



# **The Anglican Church of Tanzania**

**BISHOPS' APPEAL  
FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF  
ST JOHN'S UNIVERSITY OF TANZANIA  
And  
Fundraising Strategy for the Establishment of  
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Anglican Church of Tanzania and All People of Good Will**

## **1. INTRODUCTION**

### **1.1 Preliminary Note**

The Anglican Church of Tanzania has grown in terms of geographical area and numbers. It has grown from 8 Dioceses when the Province was created in 1970 to 19 Dioceses now. One more Diocese will be created by the end of 2005 and another by early 2006 bringing the total to 21.

With its uniqueness within Africa, the Anglican Church of Tanzania is made up of Evangelical Anglican Churches that owe their tradition to the Church Missionary Society (CMS - now Church Mission Society) and Anglo-Catholic Anglican Churches that owe their tradition to the Universities' Mission to Central Africa (UMCA) which merged with the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel (SPG) to form the United Society for the Propagation of the Gospel (USPG). Both CMS and USPG are British Anglican Missions.

Many important and great things have already been achieved by our leaders – former and present Archbishops and Bishops, together with pastors and congregations.

Nevertheless, there is still opportunity for attempting great things for the glory of God, and for facing the challenges of our time.

One of those challenges is to unite in order to strengthen the sacred work of evangelism and service to Tanzanian society in the twenty first century. More especially it is to ensure that all our Dioceses agree to stand together to implement a unique task in the history of our Church, that of establishing an Anglican University, to be owned by the Anglican Church of Tanzania. Unity is our strength, but disunity will weaken us.

### **1.2 The Need for Establishing a University**

There are at least four reasons why an Anglican University is required now. First of all, since the days of British Anglican missions in Tanzania (especially CMS and UMCA) the Church was at the forefront in the provision of social services to the community, especially education and health. We remember prominent Anglican mission schools that were nationalized such as Minaki (St Andrews), Mazengo (Dodoma Alliance), Loleza and Msalato Secondary Schools. There is no doubt that our role in education was critically weakened by the nationalization policy in the late 1960s. Through its network of 19 dioceses, the Anglican Church of Tanzania has been trying to regain the initiative lost in the 1960s by building new secondary and primary schools.

The establishment of an Anglican University will be a visible apex of a regained initiative.

Secondly, Tanzania is a young and developing nation. Like other such nations, its educational needs are growing by the day. The Government of Tanzania recognizes this need and has put in place two policies in recent years. It has invited the private sector including religious organizations to establish, own and run schools and educational institutions at all levels. It is important for the Anglican Church of Tanzania to recognize the Government's generosity and seize the opportunity to participate in the provision of education at the highest level by starting a University.

Thirdly, more recently, the Government of Tanzania decided to invest in primary education to the extent that there are more ex-primary students who need to join secondary schools and vocational training centres than ever before. Likewise, it is now strengthening secondary schools in order to increase the number of secondary school leavers. Sadly, while the number of secondary school leavers is growing, there are not enough Universities in Tanzania to accommodate them.

The Anglican Church of Tanzania is determined to make a significant contribution in creating opportunities for more secondary school leavers to benefit from University education for nation building. Not only will such education and the skills acquired help young people to either acquire employment or become self-employed, but it will also enable them to play a key role in ensuring that Tanzania is able to cope with the religious, social, and economic demands of our time as well as the challenges of globalization and information technology.

Fourthly, the establishment of an Anglican University is part of the implementation of Anglican national education policy which was endorsed by the General Synod in 2002 followed by a Five Year Education Strategic Plan (2003-2007). The policy is also a follow up of one of the resolutions of the National Clergy Conference held in Morogoro in 2001. In the education policy, among other things, the ACT undertakes to strengthen the existing institutions and establish new schools, colleges, and a University as a concrete response to Government Policy on Education; especially the call to the private sector to contribute to the provision of quality education at all levels. Anglican education policy recognizes the fact that a young nation such as Tanzania needs a well trained work force and good leaders for today and tomorrow who also have reverence for God. University education, if offered in a proper setting, can go a long way to fulfill this aspiration.

By 'work force', we also have in mind the pastors. We realize that in this 21<sup>st</sup> Century, the clergy cannot simply confine their ministry to the spiritual needs of their congregations. They have to attend to the wider social aspirations of congregations as well those of the communities around them. This was emphasized during the National Clergy Conference of 2001. Therefore, unlike the past, now the training for pastors will have to take place in a University setting. We believe that this will give the ordinands and theology students an opportunity to interact with students pursuing secular studies and increase their awareness of wider social issues facing Tanzania. Likewise, some of

those who trained in Theological Colleges and are already in service will be encouraged to pursue studies in secular fields such as law, accounts, administration, rural development planning, information technology and so forth.

