

# ***The Voice of Renewal***

**NEWSLETTER OF LUTHERAN LAY RENEWAL OF AMERICA**

*Renewing faith and promoting spiritual growth in individuals and congregations  
with renewal weekends, retreats, workshops, and conferences*

*Celebrating 52 Years!*

**July, A.D. 2024**

## **REPORT FROM REV. PETER MAGANDA, DEAN, LUTHERAN CHURCH OF UGANDA, EASTERN DEANERY**

Greetings dear friends of Lutheran Lay Renewal. I am excited to share with you about the ministry activities here in Eastern Deanery and Serere District.

### **Leadership Training**

This program is supported by Lutheran Lay Renewal, and it has greatly impacted the Lutheran Church of Uganda, especially in preparing students for seminary training and to become evangelists. The new class of 2024/2025 has 13 students who come from different congregations in the Eastern Deanery. These men are well equipped to support ordained ministers in the daily running of church activities, especially leading worship, evangelism and teaching of the Christian faith in the congregations and schools.



**Students under leadership training, along with their instructors, Revs. Michael Waiswa and Buluba Erifazi (3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> from left)**

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## **Naigobya Lutheran Church, Health Center, and Schools**

LCU in Eastern Deanery is grateful for the support given by Lutheran Lay Renewal to the community of Naigobya to acquire more land on which the school can be expanded. We have added more two acres and there are more opportunities for expansion. The school of Naigobya is happy for receiving desks which will enable students to sit comfortably in class and ease writing. The Health Center is greatly helping the communities around it. Many walk long distances to come to our facility for medication. The only challenge now is the lack of a maternity ward to help the pregnant mothers. The community committed herself to provide all the bricks needed to complete the maternity ward once support is available and that will be their contribution.



**Naigobya Lutheran Church**

### **Kyabazaala**

The school is greatly improving because of the enrolled number of students who have exceeded the number we expected and there is another demand for a three-classroom block. Currently the enrollment is 290 students with six teachers.



### **Serere**

The ministry in Serere, Ojeburun is taking root. Vicar Leonard Opeede spent the week of 24<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> January in Serere, teaching the people of the community about Jesus Christ, and he is starting to teach students under a leadership class on 15<sup>th</sup> July this year.



# CHURCH OF UGANDA

## DIOCESE OF NORTHWEST ANKOLE

P.O.Box 22, Ibanda - UGANDA



8<sup>th</sup> April, 2024

The Board of Directors  
Lutheran Lay Renewal of America

Dear friends,

### LETTER OF APPRECIATION FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORTHWEST ANKOLE.

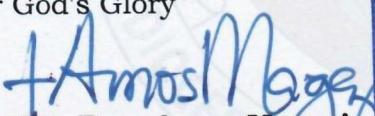
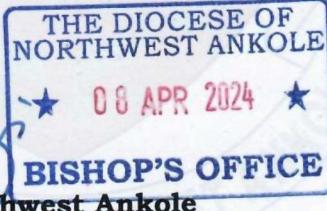
Christian greetings from the Diocese of Northwest Ankole. Praise the Living God.

The purpose of this letter is to appreciate your generous financial support of **USD3,000** you sent to us on **20<sup>th</sup> March 2024** through Mr. Bill Oehlschlager to support Youth Ministry activities as we **Lay a Strong Foundation for a Sustainable Holistic Transformation** of our blessed young Diocese of Northwest Ankole.

We believe the Holy Spirit will continue to grow and develop the Diocese of Northwest Ankole to greater heights for God's glory.

Once again thank you so much for your willingness to partner with us to advance the gospel of God's kingdom, especially, among the young generation. May the almighty God richly bless you in Jesus' Name.

For God's Glory

  
The Rt. Rev. Amos Magezi   
1st Bishop, Diocese of Northwest Ankole

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- Diocesan Secretary - Diocese of Northwest Ankole
- Coordinator - Finance, Planning and Investment
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- Diocesan Coordinators of Youth Ministry

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS ANNUAL MEETING AUGUST 10**

Our Board of Directors will hold its annual meeting via Zoom on Saturday, August 10 and during this meeting board elections will be held. If you have a heart for spiritual renewal and would be interested in serving on our board, please contact our national office prior to the meeting for more information.

