inspired women groups to write business plans, start savings groups and start group and individual projects.

The PCU Women and Children Department by coordinating with their partners (MTW) has supported 4 women at Westminster Christian Institute for theological studies, 3 enrolled last year and 1 completed now awaiting graduation in May 2016.

The PCU Women and Children Department also continued to follow up and encourage women to keep managing the projects it found in existence despite all the challenges they face. These projects include; Piggery project at Grace Presbyterian church Awaranga in Gulu Presbytery, Tent project at Mengo Presbyterian church in Kampala Presbytery, Maize Mill project at Branch Presbyterian church in Kapchorwa presbytery and the Bridal services project at Bundibugyo Community Presbyterian church in Semiliki presbytery.

The PCU Women and Children Department is also laying strategies on how to strengthen these projects and create more projects for women. The PCU Women and Children Department acquired land on Mityana Road which will be used for projects intended to improve the lives of the women of the PCU at all levels.

The 2 day leadership summit held at Imperial Royal Hotel in Kampala on 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> November aimed at strengthening leaders to get the best out of those they lead. The 3 leaders; Ms. Cate Nattabi, Ms. Carolyn Phillips and Mrs. Sarah Ochola from the PCU among over 2000 other participants from across Uganda had their leadership skills enriched. Now the leadership makes deliberate efforts to get feedback, empower others to lead, discover and utilize their potentials.

## **Children's Ministry**

### **Mission:**

Presbyterian Church in Uganda (PCU) Children Ministry was started in 2012 with the aim of making disciples of children, helping them grow in wisdom, stature, in favor with God and with man. (Luke 2:52)

### **Vision:**

For God's glory, the PCU Children's Ministry desires to help children grow in wisdom, stature, in favor with God and with man. (Luke 2:52)

The Children's ministry has laid emphasis on equipping children's workers who will help children in the PCU presbyteries and local churches to grow in wisdom, stature, in favor with God and with man for the glory of our God (Luke 2:52).

### **Focus areas:**

The strategic plan for the children's ministry highlights; Intellectual, Physical, Spiritual and Relational growth of children, Empowerment of Children's teachers and leaders, Curriculum development as well as creation and strengthening of the Organizational structure.

### **Foundational Principles:**

- ▶ Base all activities for children on Scripture and ensure they are gospel-driven and Christ-centered.
- ▶ Encourage children to know God, not just know about God.
- ▶ Pray constantly for children for the Spirit of God to indwell their lives and develop Christian character.

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*Jud 1:3 Contend for the faith that was once and for all delivered to the saints.*



- ▶ Acknowledge that children are fearfully and wonderfully made and treat them with respect as fellow image-bearers.
- ▶ Recognize that children are the future leaders in our homes, churches and communities so teach and nurture them towards that end.
- ▶ Teach biblical truth in simple language.
- ▶ Acknowledge that the family is the primary context and means for nurturing children and the church is responsible for equipping the family to do this.

### **Intellectual**

The PCU Women and Children Department developed bible based, contextual curriculum for all ages and circumstances (urban and village) and disseminated them to all representatives of children's teachers in the local churches of the PCU. The department has also encouraged the children's leaders to teach children the biblical way of solving problems and identify good resources for the children to read.

The department has not only been concerned about the spiritual intellect but also has tried its level best to see that PCU children get better education, the department through its partnership with TBI and Rafiki trained six teachers in early childhood and also carried out a teachers' workshop at Branch for the untrained teachers to enable them teach children better.

### **Physical**

The PCU Women and Children Department equipped children's teachers to teach children also the issues of physical health, including HIV/AIDS education, eating habits, taking care of themselves. It has also liaised with the Mercy/diaconal Committee to identify children's physical needs and see how they can be helped.

Sunday school teachers' representatives of Central and Kampala presbyteries and twelve that have been attending Kids at heart trainings were trained in early childhood development and how to help children learn. This training has enabled the Sunday school teachers to effectively teach children and also give attention to their physical development.

