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## WORD FROM EDITORS



Dear esteemed readers,

Welcome to the second fundamental issue of 2023 by Kajo-Keji Christian College.

We, editors; Yakani Bosco (right with spotted white short sleeve shirt ) and Yanta Daniel Elisha (left with maroon short sleeve shirt) value your readership so much that we feel motivated to bring you yet another transformative newsletter of the year, 2023.

We appreciate your patience and unwavering interest in our newsletter. Reading enriches.

Thank you!

# WORDS FROM THE PRINCIPAL



## Rev. Canon Capt. Jonathan Soro Bully

### Who is the Acting Principal of Kajo-Keji Christian College?

Here are his own words of introduction to the readers.

Be blessed to read a brief section of his autobiography!

Dear our esteem readers,

Allow me to greet you in the name of our gracious, loving, redeeming and life-giving God.

Thank you all for giving us the opportunity to share with you through this newsletter.

My name is Rev. Canon Captain Jonathan Soro Bully; the Acting Principal of Kajo-Keji Christian College (KCC).

At this time of trinity, the Lord has called me to fill the gap created in the college by the appointment of brother, Rev. Canon Dr Lule James Kenyi as the Bishop of The Episcopal Diocese of Kajo-Keji. The incident follows the sudden departure of Right Rev. Emmanuel Murye Modi, the former Bishop, to the Lord.

I have nothing much on my own to deliver, but to listen to the team of academia. I will be a team-player staff who finishes what had been left on process with the staff and the Board of Governors as I am ready to listen and work with team spirit.

Briefly, dear readers, let me tell you about my education and career journey.

My background is of a teacher.

I started teaching at Logili Primary School from 1982-1986 after attaining Sudan School Certificate. I later taught at Mangalotore Primary School and held a leadership position at Wudu Primary School in 1980's.

I received the call of God into salvation in 1988-1989 in Arapi Teacher Training Institute. Right from there the Lord pulled me out from teaching for a training in Bishop Gwyn College in Juba in 1991. But, I did not continue studying there due to the protracted war between SPLA and the Khartoum Regime. I fled to Uganda for refuge. I then started to work as Youth Minister among the youth in the refugee camps in Adjumani until 1994. Then God opened for me a wider door for a training in Church Army College in Nairobi, Kenya in 1994 up to 1997. I graduated with Higher Diploma in Theology majoring in Mission and Evangelism. It was there that I was decorated a Captain of the Church Army.

Just after graduation, I was appointed by the first Bishop of the Diocese of Kajo-Keji, the late Rt. Rev. Manasseh Dawidi Binyi as the Mission and Evangelism Coordinator. I worked for a short tough time, but productively among the refugees and the displaced population in the war torn areas of the then Southern Sudan in the present Kajo-Keji.

In 1998, the Lord opened another door of opportunity for me to travel to United Kingdom (UK) for a conference when I was exposed to several churches who later sponsored me for Bachelor of Theology at Reformed Theological College in Uganda.

After completion in 2001, I worked again as Mission Coordinator till

2006, when I heard a special call to work with youth and children. I went back for studies of Bachelor of Child Development and Children Ministry at Uganda Christian University.

The Board of Governors of KCC and the Diocesan Council requested me to fill up the gap created when the former Principal became the Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Kajo-Keji. I likened this period of invitation to take on this task to fill this gap to that of Nehemiah, when the walls of Jerusalem were in ruin and needing rebuilding. When asked, to fill the gap, I felt nervous and reluctant. Firstly, I felt I will not be able to manage the college at such a challenging time of high economic and human capital demand. Secondly, again for eight years, from 2013 to 2021, I was tasked to work in a heavy challenging administrative role as the Diocesan Secretary (Chief Administrator) of the Episcopal Diocese of Kajo-Keji. I felt I needed a break from an administrative role and to engage in outreach field ministry of working with young people. But, the chorus I started singing right from Sunday School till now that says, *"When he calls me, I will answer X3, I will be somewhere listening to my name".* ***'So here I am, my Lord send me'.***

