



ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF BONDO

Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

NEWSLETTER FOR END OF YEAR 2021.

Theme: "... transformed from the patterns of the world." Romans 12:2

Preface

Greetings with the Love of Christ Jesus from the Diocesan Mothers' Union office.

We are glad to be associated with each one of you.

The journey of 2021 started well, but in the course of the year, our programs were paralyzed by the COVID 19 Pandemic.

Despite the Covid-19 challenges, we take this opportunity to thank the Almighty God for this far we have come as department.

We send our gratitude to the Patron, the Diocesan Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Prof. David H. Kodia, and the Ass. Bishop Rt. Rev. Dr. Emily Onyango our able president Mama Janepher Kodia, the Mothers' Union Chaplain Rev. Philip Gem and all the priest for their continued prayers and leadership. We are also thankful to the Diocesan Mothers' Union Council, the Diocesan Mothers Union Coordinator the Rev. Capt. Dorothy Rose Awuor who work tirelessly to ensure that all the activities are implemented, and not forgetting the entire Mothers' Union members (*The Blue Army Soldiers*) for your continued prayers and support. We celebrate you all.

We continue to be grateful to our Diocesan Secretary Rev. Fredrick Okoth, the Diocesan Accountant, Director of Mission Ven. Dr. Samuel O. Sudhe and the entire central staff for praying for us and with us, advising and supporting holistically us as we continue to serve in the Diocesan office.



Fig. 1 the MU Diocesan Executive committee.

REMARKS

1. The Rt. Rev. Prof. David H. Kodia



Mary Summer, of course, started the Mother's Union to support family life. Therefore the focus of Mothers' Union is on promoting marriage and building stable life within local communities. The MU Bondo Diocese has shown a great commitment to this focus with her influence spreading to every corner of the diocese. The MU has embraced the spirit of prayers and fellowship that has enabled love to flourish amongst the members. Another focus that has been well established is in the area of development where focus has been both the individual as well as the groups. The idea behind this engagement is to promote family life as well as to strengthen the church. Another area where the MU has shown great consideration is in the field of social justice. Campaign for social justice for those on margins and for greater recognition of the family value of a stable family life has provided solid ground for greater service to humanity.

We're very proud of our Mother's Union leadership, members and their Activities within and outside the Diocese.

Our theme this year, is from Romans 12:2 "... transformed from the patterns of the world."

The MU has been able to reach out to the most vulnerable and sometimes most invisible members of our community. They have ensured that there is holistic transformation, which begins with one as an individual.. We as the body of Christ were being the salt and light of the world. We're people of hope, people of

resurrection, we see the light at the end of the tunnel amidst the new normal and the current rising challenges in the country. When there is darkness we're assured of light because we're the light, and we lead by example.

May the Almighty God give us the grace as the Diocese to give our unwavering support to our MU, for the glory and honor of His name.

The Rt. Rev. Prof. David Kodia.
Bishop, Bondo Diocese
MU Patron.

2. Mama Janepher Kodia



It gives me great pleasure and excitement to avail to us this MU newsletter-it is indeed a dream come true and a product of resilience and divine commitment. This is just a short update of what has been going on in Mothers' Union department.

First of all, I would like to thank our heavenly Father for the sufficient Grace throughout the year, our clergy for all your spiritual nourishment and support to the department, not forgetting our very own Coordinator and Chaplain, the Rev. Capt Dorothy and Rev. Philip, respectively. Nonetheless, the message of God's word and your prayers are very much needed and greatly appreciated at this time.

A BIG THANK YOU to the entire MU fraternity for the care and attention you

have shown towards our members and their families during the COVID-19 pandemic. We want to join in prayers, all the families who were affected directly or indirectly by the Covid-19 in one way or the other.

Mothers' Union Bondo, the Blue Army Soldiers have not been idle despite the lockdown and have kept the MU fire alive across the Diocese, mostly by telephone calls, text messages, and WhatsApp groups formed to facilitate fellowship, prayers, reflection and Bible study. As a result, we experienced a great move of the Holy Spirit with over 30 souls being surrendered to Christ during these prayer meetings. We look forward to a blessed year ahead with even greater breakthroughs in the spiritual realms. We serve a living God!

Let us keep walking together in unity, help and support our Parishes, families, with God's grace, forward ever, backward never! Mother's Union is definitely different as we maintain a worldwide fellowship of Christian united wave of prayers, fellowship and service as we fulfill God's mission. Indeed, we must go with Jesus everywhere no matter the roughness of the road, remember, we can do all things through Christ who strengthens us(Phil 4:13).

Thank you for your continued support for Mother's Union, Amen.

Mama Janepher Kodia
Diocesan MU President.

3. The Rev. Capt. Dorothy Rose Awuor.



It's been my pleasure serving in this office the lord being my helper.

I want to thank God very much for my spouse who ensured that I meet all the duties required.

The year is almost ending though with many challenges. Amidst all the new normals, I praise God for the strength, good health, protection and the provisions we received from Him.

I sincerely appreciate the combined effort we have received this year it's amazing, one of its kind.

The Rev. Capt. Dorothy Rose Awuor.
Diocesan Mothers' Union Coordinator.

THE VISION, AIM AND OBJECTIVES, AND VALUES.

The Mothers' Union is the world's largest and most widely spread Christian family society. It came into being as a Christian women's group within the Anglican Communion but now membership is open to any baptized Christian.