### **1.3 Task Force**

The decision to establish an Anglican University in Tanzania which will offer theological and secular courses led to the formation of a special Task Force. The Task Force was formed by the Provincial Board of Education in May 2003. It was commissioned on 30<sup>th</sup> October 2003 at the Mtumba Rural Women Training Centre outside Dodoma Municipality by the Most Reverend Donald Mtetemela - the Archbishop and Primate of the Anglican Church of Tanzania. The following are some of the key Terms of Reference that guided the Task Force in its work.

- To propose the name of the University.
- To propose the main location of the University.
- To propose the structure of the University.
- To propose the initial faculties of the University.
- To outline the requirements for establishing the University and prepare the financial estimates.
- To outline and propose sources of funding for the University.

The Task Force met several times, and was able to submit its report to the House of Bishops, and to the Standing Committee of the General Synod in October 2004. We are grateful that God enabled us to make basic decisions based on that report as outlined below, particularly about the name, location of the University, structure of the University and governance, as well as fundraising strategies.

### **1.4 Coordinating Committee**

Officially, the Task Force completed its work on 12 February 2005. Thereafter, we appointed some of its former members to form a Coordinating Committee that will oversee the establishment of the University. These are:

- (i) Ambassador Paul Rupia
- (ii) Mr. George Mbowe
- (iii) Prof. Manoris Meshack
- (iv) Dr P J Kabudi
- (v) Rev. Dr R Mwita Akiri

The five members will be joined by other persons to be appointed from outside Tanzania to form an Advisory Committee that will advise us until the University becomes operational. The Province will appoint a Project Coordinator for the establishment of the University. The Coordinator will work closely with the Coordinating Committee until the University is established.

## **2. NAME OF THE UNIVERSITY**

We have decided that the Anglican University be known as **St. John's University of Tanzania**. The Gospel of John presents Jesus as the eternal living WORD of God. The proposed University is intended to expose students to the truth that will enlighten and equip them to serve the nation and the people. Our Lord Jesus Christ said; **"If you obey my teaching, you are really my disciples; you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."** (John 8: 31-32).

## **3. THE MAIN LOCATION OF THE UNIVERSITY**

The location of the University will be Dodoma (Central Tanzania). The headquarters of the Anglican Church of Tanzania are in Dodoma. The population of Central Tanzania is predominantly Anglican. Dodoma is also the capital of Tanzania and the seat of the Parliament of the United Republic of Tanzania. Furthermore, it is the headquarters of the Christian Council of Tanzania. Though located in Dodoma, the University will have branches (constituent/affiliated colleges and institutions) in different parts of the Tanzania.

## **4. DATE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE UNIVERSITY**

It is our desire that the University should become operational and students be able to enroll by September 2006. From now till then, there are several procedures to be followed by the Church including obtaining Provisional Registration. Full Registration will be obtained later as different criteria set by the Government are met step by step. Our main immediate tasks are to raise funds and to acquire or construct the necessary initial buildings.

## **5. STRUCTURE OF THE UNIVERSITY**

We have decided that the proposed Anglican University should have a federal structure and should be an independent institution from the existing national theological colleges of the Anglican Church of Tanzania, namely St Mark's Theological College (Dar es Salaam) and St Philip's Theological College (Kongwa, Dodoma). Since it will be a federal University, it will have constituent colleges in different parts of Tanzania. Because the University will offer both theological and secular courses, it is our desire and plan that both St Mark's and St Philip's should become constituent colleges in order to enable them to offer degrees in Theology, as well as other secular courses as shall be determined later.

This approach will be used to establish relationships with other existing institutions within the Anglican Church of Tanzania such as hospitals which can also offer degree courses in various medical and health academic disciplines. It means that the Anglican University will be linked to various colleges, institutions and schools (including Bible Schools) throughout Tanzania. It will also be possible to allow institutions of other kinds within or outside the Anglican Church of Tanzania to be affiliated to the University.