### **Spiritual**

The PCU Women and Children Department has endeavored to disciple children so that they become mature Disciples of Christ, strong in Christian character through the Sunday school teachers;

- ▶ Leading children toward worship both personally and corporately,
- ▶ Equipping children to evangelize and disciple,
- ▶ Equipping children with discipleship tools,
- ▶ Providing opportunities for them to love one another,
- ▶ Providing deep, God-centered learning opportunities,
- ▶ Teaching children to understand who they are in Christ, about:
  - God's love, that we are sinners, that God made the way for our sins to be forgiven, and that they must receive Christ as their Savior from sin,
  - God and what it means to have a relationship with Him,
  - The means of grace that help children grow in knowledge of God (Prayer, Bible Study, Sacraments, Fellowship, etc.) to pray and encourage them to pray always.

Children are now vibrant in the local churches; they participate in reading of sermons, bible studies, and leading songs in the worship services among other activities.

The PCU Women and Children Department has trained children's leaders on how to help children grow spiritually in partnership with Kids at Heart in topics like Spiritual formation for children, asking good questions for critical thinking, Telling Bible stories among others.

Through partnership with TBI, the PCU Women and Children Department also held talks on; value of children (Biblical view), the importance of children's ministry and taught skills of preparing for and teaching children. This was done to pastors, ministers and church members from the churches in and around Kapchorwa and Gulu. This helped us to sensitize leaders about the value of children's ministry in the churches.

*Let the little Children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.  
Mark 10:14*

We didn't only carry out women discipleship activities but for the past two years we have tried our level best to empower Sunday school teachers to enable them be mature Christian who can disciple children. This was done through engaging Sunday school leadership team who were inspired, equipped and commissioned to disciple and inspire Sunday school teachers so as to disciple children in their local churches. This was done through the children leaders' retreat targeting two (2) Sunday school leaders from every presbytery. We have also had conferences and trainings. We had a general Sunday school teachers' conference in August 2014, trainings in Kampala, Bundibugyo, Gulu, Kapchorwa and Central. And on several occasions we have sent our members to attend Kids at heart trainings which have improved the way we teach our children in our Sunday schools.

### **Relational**

The PCU Women and Children Department has empowered children's teachers to teach children their roles and responsibilities in all spheres of life, Encourage healthy relationships between the teachers and the children and between the children themselves, supported other children's events like parties and celebrations.

The department has also developed relationships with other ministries that are involved with children life Kids at heart and Rafiki Foundation.

### **Children Teachers and Leaders**

The PCU Women and Children Department trained children's leaders how best they can teach children in a way which will help them develop their personal relationships with God, Equipped teachers with the proper tools for teaching and training children, empowered and encouraged them to listen to children so that they may feel heard and loved. This was done through training opportunities in PCU general conference in 2014, with Kids at Heart, Rafiki Early Childhood Development Center, Timothy Leadership Training and other trainings organized by the PCU.

### **Curriculum Development**

The PCU Women and Children Department continued to disseminate the designed curriculum and train Sunday school teachers on how to use it, to develop their own curricula and how to prepare and teach lessons to children.

The designed curriculum has ten lessons that summarize the gospel adapted from "Desiring God". These lessons are; God the Creator, God created people for His Glory, God is holy and righteous, Man is sinful, God punishes sin, God is merciful, the righteous son of God-Jesus, Jesus paid for our sins, Salvation a free gift and Life in Jesus, the children's catechism was also included.

## Organizational Structure

The PCU Women and Children Department developed a leadership structure for the children's ministry consisting of the Head of Department at the secretariat serving 2 presbytery leaders for each of the 5 presbyteries serving the Sunday school teachers in each of the presbytery and helping them to be equipped to serve the children.

The Department continued to cast vision to children's workers about the biblical mandate for children's ministry, which will help them pray and give to the ministry. This was done in two retreats one in 2014 and another in 2015.

However the challenge has been man power; it has been a great challenge for the head of department to balance women and children's activities. It is our prayer that God will avail resources for the department to employ another fulltime helper to help both departments grow. However it is our plan to do our best to have two leadership retreats and continue equipping and strengthening the Children's leadership structure.

