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North Kigezi Update



The North Kigezi Partnership exists to equip gospel workers in the North Kigezi Diocese to be disciple making disciples of Christ.

The North Kigezi Partnership exists between the Anglican Diocese of Armidale and the Church of Uganda in North Kigezi with the purpose: “to equip, encourage and support gospel workers in the North Kigezi Diocese (NKD) in their efforts to make ‘Disciple-Making Disciples of Christ’.” The partnership offers Christians in the Anglican Diocese of Armidale an avenue for enacting Christ’s mission, support and care in a global context, in an organised way.

In the pages of this update we pray that you will be excited about the wonderful things that God is doing in our partnership with our brothers and sisters in Uganda. In particular you can see the progress of the Bible College, read about how the Newman’s are going and even follow some video links about some of their ministry in Uganda.

I’m quite encouraged about how God is taking Nextgen Uganda from strength to strength and opened doors for further ministry with a Clergy Conference in July.

Please pray noting the prayer points through the update and can I ask you to prayerfully consider how you may partner financially in this ministry.

Yours in Christ

Simon Carter - for the North Kigezi Partnership Committee

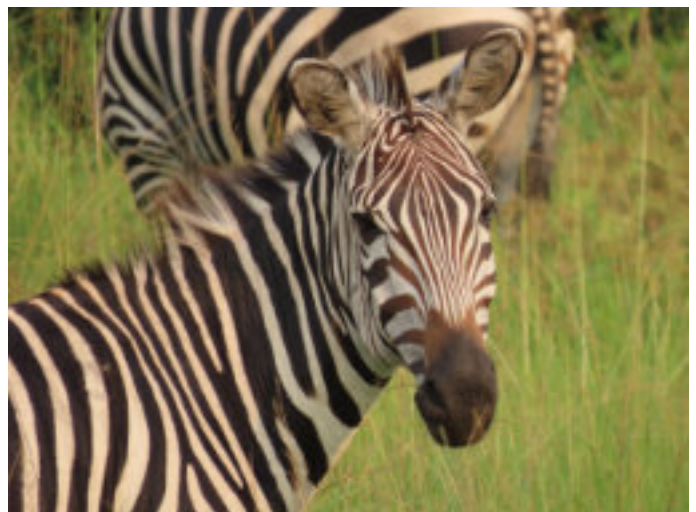


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2024-25 NKD Events

30th June - 19th July, Clergy Conference.

2nd - 30th October, Bishop Onesimus' visit.

5th - 10th January, 2025 Nextgen Uganda.

Clergy, Clergy Wives and School of Theology

Date	Event
Sunday 30th June	Team leave Armidale and Tamworth
Monday 1st July	Arrive in Johannesburg
Tuesday 2nd July	Arrive in Entebbe
Wednesday 3rd	Visit Brian Muhereza at Ugandan Christian University
Thursday 4th	Travelling
Friday 5th July	Arrive in Rukungiri
Saturday 6th July	Welcome to the Diocese
Sunday 7th July	Church Services
Monday 8th July	Small Group Leader Training and Clergy Conference Starts
Tuesday 9th July	Clergy Conference, Clergy Wives, MTS meetings, School of Theology
Wednesday 10th	Clergy Conference, Clergy Wives, MTS meetings, School of Theology
Thursday 11th	Clergy Conference, Clergy Wives, MTS meetings, School of Theology
Friday 12th	Clergy Conference, Clergy Wives, MTS meetings, School of Theology
Saturday 13th	Rest Day
Sunday 14th	Church Services and Farewell
Monday 15th	Start Return Journey
Tuesday - Friday	Flights and return to Australia
25th July	Bishop Rod and Jenni return to Armidale.

NKD Delegation Visit in October

Bishop (Bp.) Onesimus, Maama Florence, Rev's Brian Muhereza (CNBC) and Andrew Kununurra (MTS and Nextgen Uganda) Itinerary Summary