## 6. GOVERNANCE OF THE UNIVERSITY

The University shall have the following officials:

- (i) Chancellor
- (ii) Vice-Chancellor
- (iii) Principals, Rectors, Deans and Directors
- (iv) Lecturers
- (v) Administrative Officers

The University shall also have the following organs of decision making:

- (i) The Council
- (ii) The Senate
- (iii) The Governing Boards of the constituent colleges
- (iv) School and Institute Boards

## 7. UNIVERSITY FACULTIES

### 7.1 Theological and Church Professional Courses

We have decided that the Proposed University should offer not only theological and religious studies but also Church professional degrees. These will be offered by the University itself or its constituent colleges. The proposed theological and professional church courses to be offered are listed under Table 1.

**Table 1**

Type of Education	Degree / Diploma / Certificate
<b>Theological and Church Professional Courses</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Certificate in Theology</li><li>• Diploma in Theology</li><li>• Diploma in Counseling and Guidance</li><li>• B.A. (Religious Studies)</li><li>• B.A. (Counseling and Guidance)</li><li>• B.Th.</li><li>• B.A. (Theology and Development)</li><li>• B.A. (Christian Leadership)</li></ul>

### 7.2 Secular Courses

The University will also offer courses that will enable graduates to obtain employment or become self-employed. With this objective in mind, we realize that the courses which will give graduates access to the market include Social Sciences, Economics, Law, and Health Sciences. The Degrees to be offered in the first five years are listed under Table 2.

**Table 2**

Type of Education	Degree
<b>Secular Courses</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• B.A. (Social Science and Humanities)</li> <li>• B.A. (Information Studies)</li> <li>• B.A. (Counseling)</li> <li>• B.A. (Rural Planning and Development)</li> <li>• B.Com. (Commerce and Management)</li> <li>• B.Sc. (Natural Science)</li> <li>• B.Sc. (Health Sciences)</li> <li>• B.Sc. (Medical Laboratory Technology)</li> <li>• B.Sc. (Nursing)</li> <li>• B.Sc. (Ophthalmology)</li> <li>• B.Sc. (Information and Communication Technology)</li> <li>• B.Ed. (Education)</li> <li>• LLB (Law)</li> <li>• B.Mus. (Music)</li> </ul>

## **8. FINANCING STRATEGIES**

We have agreed that our aim should be to raise 30 billion Tanzania Shillings (approx. \$30,000,000) for the initial costs and the actual activities of starting the University. Of these, 2 billion Tanzania Shillings (approx \$2,000,000) will be spent on the construction and renovation of buildings such as an administrative building and lecture rooms.

The target of \$30 million may seem large. However, the proposed fund raising strategies and the estimated amount to be generated through each strategy is based on the fact that no one individual or organization is required to give the whole amount, and that if every individual or organization responds appropriately and generously, then every small amount given will count towards the total figure. Also we are convinced that though individuals, especially Tanzanians, may be poor, the Lord God, our Creator, has endowed all of us with unique resources and gifts that could be used towards reaching the goal of raising \$30 billion for the University project. Key to reaching the estimated amount is the conviction that Anglican Christians in Tanzania themselves can raise over \$10 million (a third of the estimated total amount). The financing strategies are outlined below (in brief).

### **8.1 Strategy One**

We estimate that there are at least four million (4,000,000) members of the Anglican Church of Tanzania. Of these, we trust that a half (i.e. 2,000,000) are capable of contributing funds towards the establishment of the University.

It has been agreed that each of the two million members of the Anglican Church of Tanzania should contribute as follows:-

#### **(a) Adults**

- (i) Urban churches - Tshs. 5,000 (\$5) or more
- (ii) Rural churches - Tshs. 2,000 (\$2) or more

**(b) Young People**

- (i) Urban churches - Tshs. 1,000 (\$1) or more
- (ii) Rural churches - Tshs. 500 (\$0.5) or more

**(c) Children**

- (i) Urban churches - Tshs. 500 (\$0.5) or more
- (ii) Rural churches - Tshs. 100 (\$0.1) or more.

It is estimated that this strategy will generate over Tshs.10 billion (\$10 million).

**NB:** Children and young people are being involved because we regard them to be true builders, beneficiaries and future leaders of the proposed University and our nation. It is important that they take ownership of the proposed University through their contributions.

**8.2 Strategy Two****Contribution from Each Anglican Diocese**

We have agreed that each of the existing 19 Anglican Dioceses as well as the new ones to be formed in the near future should contribute (as a Diocese) Tshs.10 million (\$10,000). Each Diocese is asked to raise the money through any means deemed appropriate and effective. It is expected that a total of Tshs.190 million (\$190,000) or more will be raised through this strategy.