I would remember, when I was elected as the Diocesan Secretary in 2012 Synod, I was also nervous and did not believe I would work for the two terms with two great Bishops; Rt. Rev. Anthony Dangasuk Poggo and late Bishop, Rt. Rev. Emmanuel Murye Modi. I will live to treasure the words of my first Bishop, late Rt. Rev. Manasseh Dawidi Binyi in whose time I served as the Mission Coordinator. He said, "God does not call a person who felt he is well equipped, but those who felt inadequate to His calling. I am therefore humbly trusting that, with the enabling power of the Holy Spirit, God will use my least ability

## WORD FROM THE PRINCIPAL

together with our partners to move some step forward even amidst all the challenges, we are facing now.

I may be new to many, but an old staff of the Diocese of Kajo-Keji that some of you partners may know and have worked with when in the diocese.

To our partners, yes in the college I may be new, but I can say, familiar with activities that God has enabled your support in KCC. Some of you have known the history of the origin of KCC, while some came in along the journey to growth, which is very encouraging.

One thing I know is that most of you, our dear partners, have experienced our good time of progress in the college before the war, but had also experienced our times of war in South Sudan. Some of you have been with us at onset of the war, crossed the border to refugee together with us, and also lived with us as refugees. What a heart of GOD! You offered your prayers and support in all our phases of life; good and bad. I am really more humbled with the nature and unfathomable partnership commitment as our partners seeing some you crossing back with us and started reconstruction with us and planning to develop KCC together with us. Some of you partners have uttered statement **"You are going to crossing the Jordan together with us"**. You are indeed God chosen and sent for us at KCC. I am therefore bolder to borrow the words of Apostle Paul in Philippians (1:2-6) to express thanks and feeling that:

*"2 May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ give you grace and peace. 3 I thank my God every time I remember you. 4 In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy 5 because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, 6 being confide-*

*nt of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus".*

Dear partners in this issue, I urge for continues prayers and support of the college because we still have activities/programmes to accomplish.

In regard to the accreditation, the Administration of KCC will continue to follow up the completion of the process with National Council of Higher Education in the Ministry of High Education Science and Technology (MoHEST).

We want to thank God GZB Netherland for supporting us to meet the financial cost of the process. We are looking seriously at increasing and expanding the intake for 2024 for students in all Schools of Theology, Education and Business Administration. That the Lord is enabling us to complete this process, The college will continue to encourage more staff to enrol for master's degree studies for the purpose of self-sustainability of the college.

We thank God, that there are staff members already enrolled for masters and others have completed their Bachelors of Theology and Education. Thanks a lot for partners like DPH/FOKK, GZB, Anglican Aid Australia and St Benefice Foundation who are standing with us supporting teaching staff members in their endeavour to upgrade their academic qualifications. I would like to encourage some of our partners, who comprehend that education is a vital instrument for self-liberation from products of illiteracy and ignorance, please join us to fight the lion of illiteracy and ignorance by contributing to the support of either a staff or a student in any of the courses offered by Kajo-Keji Christian College or beyond.

In regard to rehabilitation and reconstruction, we will continue with renovations of the remaining houses that were destroyed during the war.

Thank God our partner, New Hope Campaign from USA is coming in to finish renovation of the one remaining buildings in the compound.

On Agriculture, we have a long way to go and mainly to improve cassava production and embark on cereal production like maize and Dura for the purpose of food security and life sustainability. The rising number of students is a necessity for increasing the output of our power and water resources. Furthermore, crucially is the need for expansion in terms of housing especially for dormitory for female students.

As we anticipate the increase in enrolment of students, we have challenge of accommodation of female students.

Come 2024 March, the college will experience a gap in the teaching staff in School of Theology as Rev. Peter and the wife Mrs Jennet Peter will be returning to the Netherlands.

