

ABOUT THE UCZ

VISION: The total salvation of humanity, with spiritual restoration and physical well being fully reconciled in Christ, the only Saviour.

MISSION: The UCZ is committed to spreading the Good News of salvation to the Zambian people and all nations in fulfillment of Christ's mission in the world.

The United Church of Zambia (UCZ) came into being on 16th January 1965 following the merger of the Methodist Church, the Church of Central Africa in Rhodesia, the Copperbelt Free Church, and the Church of Barotseland. The total membership of the Church stands at about 2 (two) million. 'The Synod' is the supreme council and it meets twice every year to plan the life and work of the Church.

The Synod headquarters is situated in Lusaka on Nationalist Road off Burma Road.

The Synod Bishop is the Head of the Church and shall first and foremost give leadership in all aspects to the United Church in consultation with the General, Administrative or Financial Secretaries and such other members of the Executive. The Synod Bishop is re-elected after every four years (4) and serves a maximum of 2 terms only.

The General Secretary is the Chief Executive Officer of the Church and carries out the day to day administrative work. The General Secretary is re-elected every 4 (four) years and, like the Synod Bishop, also serves a maximum of two terms only.

The UCZ is administered through various Departments and courts. The Departments are: Administration, Finance, Projects, Education, Community Development & Social Justice, Health, Mission & Evangelism, Chipembi College of Agriculture, Theological College, Mpongwe Bee-Keeping, Diakonia Centre and Chilomba Farm.

THE UCZ STRUCTURE

The UCZ is divided into 10 Presbyteries or provinces, namely: Central, Copperbelt, Eastern, Luapula, Lusaka, Muchinga, Northern, North-Western, Southern, and Western Presbyteries.

Presbyteries are also sub-divided into Consistories and further split into Congregations. Congregations have Sections or group cells which hold regular weekly Bible studies.

PROJECTS / COLLEGES

- ▶ The United Church of Zambia Theological College (Kitwe)
- ▶ Chipembi College of Agriculture (Chisamba)

SECONDARY SCHOOLS

- ▶ Kafue Boys (Kafue)
- ▶ Chipembi Girls (Chisamba)
- ▶ Sefula (Mongu)
- ▶ Mwandi Co-Education Day School (Sesheke)
- ▶ Masuku Co-Education Day School (Choma)
- ▶ Njase Girls (Choma)
- ▶ Mwenzo Girls (Mwenzo)
- ▶ Mabel Shaw Girls (Mbereshi)
- ▶ Mwandi Basic (Sesheke)
- ▶ Senga Hill Co-Education (Day)
- ▶ Mbereshi Basic (Mbereshi)
- ▶ Lubwa Basic (Lubwa)
- ▶ Nambala Co-Education (Mumbwa)

HOSPITALS

- ▶ Mbereshi Hospital
- ▶ Mwandi Hospital

RURAL HEALTH CENTRES

- ▶ Kafue ▶ Masuku (Choma) ▶ Njase (Choma)
- ▶ Chipembi (Chisamba) ▶ Jacqaimbo (Solwezi)

FUTURE PLANS

The UCZ has embarked on a project to build an Office Complex and an Apartment Block on its plot along Mosi-O-Tunya Road near Woodlands shops in Lusaka. A Committee has been set up to spearhead the raising of funds for the two projects, whose total cost is estimated at KR25m. Once completed, the office and apartments will help the Church to realize its dream of being self-sustaining.

Those who wish to make monetary contributions to the project should contact the Synod Office or the General Secretary on telephone numbers and the email address appearing in this brochure.



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GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

50 YEARS

1965 - 2015

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THE UCZ GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

The United Church of Zambia will celebrate its Jubilee 50 years of existence: (1965-2015) on 16th January, 2015.

The celebrations will give the Church an opportunity to look back and appreciate the grace of God in keeping The UCZ truly united and also to count the blessings resulting into the growth of the Church both numerically and spiritually.

Synod has set up Committees comprising Church workers and members from various congregations to plan for the Jubilee celebrations. It is hoped that the celebrations would be held over a number of days in Lusaka, preceded by workshops and symposiums on topical issues, group Bible studies and discussions.

The issues to be discussed would include those on Christianity, health and sexuality, poverty reduction, education, the environment, social justice, agriculture globalization, etc.

To allow for the participation of all The UCZ members, Presbyteries are encouraged to set up "The UCZ Jubilee Celebrations" Committees to give input to the preparations for the Jubilee. Presbytery Bishops are expected to ensure that such committees are replicated in Consistories and Congregations.

The Committees are expected to give input on the following:

1. Theme for the celebrations, keeping in mind the Mission and Vision of the Church;
2. The mode of holding the celebrations (e.g. participation by members);
3. Venue of the celebrations, considering that these are expected to run over a number of days;
4. Workshops and symposiums to be held (e.g. theme groups);
5. Format of Bible and group studies ; and
6. Any other information that would be helpful in firming up our preparations. In light of this, Congregations and Consistories are being requested to form and strengthen the Intercessory groups to start praying about this event.

Presbyteries will receive detailed information through the Synod Golden Jubilee Celebrations Committee and the Presbytery Church Property Development and Planning (CPDP).

Congregations should also be encouraged to start discussing the Jubilee celebrations in their group or Section Bible studies. Even as we plan for the Jubilee celebrations, let us put God at the centre of all activities, praying and seeking His wisdom and favour in our preparations.

Yours in the service of Christ,

Reverend Peggy Mulambya-Kabonde
GENERAL SECRETARY

On behalf of the Synod Bishop,
Rev. Mutale Mulumbwa

N.B. Kindly, forward any suggestions on the celebrations by email to the Synod at: uczsynod@zamnet.zm or the website at: www.uczsynod.org before 31st July, 2013.

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