Date	Bp and Florence	Brian	Andrew
Wednesday 2nd October	Arrive	Arrive	Arrive
Thursday 3rd	Explore Sydney	Explore Sydney	Explore Sydney
Friday 4th	CMS / Anglican Aid	CMS / Moore	CMS / MTS
Saturday 5th	Travel to Armidale	Travel to Armidale	MTS Recruit
Sunday 6th	Cathedral	UNE	MTS Recruit
Monday 7th	Off	Off	Travel to Armidale
Tuesday 8th	New England Archdeaconry (A.D.)		Off
Wednesday 9th			
Thursday 10th			
Friday 11th			
Saturday 12th	Tamworth	Tamworth	Gunnedah and Barwon AD
Sunday 13th	St Paul's	St Peter's	Gunnedah
Monday 14th	Off	Off	Off
Tuesday 15th	Peel Archdeaconry		
Wednesday 16th			
Thursday 17th			
Friday 18th			
Saturday 19th	MU AGM	TBC	Nextgen Meeting
Sunday 20th	Inverell	OVACC	North Tamworth
21st - 25th	MacIntyre AD, then Sector Conference	Sector Conference then Namoi AD	Sector Conference
Saturday 26th	Moree	Agies	L'Ridge
Sunday 27th	Moree	Narrabri	L'Ridge
Monday 28th	Travel to Armidale	Travel to Armidale	Travel to Armidale
Tuesday 29th	Farewell Dinner	Farewell Dinner	Farewell Dinner

From The Archives, NKD Visit in 2015.



October 2024 Visit from North Kigezi Diocese

Through COVID delays and changes in Bishop we are finally able to have a contingent from the North Kigezi Diocese visit.

The purpose of the 2024 visit from our brothers and sisters in Christ in Uganda is to enrich our partnership by hearing firsthand how our prayers and support have been used in Uganda.

This visit from Bishop Onesimus, Maama Florence, Rev's Brian Muhereza and Andrew Kununurra promises to be exciting and informative.

We can look forward to hearing from Bp Onesimus on his direction for the North Kigezi Diocese, his desire for robust and sound theological training as he empowers and equips the North Kigezi clergy to be faithful teachers of God's word.

Rev. Brian can share how, under God, the college has gone from strength to strength and gained provisional accreditation. We can look forward to hearing his journey through that process and even hear how God has used him at the Ugandan Christian University this year.

Rev. Andrew, who has not come to Australia before, will join the team and we can look forward to hearing about Nextgen Uganda and how he is training many gifted teachers to be strand group leaders, hence strengthening that Conference for future years. Andrew, in partnership with Ministry Training Strategy (MTS) in Sydney, is also establishing an apprenticeship program that seeks to identify capable leaders and provide ministry opportunities and a pathway for them to become faithful church leaders. We can look forward to hearing how this new program is growing.

At this stage, we may also have another member, Rev. Frank Kiconco, who is to be appointed as Bishop's Chaplain and to assist at the Bible College with Andrew and Margie Newman. At this point Rev. Kiconco is still to be confirmed.

Please consider supporting the upcoming visit in prayer and financially. Details for giving are on the back page.

Please pray for the visa application process, for sufficient finances, for health leading up to the visit, and for God honouring conversations during the visit.

Photos; Left - Maama Eva, Rev. Lou Davies and Bp Patrick at St Pauls in Tamworth.

Below left; Rev Aggrey, Mrs Sue Boland and Rev. Brian Muhereza at Tamworth Lookout. Below Right Rev. Brian and Rev. Simon Carter at Tamworth Supporter's event.



Changing of the Guard at Canon Ndimbirwe Bible College





Bible College Update

In September last year, Rev. Brian Muhereza was officially appointed as the Substantive Principal for Canon Ndimbirwe Bible College (CNBC) and we praised God at our Armidale Synod when we just heard the news. We were all overjoyed at the provision of a good principal that we have had a long standing good relationship with. Brian has faithfully served the College for many years as tutor and lecturer before being Deputy Principal.

In a surprising turn of events, no sooner had we finished thanking God for such an appointment than we then received news that Rev. Brian had been 'appointed' as Associate Dean of Bishop Tucker School of Theology at the Ugandan Christian University (UCU) in Kampala by the Archbishop of Uganda. This school is the premier training college for anyone training in theology in Uganda.

What seems to have happened is that the Archbishop called a meeting with the House of Bishops to address concerns about the teaching at the School of Theology. During that meeting, a long time mentor of Brian and very respected Bishop, Bp Alfred Olwa, mentioned that Brian had helped a small rural Bible College to attain registration and accreditation along with developing positive staff culture and faithful biblical instruction.

From that recommendation the Archbishop called Bp Onesimus and Brian, and Brian is now in Kampala in his new role.

Needless to say, it has been a bit of a shock for us all, especially Andrew and Margie, but we continue to thank God for his constant care of CNBC. We are confident that God has things

under control and we can't help thinking that this appointment will see many men and women across Uganda instructed in sound doctrine, equipping them so as they attend to their ministries they will 'save both themselves and their hearers'.