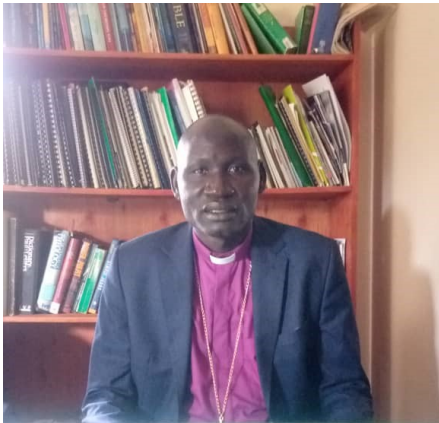
Rev. Peter had played a great role in setting up the office of the Dean for Academic Affairs and of the College Registrar.

We are urging GZB to replace Rev. Peter with new Missionary Staff.

Now brethren, as I close, may the Lord of Peace give you and us His peace and strength to our partnership!

In all our prayers with one another and your support to Kajo-Keji Christian College, we will equip the ministry workers to build up the body of Christ for God's glory.

# THANKSGIVING FROM THE BISHOP



**Rt Rev. Dr Lule James Kenyi**

I give a vote of thanks for the last seven years (2016-2023) serving as the Principal of Kajo-Keji Christian College.

The dedicated staff made it possible to attain all the successes in the period. I also greatly thank our partners GZB, New Hope, Anglican Aid Australia, Brickworks-UK, Anglican Communion Fund, Projects Delivering Hope, Co-workers Germany and Friends of Kajo-Keji for the continuous support for the college.

Through the support of our partners, we have been able to renovate some of the college buildings. Realize support for students' sponsorship, have unlimited internet access, payment of staff salaries and others.

As a Principal, I was working hard to ensure that the college fulfills the accreditation requirements in South Sudan. We thank God despite many challenges; we have attained 70% of the accreditation process and I encourage the new Principal to complete the accreditation process.

As the current Board Chairman of the college by virtue of the position of the Bishop, I will work hard together with the Principal to move from infrastructural development to improving quality education that brings national transformation.

# KCC TO HIT THE SKY: NEW PRINCIPAL



Rev. Canon Captain Jonathan Soro Bully receiving tools of administration from Rt. Rev. Dr Lule James Kenyi

The new Principal of Kajo-Keji Christian College (KCC) has called for utmost cooperation for the institution to hit new heights of progress.

Rev. Canon Captain Jonathan Soro Bully was speaking during the day of his installment as the Acting Principal of Kajo-Keji Christian College.

His ascendance to the power of authority follows the appointment of the then Principal, Rev. Canon Dr Lule James Kenyi as the Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Kajo-Keji.

Rev. Canon Captain Jonathan Soro was the Head of Theology at Kajo-Keji Christian College during the time of his appointment to head the institution.

Earlier on, Jonathan was the Diocesan Secretary for the Episcopal Diocese of Kajo-Keji for nearly ten years until his retirement in 2021.

He had served as a Primary School Teacher since 1980's before joining theological studies in Kenya and Uganda.

Canon Jonathan has hailed the Episcopal Diocese of Kajo-Keji for entrusting him with the responsibility of leadership.

The former Principal, Rev Canon Dr Lule James Kenyi, now the Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Kajo-Keji has expressed gratitude for the opportunity to serve in the post for almost eight years. He acknowledged the progress the college has made under his leadership.

Dr Lule has urged the people of Kajo-Keji to support the Acting Principal.

The Archbishop of the Central Equatoria Internal Province, the Most Reverend, Dr Paul Pitia Yuggusuk officiated the handover ceremony.

He commended the organizing committee for extending an invitation to him.

The Archbishop has overtly endorsed Rev. Canon Captain Jonathan Soro to head Kajo-Keji Christian College.

He applauds Canon Jonathan for his honesty and dedication to work.

The archbishop blessed and installed the new principal on the 7<sup>th</sup> of August 2023.