The Mothers' Union vision is of a world where God's love is shown through loving, respectful and flourishing relationships. This is the essence of our work.

Mothers' Union members aim to demonstrate the Christian faith in action through the transformation of communities worldwide.

Our objectives are:

-) To promote and support married life.
-) To encourage parents in their role to develop the faith of their children.
-) To maintain a worldwide fellowship of Christians united in prayer, worship and service.
-) To promote conditions in society favorable to stable family life and the protection of children.
-) To help those whose family life has met with adversity.

Each member subscribes to the same values: Mothers' Union is a Christian mission organization working with people of all faiths and none. Mothers' Union is firmly rooted in a voluntary ethos centered on mutual respect and collaboration. Our governance, leadership and programs are undertaken and driven by members within their own communities worldwide.

Finally please take note of our activities next year, as directed by the provincial calendar. Thank you.

A. CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR YEAR 2022

Activity	Date (2022)
MU Diocesan Meeting, Cathedral	18 th January
Eagle meeting (Nairobi)	
MU Provincial Council Meeting	
MU Diocesan fellowship, Ong'ielo Church	15 th February
Clergy Spouse meeting	
World Day of Prayer	5 th March
Mothering Sunday	
MU Provincial Annual General Meeting (AGM)	
New MU Provincial Council Retreat	
MU Coordinators Capacity Building	
MU Commissioning	28 th November 2022
16 Days of Gender Base Violence	26 th Nov- 10 th December
Anti-Corruption Sunday	9 th December
MU Diocesan Chaplains Capacity Building	
Talent Week	
MU Provincial Conference	
MU Provincial Council Meeting	

B. EVENTS HELD IN 2021

Our Theme for year 2021 is:

Romans 12:2 "... Transformed from the Patterns of the World"

1. MULO A '2' Training

We were not able to attend any training of MULO A this year, though we had quite a number of activities on MULO A both at the Diocesan and parish level. Glory be to God.



Fig. 2 Pastoral Visit to Mama Jecinta Omburo and the family during the loss of her husband in Nyakongo Parish, by our Patron, the President, Mothers' Union Cordinator and the Bishop's Chaplain.



Fig. 3 MU St. Stephen's Parish, Maranda condoling with Mama Isebella Orege who lost the Husband.

2. The Eagle Process

The Eagle Process is going on in the two regions namely Nyanza and Western; two (2) and Bondo Diocese is one of the (3) three Dioceses.

All are practicing eagle, though within our 50 Parishes we have selected 6 as the pilot doing Eagle process.

That is:

1. St. Stephen's Parish, Maranda
2. St. Peter's Parish, Nyamira
3. St. Michael's and All Angels' Cathedral
4. Bar-Kanyango
5. Nyakongo
6. St. Paul's Parish, Memba



Fig. 4 EAGLE PROCES TEAM meeting at Mumias



Fig. 5 Sweet Potatoes Value addition.

We held a successful training, reflection and evaluation meeting in the specific Parishes just before the 2nd wave Covid -19 case in Kenya. We look forward to having more meetings and further learning next year. However, the members have continued to do Bible Studies at home and in small groups including individual projects.

The Eagle team also attended a workshop and training on Sweet Potato Commercialization Envisioning at Mumias Diocese on the 2nd -4th September 2021.

3. Mothers' Union Membership And Trainings

Despite the Covid 19 pandemic, our Diocese had still been able to recruit, train and preparing to present 200 candidates for commissioning\enrollment come 28th November. We thank you all for your efforts towards the growth of Mothers' union membership.



Fig. 6 MU Training at Bar-Kanyango, Parish



Fig. 7 MU training Mbeka church, Akoko Region

4. Midday Wave of Prayer

The focus of Mary Sumner's personal prayer seeks to touch lives, through words spoken, prayers breathed and lives lived. Our faithfulness therefore in our prayer life is key.

We really thank God and appreciate each mothers' union leader for sharing the word, praying and standing in the gap for our families, communities, the church, the government, the nation and the people of Kenya and the whole world, through our WhatsApp platforms and at personal levels. Indeed we put our Objective five (5) into full practice "we maintained a local and world-wide fellowship of Christians united in prayer, worship and service"

I believe we also helped those who were in need within the church and our locality without discrimination.

The Worldwide Wave of Prayer links the Mothers' Union in Bondo, a continuous chain of prayer around the world.

5. Mothering Sunday, Quota Payments and Van, Bookshop

In spite of the economic challenges that we are all facing, so far most of the Parishes have cleared their allocation for the year through the successful mothering Sunday in March. This has helped us to run the office smoothly. We thank God for the support.

Our bookshop is ongoing and we thank God for the positive response on sales.

Van is also doing equally well and we thank God.

We only request members to help us market the Van for better result come next year.



Fig. 8. Mothering Sunday celebration and worship time.

6. 16 Days of Activism against GBV. (25th Nov to 10th Dec)

The theme for this year was "From Awareness to Action" Its objective was to deepen our faith-based actions against gender inequality, SGBV, child abuse among many others. The activities are to be actualize come November.

**WE WISH YOU ALL A WONDERFUL JOYOUS CHRISTMAS AND A HEALTHIER,
GREATER YEAR 2022, FULL OF GOD'S BLESSING AND ENRICHMENT
MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR 2022.**

THE REV. CAPT. DOROTHY ROSE OCHIENG.
DIOCESAN MOTHERS' UNION COORDINATOR.