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SOME UPDATE NEWS OF UAC, Easter Season 2013.

The Academic year 2012-2013 started on 17 October 2012 with a new intake of about 200 students and the faculties that enrolled more are Psychology and Education Sciences, Polytechnics and Applied Sciences, while the faculties of Theology and Economics got a few. Today, we have in all 270 students, continuing and new ones, both men and women.

Courses organized in those faculties are taught by both internal and external lecturers. We have enough lecturers of our own mainly in Theology, while in the others we recruit lecturers knowledgeable in the other areas of study. Some are PhD holders and others Senior Lecturers, Lecturers and Assistant lecturers. So far we are satisfied by their zeal, performance and collaboration. We are enriched with two PhD holders in Theology who have recently finished their studies. They are Revd Dr Kahwa Njojo in the Theology of the New Testament and Revd Dr Yossa Way in Missiology.

Our wish is to train as many people of our own as possible in order to get, little by little, our full time lecturers in the future. As for now, we have three members of staff studying: Ven. Christopher Kangamina Sadiki doing a doctorate in Biblical Studies, Revd Kamana Niyonzima doing the second degree in Practical Theology at Shalom University and Médiatrice Uwingabire doing a BA in Accountancy at UNIC.

From 14 to 15 we had the second ordinary meeting of the University Council presided over by His Grace Isingoma Kahwa Henry, Archbishop of the Province of the Anglican Church of Congo and President of the Administrative Council of the Anglican University of Congo. It was attended by three Bishops of Aru, Boga and North-Kivu dioceses, the members of staff, delegates of the students' body of the University, and some special guests for their expertise.

Some of the recommendations and resolutions were:

- To review the Five Year Strategic Plan by reducing it into a three Year Plan while being more realistic, workable and concrete in the Goals, visions, objectives and actions to take.
- To review the Statutes and by-laws of the university in order to be more comprehensive and welcoming to none Anglicans.

- To produce syllabuses for courses, articles and subjects for academic conferences in order to merit promotion in grades. This helps the university and individuals to be known outside.
- To study the partnership of the university and African Inland Church (AIC).
- To open in October 2013 of the Graduate level (Licence) in all the five faculties but one (Polytechnic to be opened in October 2014).
- To plan well the training of members of Staff in order to avoid loopholes/shortage in the system.
- Rev. Dr Kahwa Njojo appointed as the Dean of the Faculty of Theology.
- Revd Dr Yossa Way to be a Full time Lecturer and Secretary of the Examination Board of the University.
- Revd Kambale Munzenda and Revd Uneg'owun Unyona appointed respectively as the Acting Chaplain and Deputy Acting Chaplain of the University.
- The V/Chancellor and the Managing Committee will restructure the management of the other 4 faculties different from the Faculty of Theology.
- The President of UC with the Managing committee to continue searching for a Project Manager and the Budget Administrator/Bursar.

We praise God for the building of infrastructure and the new development. A bloc of 4 lecture rooms sponsored by CCA is being finished and a building of one lecture room financed by the ACF is to be launched soon. We have also been connected to the internet thanks to Trinity Church in the Episcopal Church (ECUSA) in the USA as the funder and a team of engineers from Kenya who installed the system. The institution has also been given a solar panel energy system sponsored by Etre Partenaires, Switzerland, a project which continues up to now. We have been assured of the third phase of the project, and hope to get the fourth one as we continue building our infrastructure. We all heartedly thank all the funders for this big contribution to the growth of our university.

Practically, the second year students are sent to different churches and institutions for a one month field experience. The theological students finished their field work two months ago and have written reports that they are nowadays presenting during worship time. Those of other faculties are still in the field.

We had the visit of the Minister of Higher Learning and University to our institution on the 23 February 2013 to the excitement of all the university's community. At least, the Minister was now seeing with his own eyes the institution that requests from him full accreditation and promotion. We often send to his office different reports of our activities. The Minister was satisfied with the infrastructure, the program and the staff of the university and encouraged us to go further in the development.

On a sad note, we would wish to inform you that the year 2012 ended with a bad incident, that of armed thugs visiting the campus to rob and kill. In fact on 22 December 2012, 4 armed thugs forced the door of the V/Chancellor's house and office, and took with them some money and a mini laptop computer. Luckily enough no lives were lost. We praise God for that and request for your prayers for the whole university community and especially Sabiti's family as they still experience some trauma as a consequence of the incident. PS: We praise

God that Canon James Calloway, the Worldwide General Secretary of CUAC has helped us buy a new laptop computer that I am now using. I thank him very much for this generous gesture. May the Lord bless.

Another sad incident that we have undergone is the death of the wife of our second year theological student, Evariste Monga, who passed away on 13 April 2013 after a complicated childbirth by caesarian section. She couldn't see the baby because it came out already dead! She was called Liliane Ngoy Wa Nkulu and aged 28 years old. She married Monga in 2000. Please pray for Evariste Monga and the 4 children she left behind as they have now to adapt to a new life and continue with his studying. People both from within and without have shown love to them by condoling with them and sharing the word of God. Today, he has now resumed classes. What a courage! Let us uphold him with our prayers to God.

We are privileged to say that we will have special guests in the two months to come. First, Dr Emma Wild-Wood is visiting us on 10 May 2013 for a period of two weeks lecturing and visiting friends. She is a former lecturer of the then called ISThA. Almost in the same period, Miss Susan Broaddus, a former Principal of ISThA will also visit us as a friend and Commissary of the University in the Episcopal Church/USA. She is arriving on 21 May 2013. Towards the end of June (26 June 2013) other special guests, Paul and Elizabeth Dickens will also visit us for about 4 days. Paul Dickens is the honorary CCA treasurer. Let us pray for these friends as they prepare to come into this friendly country, but sometimes feared because of malaria and some periods of sporadic insecurity here and there.

With the development we are making little by little, and the increase of the community members (Staff and students), we are now facing many challenges. These are particularly, accommodations for both members of Staff and the students as well. We are situated at about 10kms from the residential areas of Bunia, and most of our students come from there with a lot of pain and long distances to cover on foot every day. A students' bus is badly needed to help for transport. We have about 260 members of staff and students residing on the campus, but with only one well for clean water. It makes our wives and children stay long at the well queuing for a long time in order to get just some 2 or 3 jerricans of 20litres each, for a whole day! A well deep enough to produce a good quantity of water is also badly needed. We pray God that he may give us some kind benefactors who can support us financially for these projects/one of these projects.

Finally, we are always thankful for all of you, our supporters, both spiritually, materially, financially and in any other way, whose help has kept this institution going up to the new development and transformation it claims today. This institution has trained quite a good number of church leaders and workers not only for the Anglican Church, but also for the African Inland Church. This has been of an incredible impact in the mission of the Church of God. May our dear Lord bless them abundantly for their generosity.

Compiled on 19 April 2013 by,

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