The Most Reverend, Dr Paul Pitia Yuggusuk blessing the new principal

# FIRST BATCH FINISHES EXAMS



The pioneer students while sitting for one of their last examination papers.

The first batch of students pursuing Bachelor of Theology Degree at The Episcopal University of South Sudan, Kajo-Keji Christian College Campus has finally sat for the last examinations.

The momentous day was the eleventh of August, 2023.

This batch was enrolled in July 2019.

There were 12 enrolled for the Bachelor of Theology Degree Programme in 2019.

Half has dropped off from the course.

Six pioneering students of the programme have pushed to the end.

A journey of four-years has been concluded this year.

The accomplishments ushers in enthusiasm and passion for lifelong learning.

Since its establishment in 1993, Kajo-Keji Christian College has played a pivotal role in shaping church leaders within the former Dioceses of the Sudan and other denominations. Recognizing the urgent need to address the growing demands of the church in the Sudan and South Sudan, the college introduced the Bachelor of Theology programme in 2019. The programme offers an intensive and comprehensive curriculum to students.

The successful completion of the Bachelor of Theology Degree programme by the pioneering students is a testimony to the college's commitment to academic excellence and holistic development.

Theological knowledge provides insights into human nature and spirituality, interfaith dialogue and cultural understanding, ethical decision-making, appreciation of

cultural sensitivity and diversity, the development of critical thinking and communication skills.

In addition, theology instills counselling, mental health, diplomacy, education, social work, law, medicine, business, tourism, journalism, international relations, anthropology, management, public speaking, teaching and writing skills.

Rev. Abanga David, one of the pioneer students says he is very happy to reach the milestone.

He says he is ready to serve his community with the knowledge and skills he has gotten during the studies.



Some of the pioneer students take a memorable photo after finishing their exams.

# PRACTICUM EMPOWERS STUDENTS AND CHURCH

In an effort to harness the knowledge and skills of theology students while benefiting local church and communities, KCC (Kajo-Keji College) has successfully organized its semester-long school practicum. This programme places 30 students within five parishes in Kajo-Keji as well as in refugee settlements in Uganda.

The dedication and enthusiasm displayed by these students throughout the practicum has proven to be a win-win situation for all parties involved.

During the practicum, the participating students engaged in a diverse range of activities aimed at empowering the local church and communities. These activities include preaching the word of God, organizing Bible studies, leading Sunday school classes, guiding and facilitating youth programs, providing comfort to the bereaved, and praying for deliverance from demons. The impact of these actions has been profound, laying a firm foundation for the church and strengthening the bonds within the communities.

One of the primary benefits observed among the students is their increased confidence in preaching the word of God without fear. The real-world scenarios they encounter during their practicum help them develop essential communication skills, ensuring that they effectively convey the messages of faith and hope to those they minister to. Furthermore, numerous students have reported learning new techniques for spiritual warfare while praying for deliverance. This practical experience equips them with unique insights and invaluable tools to overcome adversity.

Notably, the practicum has also allowed students to acquire essential



Practicum students in one of the parishes within Kajo-Keji

ial counselling skills, enabling them to offer support and guidance to individuals in need. This newfound ability empowers them to make a positive impact on the lives of others, particularly in times of struggle and hardship.

Additionally, those students who actively engage in the youth activities during their practicum gain invaluable experience in organizing and leading meetings, fostering a sense of unity, and inspiring their peers to thrive.

Overall, the practicum has proven to be a transformative journey for both students and the local churches. Through their dedication and participation, students gain confidence, practical skills, and a deeper understanding of their ministry. Meanwhile, the local church and communities benefit from the contributions and support provided by these aspiring leaders.

As KCC continues to organize such a practicum, we can anticipate even greater growth and empowerment within the student body and the communities they serve.

The commitment of KCC and its students to apply their knowledge and skills in practical settings exemplifies their passion for fostering positive change and strengthening the spiritual fabric of these regions. This aligns with the college motto of "Building the Body of Christ".