## Challenges

- ▶ The department having one full time work has been one of the biggest challenge; it has been hard for the head of department to balance both women and children' activities alone.
- ▶ Too much dependence on the Department by some of the churches; expecting the department to fund all children's and women's activities which resources are not available.
- ▶ The distance between churches that form presbyteries is just too much making it impossible for the presbytery leaders to minister to those far away and for them to attend meetings regularly.
- ▶ Weather is also another challenge that we face, for example during rainy season some places cannot be visited due to the bad conditions of the roads but also women and children's workers in the rural setting are busy farming and so not available for ministry engagement.
- ▶ The level of education also affects our ministry— many women and Sunday school teachers are illiterate, there are those who can read but not understand and there are those who cannot even read. Many cannot fully communicate in English.
- ▶ Lack of basic theological education-women leaders and Sunday school teachers lack theological education that affects their performance
- ▶ Lack of Bibles in local languages in some areas limits women and Sunday school teachers from fully grasping the flavor of God's word. Many use English Bibles which they don't understand completely. Other groups use Bibles in languages that are related to theirs— for example the Bagwisi of Bundibugyo use Lutooro Bibles.
- ▶ Poor time management is also a big setback, quite often when meetings are called; participants tend to be three hours and beyond late.

## Lessons Learnt:

During the implementation of this project the following were the key lessons learnt that will inform the future engagements;

- ▶ Women and children's workers cannot work in isolation; there is need to learn from and share experiences with other women and children's workers from other churches/denominations. Much as caution has to be taken as regards doctrine and biblical soundness, the only way to influence and transform others is to open up.
- ▶ It is important to lobby the support of the men to support women's and children's ministries for effectiveness and fruitfulness.

- ▶ Leadership development and team building is very necessary for successful and sustainable women and children's ministry.

### Acknowledgements

The Department acknowledges and gives credit the following;

- ▶ The DVN for being very instrumental in financing the department activities.
- ▶ Mission To the World (MTW) through their agent Miss Carolyn Phillips and Nancy Williams for laboring and supporting this ministry
- ▶ The Coordinator Presbyterian Church in Uganda together with the Administration Committee for the encouragement and support they have given to the department.
- ▶ The pastors, elders and male leadership of the different local churches for cooperating, being very instrumental in mobilizing and financing their women and Sunday school teachers to attend different meetings and trainings.
- ▶ Trinity Biblical Institute (TBI) through Pastor Peter Anderson for the opportunities to speak for the women and children in Kapchorwa and Gulu.
- ▶ The women leaders and children's workers for always giving in time to attend meetings and trainings.

**Ms. Cate Nattabi- Head of Department  
PCU Women and Children's Department**

**David Kabaale moved a motion that the presented report by Cate Nattabi be adopted as it is and he was seconded by Alfred from Gulu and carried**

- **Youth Department – 10mins**  
**Reporting Period: January 2014 to December 2016**  
**Project Title:** Equip the youth, Secure the Future

**Project Goal:** To develop and nurture leaders among the youth who are able to initiate and motivate others to participate in all church and community activities; good stewards of God given resources and peace makers in the Church, families and communities

**Reporting Period** : January 2014 - December 2015  
Supported by: DVN/ UM and Presbyterian Church in Uganda

On behalf of the youth ministry, it is with great pleasure to present to you our youth Report from 2014-2016. I wish to thank God for His grace and love, and for allowing us be part of the team that would fulfill His Mission on earth as described in Luke 4;1;8" **...to preach Good News to the poor... to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed.."**

This report shows that the youth ministry is building on its achievements and it's learning over the past period to make significant contribution to the numerous efforts. The report further highlights the fact that youth ministry is beginning to look carefully at how to increase efficiency and increase the cost effectiveness of institutional approaches- in order to respond to the tightening of the available resources globally.

Another less tangible but equally important way in which efficiencies were created was through partnerships-where each partner plays a complimentary role in the process of achieving results.

In my Capacity as the Programs Coordinator I would like to appreciate the contribution and support of

the **Administration committee, deacon's office, Government** and Donors which have been crucial actors on the team.

