



THE UNITED CHURCH OF ZAMBIA PILGRIMS DURING A VISIT TO THE HOLY LAND



HOLY LAND - THE SYNAGOGUE

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**INVITATION TO JOIN THE ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE
TO ISRAEL - THE HOLY LAND
25TH OCTOBER TO 1ST NOVEMBER 2013**

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MESSAGE FROM

THE SYNOD BISHOP

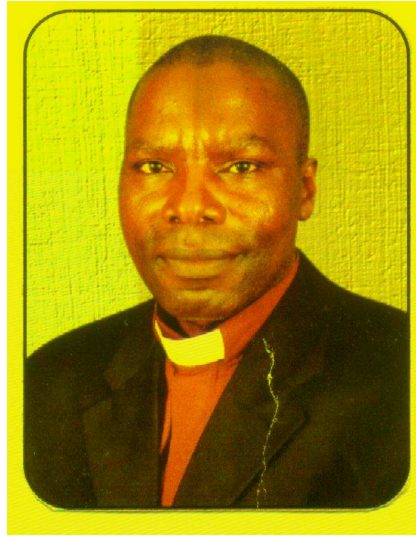
Dear Brethren,

I greet you all in the blessed name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

I bring you special greetings from the Synod Headquarters and from all members of the Clergy and Laypersons of The UCZ.

The United Church of Zambia is one of the largest Christian denominations in country with an estimated membership of 2 (two) million and Congregations in almost all the country's districts.

Since its establishment on 16th January, 1965, the Church has grown both spiritually and in numbers.



Rev. Bishop Mutale Mulumbwa

SYNOD BISHOP

I am glad to inform UCZ members and the nation in general that we have already started planning for our Golden Jubilee or 50 years of existence, which falls on 16th January 2015.

The UCZ manages many programmes and projects including The UCZ Theological College based at Mindolo Ecumenical Centre in Kitwe, and Chipembi Agricultural College in Chisamba.

The UCZ also runs the following secondary schools:

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| ▶ Chipembi Girls | ▶ Kafue Boys | ▶ Nambala Secondary | ▶ Lubwa Basic |
| ▶ Mabel Shaw Girls | ▶ Njase Girls | ▶ Mbereshi Basic | ▶ Mwandi High |
| ▶ Mwandi Basic | ▶ Kanchindu Basic | ▶ Sefula Secondary | |
| ▶ Mwenzo Girls | ▶ Masuku Sec | ▶ Senga Hill Secondary & Basic | |

The schools are helping to contribute to the growth of the country's education system.

In the health sector, the Church runs Mbereshi and Mwandi hospitals and several health Centres at Njase in Choma, Kafue, Masuku in Choma and Jacqaimbo in Solwezi.

JOIN THE PILGRIMAGE TO ISRAEL

As part of our outreach programme The UCZ, working with local partners, organizes an annual trip for Christians to visit Israel, commonly referred to as the "Pilgrimage to the Holy Land"

This year's trip will take place from 25th October, 2013 to 3rd November, 2013.

Why visit Israel, you might ask? Israel is the birth place of our Lord Jesus Christ at Bethlehem; you will see Biblical sites and walk where Jesus walked and taught; when you see the very places mentioned in the Bible your understanding of the Word will change; visit the River Jordan where Jesus was baptized; take a panoramic view of the Old city of Jerusalem from the "Mount of Olives"; delve into the "Dead Sea Scrolls"; visit the Sea of Galilee and Nazareth, the town where Jesus lived his early life as a child; see the excavations of the ancient fortified city that was once the Biblical Armageddon and one of Solomon's important centres; . . . and many, many more Biblical sites.

The trip to Israel also gives UCZ pilgrims an opportunity to connect with Christians from other denominations.

The total cost of the eight-day trip is **US\$2,575** or **KR14,000** per person which includes a return air ticket, accommodation, breakfast, dinner and transportation around Jerusalem. The deadline for making payments is 31st August, 2013.

I invite all Christians, particularly members of the United Church of Zambia, to register ***NOW*** for this life-changing trip to the Holy Land.

Please contact your Presbytery Bishop's Office in your respective areas or your local Church leadership for further details and information about how to register or ring Synod Office at 211-250641 and speak to the Administrative Secretary, Mr. Rodgers Ng'ambi or the Secretary, Mrs. Isabel Makanga. Encourage your friends as well as family to join the pilgrimage.

GOD BLESS YOU ALL.

REVEREND MUTALE MULUMBWA,

SYNOD BISHOP

THE UNITED CHURCH OF ZAMBIA

"On that day I raised My hand in an oath to them, to bring them out of the land of Egypt into a land that I had searched out for them, 'flowing with milk and honey', the glory of all lands'." (Ezekiel 20:6)