The practicum stands as a shining example of the mutually beneficial partnerships that can be forged between educational institutions and local communities.

It is through initiatives like these that the next generation of leaders can develop the necessary skills and confidence to create a lasting impact on society.

# KCC COMMISSIONS GUILD GOVERNMENT

The Kajo-Keji Christian College Electoral Commission and the office of the students' dean have commissioned a new guild cabinet.

The cabinet comprise of 17 guild ministers.

The new leaders have vowed to serve diligently in their various positions.

Rev. Abe Alex the outgone Guild President asked the new leaders to be strong during their service by making good decisions, as many people will present different ideas on how they should rule.

Rev. Khamis Justin Lino, the new Guild President swore to lead according to the college motto "Building the body of Christ", through working in unity with the students and the college administration. The new president further promised to work hard to fulfill some of the unfinished work of his predecessor.

Rev. Canon Captain Jonathan Soro who inaugurated the new leaders thanked them for accepting to take the various leadership positions.

He encourages the guild leadership to work hard in their various roles.



The Student leaders taking their oath to serve the college.



Former Guild president Rev. Abe Alex handing tools of work to the new leader Rev. Khamis Justin Lino

## KCC RECIEVES A LEADERSHIP BOOK

Rev. Dr Michael Kiju Paul the Rector of St. Thomas Episcopal Church Wharton, Texas donated a book to KCC. The book titled ***The Role of Transformational Leadership*** is to address the challenge of the declining number of youthful congregants, and how the youth can be encouraged to attend church and participate in leadership roles.

The book looked at four biblical characters Abraham and Moses in the Old Testament, Jesus and Paul in the New Testament. It explored how the characters were able to transform their communities.

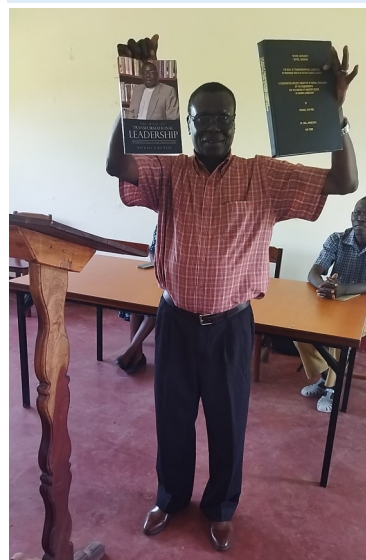
The book arrived at a time when college is boosting the capacity of the library and the provision of better learning materials for the students and staff.

The book was handed to the college Librarian Rev Taban Anthony on the 12th of May 2023 in witness of the college students and staff.

Rev. Dr Michael asked the students to look in to the Bible in order to find inspirational leaders who have served their communities with dedication and effort.

He also encouraged all the students not to wait in order to become leaders for everyone is already a leader in his or her own capacity.

The Rev Said he has a focus of bringing friends to the college and wherever he will be, he will make sure that he will think back home and see how best he can help.



Rev. Dr Michael showing the book he handed to the college

# BUILDING CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD THROUGH LISTENING

In today's fast-paced world, students juggle numerous responsibilities, making it challenging to find time for spiritual nourishment. Recognizing this need, the Audio Bible Based Club (ABBC) has emerged in Kajo-Keji Christian College (KCC), aiming to help students build a close relationship with God using audio scripture in English and the local languages.

Operated under the principles of the Bible Society of South Sudan, the ABBC not only aims to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ within the campus but also to the illiterate population in South Sudan. Led by the dedicated club chairperson, Layreader Momo Stephen Mila, the ABBC seeks to share the benefits of listening to the Audio Bible, just as he has personally experienced.

The club receives support from the Bible Society South Sudan who provides free audio bibles in four languages: Bari, Dinka, English, and Nuer. The society also provides mentorship and support to the club members.