Let me also add that such fortitude, courage and determination, has not been earned easily, but has come as a result of hard work, resilience, strategic engagements, enabling environment and above all, the Grace of God.

Lastly, I want to reorganize the relentless effort of the **entire Secretariat**, together we have made and will still make history that PCU can make real transformation.

### **Executive Summary**

During these years, we contributed to critical spiritual/social sector services which if not addressed, would affect the efforts of ensuring a peaceful, united and prosperous community amongst the young people. Efforts concentrated on **Preaching the Gospel of the Lord, discipleship of leaders, promoting Health, Education especially to the young and Vulnerable Youth, Poverty Reduction and ensuring a holistic human development through collaboration with other stakeholders, advocacy and empowering community members to deliver services for the common good.**

This report highlights the achievements, challenges and best practices under the thematic areas of **Evangelism, Economic Empowerment, Training in Leadership skills, Education, Poverty Reduction and HIV prevention.** The report also presents the progress registered in all activities that have been implemented, approaches and strategies included capacity building of PCU youths, partnerships, networking, integration, use of PCU Church Leaders' structures and infrastructures to deliver services that are holistic and culturally constant with those that we serve.

### **Strategies and Approaches used during Implementation included;**

**Participatory Approach:** Here we encouraged the grass root beneficiaries (young people) in the implementation areas to participate right from designing and actual implementation of the activities. We made use of Local sessions and PCU Church Youth Leaders in mobilizing the different communities.

**Capacity Building for Behavior Change;** This was done in areas of Community Mobilization, Communication Skills and HIV/AIDS mitigation

**Networking;** There was networking with the other stakeholders within and outside the different areas of operation so that youth members and other community beneficiaries access services that are not available in their communities and those that are not provided by PCU like Health services

**Guidance, Counseling and Referral** was done to also incorporate HCT in all future activities. The young people and those that are engaged were sensitized during the different sessions on the benefits of HCT as well as the sites where the services can be accessed.

### **Program Achievements**

#### ✓ **Missions and Evangelism.**

Evangelism and Community Outreaches were conducted in most of our Churches and other denominations of Uganda. Six outreaches / evangeism were conducted in Mutungo, Nakitokolo,

Nkumba, Nkombwe, Mbale, Bukunja, Moyo and **309** young people from the different communities gave their lives to Jesus Christ, **84** of these were later followed up by the evangelism team to strengthen their spirituality.

✓ **Youth camps/ National conferences.**

**Participants, topics covered and other activities.**

During these years, three camps / national conferences were held. One at Westminster the other at Bethel Covenant College and last one was in Kapchorwa. Last year in our National camp, One hundred and sixty (160), 71 girls and 89 boys youths in total came from Presbyterian and other denominations and attended the camp and 22% of the total expenditure was contribution by the participants. The camp's teachings revolved on a theme: Do nothing out of selfish ambitions Philippians 2:2-4. Eight (8) facilitators were invited to teach on different sub-themes but under the same major theme. Also, four (4) youth's councilors were invited to meet with different groups and talk about subjects like womanhood and manhood, dating with purity, and skills in starting a small business.

The campers were organized into four groups through which every activity was addressed. Other activities undertaken included football, volleyball competitions, swimming competition, bible quiz competition, Scrabble, Draft and Ludo competition, special songs, fun-night and bull roasting. Gifts were awarded to the best person in bible quiz, cleanest camper, best camper, best group in sports and games, tent leaders, leaders of the best sending churches and the best bible reader.

✓ **HIV Prevention Activities**

• **Integration of HIV Prevention into PCU Youth Activities:**

HIV prevention education and counseling was integrated into the various PCU youth based structures and events that included evangelism groups, bodaboda stages, fellowship groups and others with message focusing on delayed sex debut, secondary abstinence and mechanisms to adopt safer sex behavior and practices. The quote that we used was Ephesians 5:15- 25, ***'so be careful on how you live not as fools but those who are wise, make the most opportunity for doing well in these evil days, do not act thoughtlessly, but try to understand what the Lord wants you to do. Do not be drunk with wine because that will ruin your life instead let the Holy Spirit fill and control you'***.