Andrew Newman writes "Immediately, the news has been overwhelming; long term, we're confident the Lord can keep growing His kingdom, but he's going to have to make some mighty big provisions. Godly, biblical worldview Principals don't grow on trees - not even African trees."



Bible College Project

On the 7th February, Andrew and the Bible College Staff received great news. The 'Accreditation' step, the hardest step, has been completed for the Bible College.

CNBC has been operating for the last 40 years without accreditation and Andrew and Margie Newman have been working for the majority of their time with the College to help in the accreditation process.

In Uganda there are a number of steps required to gain recognition as an institution that can provide higher education with a Higher Education Licence.

Just after Bishop Onesimus' installation, he met with the CNBC Staff and informed them that theological education was important, and that licensing the college needs to be a priority. In fact, they couldn't accept students until they were licensed!

With encouragement the staff turned their attention to the licensing and registration process.

In July last year, amidst a flurry of activity, a complete syllabus, administration papers, a human resource manual, a constitution, and other licensing documents were sent to the Bishop for acceptance.

In September, a Governing Council was established and met for the first time. The Chair of the Council is a godly man with substantial experience in national level education and governance. All the recommendations the staff made were approved and Brian was appointed as Principal.

The CNBC Governing Council also appointed Martin and Grace as Deputy Principals along with creating a bank account for the College.

On the 7th February, Brian, still in his capacity as CNBC Principal, went to the National Council For Higher Education. This body approves colleges and universities to offer education programs, ie Certificate, Diploma, Bachelors, Masters and Ph.Ds.

The good news was that after a substantial wait the hardest step has been completed. Now, the next step is to host an inspection team to come and look at the facilities at CNBC. Can you help with this next step too?

Up to this point some of your giving to the partnership has been paying for admission and administration fees for the accreditation process. The visit from the officials is going to cost around \$4500 AUD.

We are talking with the North Kigezi Diocese about their investment with the Bible College but we also know that the North Kigezi Diocese has very limited funds. Whatever the case, we know our support will be well received and will expedite the College in the registration process.

The next steps Andrew informs us, are that washrooms need to be built (Andrew has a sponsor to enable building to happen) and the staff need office space.

Please keep praying for Andrew, Margie, Martin and Grace along with a new cohort of students when they arrive.



Brian, Margie, Martin, Grace and Andrew working hard on registration documents while Brian tries to fix his computer with masking tape





Andrew and Margie serving with CMS in North Kigezi Diocese. Andrew previously has ministered in the Diocese of Armidale at Calrossy, Glenn Innes and Bundarra



Dear Friends,

What a whirlwind!

We have never seen such a busy Christmas to New Year season!!! Uganda's social calendar is 'chokkas' during this period. Wedding celebrations, Christmas parties, Thanksgiving services 'by the dozen' ... Ugandans love to party so often because that's when meat enters the menu!



Margie was Matron of Honour for 2 dear friends: Graduate Moreen (right) and Language Helper Tezrah (left).



Scan the QR code for extra video content from the Newman's

Then came the work of preparing for the Next Generation youth leadership conference and the actual conference in early January! A huge highlight was seeing the Ugandan and Aussie teams working in gospel partnership to run NextGen.



Another new Bible College Principal

You prayed for wisdom for our Bishop Onesimus regarding a replacement Principal. Thank you.

Just before Christmas, he announced that Andrew would be Acting Principal of the Bible College until a Ugandan is found and nurtured from within the North Kigezi Diocese or 'head-hunted' from outside the Diocese. The announcement followed significant thought, prayer and discussion with then-incumbent Principal Brian, experienced Australian people and especially with Elizabeth Richards (CMS-A Regional Mission Director) and Bishop Onesimus.

The key issue with the Bishop's request is the challenge to our missiology (theology of mission) it brings.

We were trained in a 'partnership', 'get-along-side', 'under-local-leadership' approach to mission that CMS-A call 'Vulnerable Mission'. We are big fans of it because it reflects the Scriptural concept of servanthood so well. We have loved operating like that, as a 2-person human resource team with the Bible College staff. To suddenly 'rise up' and take leadership in the College, felt like a serious contradiction.

Eventually, we could see that:

- we were still under the leadership of Bishop Onesimus
- the Memorandum of Understanding between CMS-A and Bishop Onesimus could remain unaltered and
- by virtue of being in the 5-member Licensing team Rev Brian had formed, we both had a deep understanding of the new direction the College was committing to such that the Lord had put Andrew in a strategic position to lead the process of implementing the National Council for Higher Education Licence requirements.

