



Theological Education by Extension in Zambia

An Ecumenical Program of Several Churches

TEEZ INSTITUTIONAL UPDATE 2023

(To be presented to the Congregation on TEEZ Sunday by the Minister or Member of the Congregation TEEZ Committee)

1. INTRODUCTION

The Theological Education by Extension in Zambia (TEEZ) is an Ecumenical Program of several churches established in 1979 to offer extension-based theological training. We are proud to announce that one Member church was admitted to the TEEZ Family during last year's Bi Annual Meeting, thus making 10 TEEZ member churches.

- i. African Methodist Episcopal Church (AMEC)
- ii. Anglican Church
- iii. Church of Central African Presbyterian (CCAP)
- iv. Community of Christ
- v. Lutheran Evangelical Church in Africa
- vi. Reformed Church in Zambia (RCZ)
- vii. United Church of Zambia (UCZ)
- viii. United Methodist Church
- ix. Uniting Presbyterian Church in Southern Africa (UPCSA)
- x. Christian Missions in Many Lands (CMML – OPEN) New TEEZ Member Church

2. TEEZ TRAINING PROGRAMS/PROJECTS HIGHLIGHTS.

All training programs and projects follow the TEEZ 2019 – 2023 Strategic Plan which strives to “**Shaping the Future of Theological Education by Extension through Church and Community Service**”

The three major categories of the work and ministry of TEEZ are: **Christian Education Programs** (these are programs and trainings that have a bias towards theological education), **Church and Community Social Service Programs** (these programs that strive to address church and community contemporary challenges using the Bible as tool) and **The Business Enterprise Development** (the sustainability strategy for TEEZ). Some of the highlights of these training programs and projects include:

- Through the **BETTER Church and Society Project** (a program that aims at boosting entrepreneurial skills and financial inclusion for Ministers and their Spouses), K15, 000 empowerment fund was given to the Livingstone based TEEZ Member Church ministers for their investments, while K20,000 empowerment fund was given to a Countrywide Community Savings Group for pastors (**Bakapyunga Savings Group**)
- Through the **DECIDE HIV/AIDS** Program, 49 HIV/AIDS Combat Ambassador were trained in Lusaka to raise awareness, provide HIV/AIDS prevention strategies and provide care and support to those affected.
- Through the **Timothy Leadership Training Program**, 35 TLT Advanced Facilitators graduated and have started facilitating different TLT Modules across the country.

- Through the **WISE Green Church Project** over 3700 trees of different species (Gliricidia Sepium, Eucalyptus, Guavas and Pine) were distributed to churches and individuals in Ndola to plant at their churches, farms or communities so as to provide environmental care.
- Over 4000 trees of different species were also distributed to Chililabombwe and Kitwe TEEZ Member Churches to curb deforestation under the WISE Green Church Project.

Through all these programs we aim to be an institution that will be relevant to the 21st century church and community.

3. INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

TEEZ has signed a number of Memorandum of Understanding with other international institutions in order to meet the learning demands TEEZ students, Ministers and many more.

- You can now obtain your **Online Bachelor of Theology Degree** with TEEZ through a partnership we have with the Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Cameroon, The Shepherds Academy in the UK and the Oxford Centre for Religion and Public Life (OCRPL) with **subsidized tuition fees from the Barnabas Fund.**
- Through Tear Fund UK and Zambia Office, TEEZ has started the implementation of the Church and Community Mobilisation Process (CCMP). This is meant to empower people to transform their situations using their own God-given resources in a sustainable and holistic way.
- The Theological Education by Extension in Zambia (TEEZ), Lake Malawi Anglican University (LAMU) and the Africa Leadership Transformation (ALT) have signed a tripartite partnership to offer a Certificate in Leadership and Faith Change Making (CLFC) through virtual training. This course is suitable for Congregation Executive Committees and all those passionate about leadership transformation. **The first physical (In-person) training will take place in Lusaka from Thursday 29th June – Saturday 1st July 2023.** Among the speakers will be **Prof. Margaret Oloko**, a leadership development expert from the Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology. Other details of the training will be given soonest.

4. TEEZ TUTORS AWARDS AND CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION.

TEEZ greatly appreciates the commitment and hard work that TEEZ Tutors put in in teaching different TEEZ Courses. Through our data base 10 TEEZ Tutors have been identified from different districts in Zambia and through their Resident Ministers will receive a **New Living Translation (NLT) Study Bible and a Certificate of Recognition** for their work. The Awards will be given to deserving during this Year's TEEZ Sunday. We humbly urge those who have been trained as TEEZ Tutors and have not made an effort to open classes to reconsider making a new start.

5. THE BENEFITS OF THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION BY EXTENSION

- Trained congregants are efficient and effective in carrying out their ministry duties once they are trained in some TEEZ courses
- TEEZ course programs are cheap and time effective
- The church laity (lay leaders) are equipped with leadership skills.
- TEEZ course materials are readily available and translated into local languages to suit those who need them.
- There are no strict qualification requirements for one to study TEEZ courses.

- Dedicated Local Tutors/Ministers stand a chance of being appointed Regional Tutors thereby becoming TEEZ external resource persons with a responsibility of facilitating TEEZ Programs and courses in other districts and provinces other than where they belong.

6. TEEZ FINANCIAL SUPPORT

TEEZ is owned by ten (10) Zambian member churches, this implies that the greatest support must come from within Zambia as over-dependence on international donors is not sustainable at all.

It is for this reason that a resolution was passed during the 2019 Management Meeting where all TEEZ member churches were represented by their church leaders that:

- i. All Member Churches are to pay a **K6000 yearly subscription** to TEEZ. We are thankful to member churches that have remained faithful to fulfilling their subscription obligations and we appeal to those who have not to do so promptly.
- ii. **All TEEZ Sunday Offerings (100%) remittance** from TEEZ Member Church congregations be deposited into TEEZ Account by Individual Congregations and deposit slips be given to higher offices (Consistory, Presbytery or Head Offices) as proof of payment. This is to avoid bureaucracies concerning the offerings that have been experienced in the recent past, where funds have not reached TEEZ Office.
- iii. **Individual Congregants and TEEZ Alumni** can also support TEEZ financially monthly, quarterly or yearly.
- iv. **If you happen to visit Kitwe, kindly choose to lodge at Providence TEEZ Lodge in Parklands (5 Mpezeni Road near PAMSCO Former Kitwe Eye Hospital).**

7. THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION BY EXTENSION IN ZAMBIA BANK DETAILS.

All TEEZ Sunday Offerings must be deposited into the Bank Accounts below with a proper **Narration**, for instance **TEEZ SUNDAY – UCZ St Mark’s Congregation.**

- i. ZANACO Obote Branch, **Account Number 5448374400147**
- ii. FNB Independence Branch, **Account Number 62808093249**

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