Other youths in and out of school were reached through dialogues, group counseling, question and answer sessions, sports events among others.

• **HIV Counseling and Testing**

HIV Counseling and Testing is central to HIV/AIDS control and through HCT, youths can learn their HIV status, this activity was conducted in partnership with medical centers.

✓ **Economic & Community Empowerment**

**PCU-Youth Income Generating Activities**

This year **40** youths were trained in the different aspects of life in relation to world views and income generation. Under this component some youth have already started income generating activities of crafts, liquid soap in (Bundibugyo Presbytery)- mainly at Mount Zion, and Gulu Presbytery , peas, simsim and beans growing and piggery (Kapchorwa) among others. These economic activities have kept them very busy and because of these IGAs they do not have the



time to engage into idle talk that could lead them to early sexual relations, drug and substance abuse among other bad vices. PCU youth Ministry is planning to establish a SACCO from which members will access credit facilities and as part of the socio-economic strengthening initiative. Youths will first of all be trained in savings and credit activities, loan appraisal and general management of a revolving fund and later will access loans. Not only that, but through this activity, we have also gone head and implemented seed projects.

✓ **Psycho-Social Support**

PCU youth ministry also provided psycho-social support to the young people, this was a key intervention as a cross cutting service to address the trauma and social isolation experienced by the youths affected by HIV/AIDS and other form of vulnerabilities. PCU provided a package of services that included spiritual counseling, cognitive and life skills, positive living for HIV/AIDS caregivers. Vital skills in communication, peer pressure, decision making, friendship formation, career guidance and behavioral change issues were handled, a total of **166** young people (**94** females and **72** males) were reached.

✓ **Leadership Development**

Youths were reached in Leadership development in terms of skills, **6** trainings were carried in Gulu, Central, Kampala, Kapchorwa and semuliki presbyteries for these years. 76 youths were trained so that they could take on the mantle at the different PCU congregations and emphasis was put on qualities of a good leader that included;

- God fearing
- Good communication skills
- Listening skills
- Approachable
- Integrity
- Should be accountable and transparent

As a result of their exceptional skills after the trainings, many young people have been promoted to the levels of leadership.

✓ **Coordination & Partnerships**

During these years, we were able to net work with other agencies such as;

• **Mission to the world,**

MTW has been instrumental in the youth ministry since last year. MTW helps in sessions of leadership development and economic and community development. It was with the effort of MTW that we were able to develop a curriculum for economic and community development.

• **Trinity Bible Institute.**

TBI also helps us in leadership trainings, which are always held four times a year.

• **Transforming Nations Alliance.**

TNA also helps us in equipping church leaders to be able to transform their communities.

- **Orthodox Presbyterian Church.**

We work with OPC mostly during the time of the camp/ National conference where many youths are always mobilized from Mbale region for this Activity.

- **Youth empowerment services**

**Challenges Faced During Implementation;**

The following constraints were noted to include majorly:

- ✓ Many young people have taken interest in the Advocacy of drama groups so facilitating them to go present before several congregations is a challenge, we have more than **40** members who want to go and make presentations to the communities and their respective PCU Churches. The program lacks facilitation for the groups to go and make presentations in their respective communities that are located 5kms apart.
- ✓ Inadequate resources, human and financial, remained the biggest hindrance to the achievements of PCU youth ministry.
- ✓ Long distance covered by PCU Volunteers to make community outreaches have proved to be expensive, tiring and with limited results. This is an observation from all the rural areas where outreach activities are planned between distances of over 5 kilometers apart. The above has resulted in both the Volunteers and Trainees sometimes reporting late. Volunteers and Trainees continue to demand for a modest facilitation in terms of allowance and transport especially as they utilize their time and funds for the program – which budget we do not have.
- ✓ Documentation of implemented activities is still poor as some implemented activities were not documented in kind of reports and figures/numbers.