So, we went ahead, 'the Lord being our helper' and the announcement was made just before Christmas.

Thank God:

For answers to prayer for the Bishop's wisdom in the replacement of Principal Brian

For His promise to "draw near" (James 4:8)

The very recent and unexpected joy of a young woman we have been discipling suddenly and deeply being renewed in her faith. An exciting story for another prayer letter.

That the UNCHE have approved our new Certificate and Diploma programmes.

For the example of our fellow believers here as they continually trust the Lord with every change he brings their way.

For the changes in leadership following the transfers which mean we now have a Bishop, a Diocesan Secretary (the "2nd in command") and an acting Diocesan Treasurer all with integrity. What a joy!

Please Pray:

For us as a couple to be kind and understanding with one another as we learn to function in differing roles in the college.

For wisdom and energy for Andrew as he implements structures in the Bible college which reflect the License requirements.

For the adjustment of College staff to the changes and for all staff relationships to be Christ-like.

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In His Name,

Andrew and Margie Newman



How about something completely different?

Just when we thought we'd experienced most things ... January happened. We experienced in a new way communal culture. We've been away during January in the previous 2 years, the Bishop was not in place and before that the 2 years of COVID kept things quiet.

Every year in mid-January, the Bishop announces transfers of ministry workers. This year 49 ministry workers were transferred. The list of moving days is published and it all happens within 2 weeks of the announcement. What can we say? It's a hierarchical society.

We "escorted" 3 ministry workers and declined to go to a number of others.

On the day of moving, family, supporters and parishioners gather to watch the packing of the family's belongings into the allocated truck. The family and any excess luggage come in and on our vehicle and other vehicles. This packing generally takes less than 2 hours.

Together we all pile into transport of any kind to travel in convoy to the new place of service.

On arrival at the new place, there is a gathering to welcome the new Lay Reader or Reverend. We go into church where there is singing, dancing, speeches and prayer for the new leader after which we all eat lunch and go into the new house which has been unpacked by trusted people. We all wander through the house to see the new lodgings and then sing, pray and bless the house and its new members.

We loved seeing our Class of '22 graduates overcoming the Lay Reader/ Clergy divide and being Jesus- centred gospel partners.

We also loved witnessing the strength of community in the stressful transition of moving – such a practical expression of Jesus' community-building command that he modelled so powerfully on the cross: Love each other (John 15:17).

Photos top to bottom. 1. Loading the truck, 2. A group of graduates from CNBC attend to support their fellow graduate (Dickson). 3. CNBC Graduate Lay-Reader Dickson being welcomed at his new sub-Parish



Follow the QR code to see a video of more of the moving process.

Nextgen Uganda

In January this year, 8 Aussies (6 leaders and 2 helpers) from our diocese headed over to the North Kigezi Diocese in Uganda to run Next Gen.

Over 200 delegates, including some clergy, attended the conference with the aim of learning to teach the Bible more accurately in their ministry roles. Andrew Kananura (the main Ugandan Next Gen Organiser) said that it is getting to the stage that after many years you can tell by their preaching who has been to Next Gen.

To finish the course, the delegates must complete both Strand 1 and Strand 2 twice, so a total of four conferences. The main conference is held with our help in January each year, however, Andrew Kananura is running mini conferences in Uganda through the schools and churches throughout the year.

This year we had a total of 9 Ugandan group leaders and 8 Ugandan Trainees. This is a fantastic position to be in as every group had a Ugandan as their main leader. The aim is for more Ugandan leaders to be identified and trained up to lead Strand Groups during the conference, giving more ownership to them.

There will always be a small group of Australians going over to assist as it is such an important partnership which we value immensely, however, having the majority of the leadership team being Ugandan has always been the goal.

Peggy Mafigiri, a Ugandan leader says of her experience of Next Gen "For every year that I have participated in Next Gen, I would stamp it to say that it is always like a light bulb turned on for every person that attends. The realism of finding God in the scriptures is amazing and O how that has changed how we read the Bible and relate with the people God has placed around us. I am looking forward to a time when all the clergy will be part of this training too because that would directly impact the people they are shepherding. To God be the glory for the things He is doing in NKD through Next Generation!"

It is encouraging to see so many highly competent Ugandan leaders and trainees being raised up. The future of Next Gen Uganda is looking bright!! We praise God for his faithfulness. As Ugandan's say "God is good, all the time, for that is his nature, wow!"