**8.3 Strategy Three****Contribution from Middle Income Earners**

It is estimated that there are at least 5,000 individuals within the Anglican Church, or outside, who can contribute at least Tshs.100,000 (\$100) each towards the initial University start up costs. It is estimated that this strategy will generate Tshs.500,000,000 (\$500,000) within the first three months from the date of the official launching of the fund raising campaign. This amount will be used to fund the initial costs.

Some of the initial start up costs include costs for renovation of buildings (if acquired); land acquisition, survey, and registration, architectural drawings, construction of new buildings, technical and detailed feasibility study and preparation of curriculum; advertisements; and the expenses for the coordinating committee (the secretariat) until the University becomes operational.

**8.4 Strategy Four****Sacrificial Contributions from Christians and Tanzanians of High Income and Standing in Society**

It is expected that we (the Bishops) and other Anglican Christians of high standing and positions in each Diocese will participate fully in motivating fellow Christians (Anglican and non-Anglicans alike) as well as individuals of

good will who earn high incomes or have status in society through employment, business, or farming to contribute at least Tshs.1,000,000 (\$1,000) each towards the establishment of the University.

## **8.5 Strategy Five**

### **Contributions from Various Organizations in Tanzania and Overseas**

We are confident that there are many religious and secular organizations in Tanzania and overseas including institutions, government and non-governmental organizations, denominations, development organizations, universities, and colleges that will be willing to contribute funds or other resources towards the establishment of the University. Such bodies will have the opportunity to show their generosity and support to the Anglican Church of Tanzania as it realizes its vision for national development.

## **8.6 Strategy Six**

### **Friends and Christians Overseas**

Leaders and members of the Anglican Church of Tanzania are expected to share information widely with friends, Tanzanians and fellow Christians overseas about the vision to establish an Anglican University in Tanzania, and to solicit contributions from or through them.

## **8.7 Strategy Seven**

### **Contribution through Internet Website**

When preparations are complete, our Provincial (National) Office will create a special web page on the website ([www.anglican.or.tz](http://www.anglican.or.tz)). This is to reach all people of good will anywhere in the world with relevant information about the University Project so that they can support this visionary, noble, and courageous initiative of the Church in Tanzania through contributions and donations.

## **9. MODALITY OF COLLECTING FUNDS**

We have commissioned the Coordinating Committee to prepare a detailed modality for collecting funds from both internal and overseas sources. The modality will take into account the different contexts in Tanzania and overseas. For example in some places, it will be possible to open a bank account and ask individuals and organizations to deposit funds there. In others, special receipt books will be printed and distributed for use by specially appointed persons (agents) to collect funds. Yet in other contexts, special cards that will be used to list contributors.

## **10. THE CALL TO RISE UP (EZRA 10:4)**

Before concluding, we would like to thank the Task Force we appointed in 2003 for the good work of preparing a comprehensive report (which is available upon request), and for taking courage to work on our vision to establish a University. We appeal to each and every member of the Anglican Church of Tanzania to contribute funds and other resources for establishing the University, and to work with our friends, here in Tanzania and overseas. Hence the call to rise up (Ezra 10:4). Also we appeal to our friends and the people of good will in Tanzania and throughout the world to support us.

Finally, we say, 'God is faithful'. He has given us a vision for establishing a University. We trust that he will encourage all of us so that the University can become operational by the end of 2006. We know that our country, being part of the developing world, is poor. Yet our God is rich. He has endowed his people in different parts of the world with abundant resources, we are therefore not alone. Since we have God on our side, and people created by God throughout the world, we Tanzanians believe we can also be like the people of Macedonia. They gave themselves first with their hearts and resources too. The Word of God says, "Moreover, brethren, we make known to you the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia; that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded in the riches of their liberality. For I bear witness that according to their ability, yes beyond their ability, they were freely willing" (2 Corinthians 8:1-3). We are convinced that if we Tanzanians show the courage to contribute, God will raise many friends to join us.

We will value each contribution as important and necessary. He or she who gives \$0.1, or \$0.5 or \$1, or \$2, or \$5, is as important as he or she who gives \$100 or \$1,000 or more. Each and everyone gives with his heart and according to his or her ability. Let us be encouraged by the words of St Paul, "Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than we ask or imagine, according to the power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever. Amen." (Ephesians 3:20-21)

### ***We, the Diocesan Bishops of the Anglican Church of Tanzania:***

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