**Recommendations**

- ✓ There is need in future to facilitate programs reaching out to young people and women under PCU Churches that have been abused or defiled and raped in the communities especially at landing sites for instance in Nkombwe landing site.
- ✓ PCU Youth members need to further be equipped with more skills in documentation thus skills in data collection, analysis and generation of reports to inform programming.
- ✓ There is need to strengthen partnerships with the health centers that are near or in the targeted areas where young people can easily be referred to access the services like HIV Counseling and Testing and treatment, thus the need to train the service providers from the identified health centers so that they can offer youth friendly services to the young people in the communities who go there or those referred for more information and services.
- ✓ There is need to further train PCU youth Leadership in the different Churches about their duties and responsibilities. There is need to further partner and make more links with districts and other CSOs in the same localities where we operate, this will strengthen our ability and cuts down on duplication of time and resources on one hand but also Team Work and synergy in combating community issues through joint implementation and coordination.

### Success Stories

- ✓ Monitoring – monitored activities in the PCU Churches and had opportunity to talk to the PCU Church leadership as a way of assessing their commitment to the youth project. As a result, the **Married Men's Ministry/Union** and **Married Women's Ministry/Union** are planning to hold a meeting/workshop to discuss young people/adolescent issues.
- ✓ Through their regular community awareness campaigns health workers have integrated HIV/AIDS in their day to day health education talks in their respective communities. During such mobilization meetings, abstinence and Faithful messages are passed on to the young people, engaged and newly married couples that are still in the youth bracket
- ✓ More young people from Nkombwe islands have resorted to going to churches every Sundays to sensitize the young people that go for prayers in their respective churches. They have gone to churches in these years and they have sensitized young people in those churches that they have gone to, they always meet them after Sunday services.
- ✓ The community youth friendly volunteers have confessed that they have gained more knowledge and skills through training their fellow young people in their communities.
- ✓ Through our leadership trainings, the youth ministry was able to disciple youth in our different Presbyteries.
- ✓ **Leaders** have promised to discuss the issue of increasing budgetary allocations on health issues for the young people's programs and activities in their respective Churches; this was pledged during one of the pre-testing exercise.

To God Be the Glory.

**Lutaaga John**  
Programs Coordinator

**Elder David Kimera moved a motion that the report be adopted as presented by Mr. John Lutaaga and was seconded by Boniface from Semuliki presbytery and carried.**

#### f) Plenary Discussions of the GA Committee Reports – 12:20pm -1:30pm

- ▶ On the issue of parents not taking children to PCU schools, there was need for the administrators to look at the quality of their schools – this is a legitimate concern but members ought to be willing to support these schools to be able to develop good personnel
- ▶ Rethink how to support the stated clerks in executing their tasks - nice but our local churches have not been able to meet their obligations of paying 10% from the local churches to presbyteries.
- ▶ The diaconal office must be reactivated. A session has elders and deacons.
- ▶ There was a proposal that the recommendations raised in the reports should be submitted early enough and then the concerned committees take time to look at these reports and work on them accordingly.
- ▶ What can be done for those leaders under discipline who continue to disorganize the church in Kapchorwa?
- ▶ WCIU is solely funded by our brethren from the West but there must be an intentional effort for PCU to come in and know what is going on in the institute. All of the PCU should be key stakeholders of the institutes. The General Assembly has to confirm both the post of the Principal and Deputy Principal and so something has to be done about those continuing to serve in acting positions.
- ▶ On the issue of marketing, it was observed that there could be a possibility of marketing WCIU in Kapchorwa Presbytery KTR.