### **LUTHERAN LAY RENEWAL CHANNEL ON YOUTUBE**

Thanks to generous funding by one of our board members, we now have some short videos on YouTube. Just click on the links below to watch and find out more about our ministry, and please give us a "Like":

LLRA in the U.S. - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-RfXq0HuerI&t=79s>

Lutheran Lay Renewal in Uganda- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fVU2uNsJPek>

Teaching Lutherans to Fish - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O7bKT0eFsLY&t=5s>

Yesu Angonza (Jesus Loves Me) - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dCuIkqo1IqM>

### **OUR PARTNERS IN AFRICA NEED OUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT**

The financial needs of our partners in Africa are great, as Uganda and Rwanda are two of the 25 poorest countries in the world. Below is a wish list of current financial needs. Would you or your congregation be willing to help?

#### **Lutheran Church of Uganda**

Plans are being made to build a maternity block at Naigobya Medical Clinic, a clinic we have been funding for 5 years. We do not yet know the cost but funds will be needed for this project.

\$355 will pay the salaries of 6 teachers & the principal at a primary school for 1 month. \$1,500 will buy a motorcycle for a pastor or vicar. At least three motorcycles are needed. Many pastors and vicars serving rural congregations must walk long distances every week to minister to their congregations.

#### **Triangular Communities – Iganga, Uganda**

Vision: To see all children and girls enter adulthood with holistic skills and abilities necessary to contribute effectively to the development of Uganda.

#### **Josiah Youth and Child Care Center – Ibanda, Uganda**

Josiah Youth and Child Care Africa is dedicated to nurturing the potential of youth by providing a diverse range of educational, skill-building, and mentorship programs. Guided by our core values, we aim to foster personal growth, inspire leadership, and create a supportive environment where each individual can thrive.

#### **Diocese of Northwest Ankole, (Anglican) Church of Uganda**

"We are looking for partners to work with us to address the matters of education, health, food security, household income, clean water, sanitation, hygiene and afforestation. We, therefore, request a partnership in any of these matters, especially assisting the youth and children to attain education so that they might be released from poverty and ignorance." – The Rt. Rev. Amos Magezi, Bishop

## **Reformed Lutheran Church of Rwanda**

Funds are needed to build a church building for the Lutheran congregation in Ntoma, which currently is using a rental house. "Please, we need to build our own church building in Ntoma. Your prayers for the work of God in Rwanda will continue to be a blessing. Adult members are 120, and the total believers including youth and children are over 300." - Pastor Jean Claude Maniragaba, President, Reformed Lutheran Church of Rwanda

*One hundred percent of any donations to Lutheran Lay Renewal will go to the need designated by the donor or, if you prefer to work directly with a church or ministry in Africa, please contact our office and we will put you in touch with church leaders there.*

## **SCHEDULED EVENTS**

September 24-26	Lutheran Church of Uganda Partners Conference St. Luke Lutheran Church, Ann Arbor, Michigan
September 28	Spiritual Transformation Retreat & Sharing Your Faith Workshop Emmanuel Lutheran Church Rochester, Minnesota Rev. John Saethre, Pastor

***Does your congregation need a spiritual boost? Maybe it's time to schedule a retreat or a renewal weekend. Call our office or check our website for details.***

## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

- Healing for Elaine Schomaker, Julie, Dan and Kathie Klueg
- For the Lord's blessings on our ministry in the U.S., Uganda and Rwanda, and for the financial resources that are needed for this ministry

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*Lutheran Lay Renewal of America is a 501 (c) (3) tax exempt organization and depends on contributions from churches and individuals who have benefited from our ministry to help us continue to bring this ministry to more and more congregations all across America - and also in Uganda and Rwanda!*

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