Lou Davies, Nextgen Uganda Australian Director





Photos: Top - Nextgen Uganda main sessions. Bottom left - Oscar sharing his work in strand time. Bottom right - Sophie Draycot sharing in strand time.



Ugandan Clergy Conference 8th - 12th July 2024



In 2022 the Diocese of Armidale was invited to assist in an All Clergy Conference and Clergy Wives conference in the North Kigezi Diocese. The Conferences were so well received and helpful that we have been asked to return to partner again with our brothers and sisters in Christ in Uganda.

In July this year Bishop Rod and Jenni Chiswell, Tom Melbourne, Lou Davies, Simon and Erin Carter along with Cody, and Russ Smidt along with his son Oliver are travelling to Rukungiri to participate in the conferences.

The time that we will spend in Rukungiri will be exciting as Rod and Jenni along with Simon will be attending the Clergy Conference, Lou and Erin at the Clergy Wives, and Tom speaking at a School of Theology at the Bible College. In addition to these activities, Russ Smidt, Director of Training (MTS) will also be presenting and teaching on the importance of training and MTS while Russ' son Oliver along with Cody will be doing some filming of the activities to show how our partnership has been assisting the spread of the Gospel in North Kigezi Dicoese.

Rod will be speaking on Romans 12 and 13 over five talks while Lou will take the Clergy Wives through the book of Ruth. Please pray for Rod and Lou as they prepare.



**Can you help
support the Clergy
and Clergy Wives
Conference?**

**Please pray and
give financially
using the
information on the
back page.**



Craft Corner

Ugandan Paper Beads for Necklaces and Bracelets

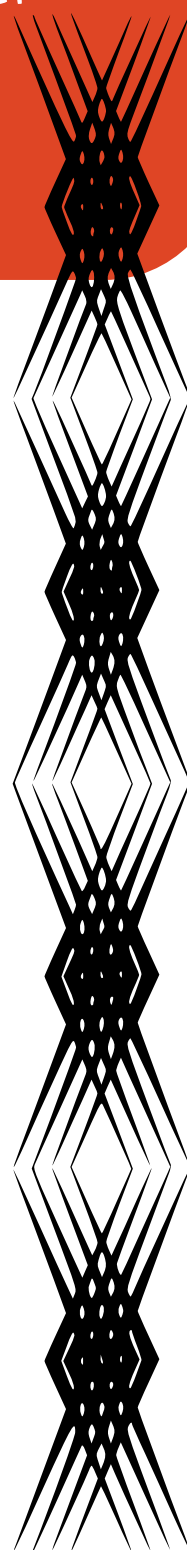
Materials

- Magazine pages
- Scissors
- Glue
- Bamboo skewer or pencil
- Bracelet string
- Mod podge (optional)
- Brush (optional)

Instructions

- 1 Cut strips of magazine into long triangles.
- 2 Take one of the magazine strips and begin wrapping it around the stick, starting with the wider end. Wrap it near the end of the stick so that it will be easy to slide off when you're done.
- 3 Put a thin line of glue up the strip of magazine and begin rolling upwards.
- 4 Roll the magazine the rest of the way up, adding glue as you go to seal it down. Make sure the very top is securely attached.
- 5 Slide the bead from the stick and coat it with a layer of mod podge.
- 6 Let the beads dry, then place them on the sting to make a bracelet or necklace.

Too busy to make your own? The NKD partnership has loads of these necklaces that you can purchase at \$5 each. Proceeds go towards the partnership. Contact Simon on 0419220072 for more information.



Supporting the Partnership



Qr Code to the donate page, Diocese of Armidale.

Giving / support

Please consider regularly supporting the North Kigezi Partnership in your giving. For payment by direct credit to Westpac:

1. The QR Code in the top corner takes you to the 'Donate' page of the Diocese of Armidale, or
2. BSB: 032-607
Account No.: 000134
Account Name: Armidale Anglican Diocese

Please notate the transfer with the letters "NK" and then where you would like your giving allocated. Anything with no specific notation will go to undesignated expenses. For example, 'NK NextGen' will go to support NextGen Uganda while anything undesignated will be spread where it is needed most. If you have any questions please call the registry on 6772 4491 or Simon on 6761 7271

Your giving can go towards:

1. NextGen Uganda (either for general funds or supporting a delegate);
2. Undesignated funds, which will be allocated where it is most needed;
4. Support for clergy conference
5. Bible College accreditation, or
6. You can contact Simon on 67617271 to discuss the best way you can support the North Kigezi Diocese