- g) Lunch – 1:30pm – 2:30pm.
- h) Worship and Praise – 2:30pm – 2:45pm.
- i) Continuing with Plenary discussions of the GA Committee Reports - 2:45pm – 4:00pm
- j) Election of New GA Committee members – 4:00pm – 4:20pm.
  - ▶ Names were read out on a number of proposed members by different PCU presbyteries committees. The central presbytery lacked a proposal for Project Development Committee so the proposal would be sent in at a later time when the person is identified.
  - ▶ Composition of these committees
    - ✓ **Mbale Presbytery**
      - Missions Committee – Timothy Hisa
      - Education ,, - Mugema Japheth
      - Diaconal Committee – Walyombeka Simon
      - Project Committee – Makwasi Eric
      - Admin and Finance – Tabitya Robert
    - ✓ **Central Presbytery**
      - Admin and Finance – Deus Byebiroha
      - Education - Fred Kibaye
      - Missions - Bagonza Robert
      - Diaconal - David Kimera
      - Project Dev .
    - ✓ **Kapchorwa Presbytery**
      - Admin and Finance Samuel Musawu
      - Missions - Francis Mzee
      - Education – Michael Musobo
      - Diaconal - Alex Satya
      - Project dev. Alex Kipto
    - ✓ **Kampala Presbytery**
      - Admin and Finance – James Yiga
      - Education – David kabaale
      - Project - Bob Gad Kalyowa
      - Evangelism and Mission – Francis Mayanja
      - Mercy and Diaconal – Edward Kasaija.
    - ✓ **Semuliki Presbytery**
      - Diaconal and Mercy – Nasson Ngwabusa
      - Missions and Evangelism – Bihwa Boniface
      - Projects and Dev – Tumwebaze Edison
      - Finance and admin – Byamaka Gideon
      - Admin and Finance – Happy Robert.
    - ✓ **Final outcome from the elections among proposed committee members of different Presbyteries**
      - Admin and Finance
        - Chairman - Deus byebiroha
        - Secretary – David Kabaale
        - Member – Gideon Byamaka
        - Member – Robert Tabitya
        - Member – Samuel Musawu
      - Project Development
        - Chairman - Francis Mayanja
        - Secretary - Eric Makwasi
        - Member – Alex kipto
        - Member - Edison Tumwebaze

- Member - Peter Bavuga
- Christian Education and Publication Committee
  - Chairman - Happy Robert
  - Secretary - Fred Kabaye
  - Member – James Yiga
  - Member – Musobo Michael
  - Member – Japheth Mugema
- Diaconal Committee
  - Chairman -Bob Gad Kalyowa
  - Secretary – David Kimera
  - Member – Simon Waliyombeka
  - Member - Alex Satya
  - Member – Nasson Ngwabusa
- Evangelism and Mission Committee
  - Chairman – Patrick Bukenya
  - Secretary – Boniface Bihwa
  - Member - Robert Bagonza
  - Member – Francis Mzee
  - Member – Timothy Hisa

The motion was moved that as a matter of priority the admin and Finance committee is going to handle the appointment of a new coordinator as the former coordinator is going out of office. He was appreciated for the work done and as the members seek for a new person, the former coordinator was urged to be willing to work closely with the new coming coordinator. He was appreciated for the work done for the last six years. A mention was made of the launching of a new testament Bible in Lubwis on the same day the PCU/GA was concluded.

**k) Holy Communion – 4:20pm – 4:50pm. Exhortation by Pr. Edward Kasaija on the Meaning of Holy Communion**

- ▶ What is a covenant? An arrangement that God has made to save the sinner from the just consequences of sin. It is a bond in blood sovereignly administered. Jer31:31. God commits to be our God and us his people, to forgive our sin and never to remember them anymore.
- ▶ The sinner should not run away from Christ but should rather own his sins, repent of them and receive God's forgiveness.
- ▶ Remembrance of Christ's death has to be done as often as possible until Christ comes back.
- ▶ What is a sacrament – Comes from the Latin word "Sacramentum" that represents an oath the subject makes to his superior to live in royalty to him. When we participate in the Lord's sacraments we pledge our allegiance to the master Lord Jesus Christ.

**l) Place and convening time of next PCU/GA – 4:50pm – 4:55pm.**

A motion was moved by Smith Tibamwenda that the next PCU/GA get held in Mbale Presbytery. He was unanimously seconded and motion carried. The general resolution was to have the next meeting be held after one year and so the next meeting is coming up July next year 2017.

**m) Closing Remarks and Prayer – 4:55 – 5:00pm.**

The stated clerk gave a few closing remarks and the meeting was brought to an end.