One of the significant benefits of the Audio Bible lies in its ability to enhance students' reading skills. Students can improve their pronunciation of challenging Bible words



Rev. Taban Anthony (Center) the librarian after receiving some audio bibles for the library

and grasp the correct placement of punctuations while reading.

In addition, the audio Bible provides an opportunity for continuous spiritual growth and guidance throughout the day. Students are able to listen to the word of God while engaging in various activities such as having meals.

Further, while listening to the scripture in the local language, members can better comprehend the teachings, internalize the messages, and reflect on their personal spiritual journeys

A major impact on the college life is the ability of the club in bringing together like-minded individuals who share a common mission of spreading the gospel to the illiterate population in South Sudan. This not only enriches the spiritual lives of the students but also enhances the overall college experience, and promoting a sense of purpose.

The ABBC organizes weekly fellowships during weekends to bring members together to study the bible and pray as a family thus fostering unity. The club also intends to extend its reach beyond the college campus and club members will visit individuals within the community regularly to gauge the impacts of the bible on their spiritual life.

The club will keep some copies of the bible in the college library for access by students and others who may be interested.

The college believes that the ABBC will create a nurturing environment for students and the community to listen, learn, and grow in their faith. By gathering men, women, children, and even foreigners residing on our campus, we will foster a sense of community as we journey together through the Word of God.



A group photo of club members after receiving their audio Bibles

# KCC LONG-LASTING FOOTMARKS

In this section of KCC long-lasting footmarks, we bring you stories and testimonies from our students and Alumni about the impacts KCC has made both in their spiritual and professional life and how others should be ready in case they want to join the institution.

In this edition of the lasting footmarks one of our editors had an opportunity to discuss with **Mr Martin Wundi Dumo**, A diploma student of third year.



## **What is your favourite thing about studying in KCC?**

My favourite thing about studying in KCC is the opportunity to have a practical way of learning to serve the community and the church.

For example, participating in the morning devotions have enabled me to lead and preach the word of God, Bible Studies enable me to have a better understanding of the word of God. Mission & outreach programme has increased my capacity of offering practical counselling services in the community.

## **How has studying in KCC impacted on you? Or what has changed in your life?**

### ***Spiritual Impact***

I have improved and learnt how I should best worship God.

Currently I am able to prepare and preach the word of God without fear.

### ***Professional Impact***

I have learnt new leadership skills that enable me to serve and administer a Church I am asked to work in.

I have gained good communication skills such as good interpretation and presentation of information. Currently I can teach religious education and other discipline related to theology.

## **Can you share a personal testimony of how a fellow student, tutor, or mentor has inspired or enriched you during your time in the college? How has their influence shaped your professional journey?**

One of the tutors asked me to endure hardships while in the college. He told me that the world is full of struggles and I need to embrace hard situations as they are the ones that will shape me.

A fellow student requested me to offer guidance and counselling services in schools. I took the initiative and I am glad to see the people I offered the guidance looking happy.

## **What are your hopes and dreams for the future?**

I am optimistic of becoming a teacher in the theology discipline within the next 3 years. I also love to serve as a chaplain in schools or hospitals.

## **Why do you think higher education is important for South Sudan?**

People with a higher education qualifications have better opportunities of employment thus reducing poverty.

Through higher education, people from different cultures and communities are brought to work together. This helps in building unity in the nation. For example here in KCC we are from different tribes and backgrounds.

## **What advice would you give to people out there who would like to join Kajo-Keji Christian College.**

I will advise people to be ready to work hard as they prepare to join KCC. All the staff members are hardworking which will be hard for a lazy person to fit in.

I will also advise people to embrace good Christian morals and values as they prepare to join KCC.





# KCC *Snapshots*



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**1** Some students during Bible study which is conducted every Thursdays.

**2** Students in college library during their personal study time

**3** Business students during a digital skills training program aimed to boost their online research

**4** Diploma in education students sponsored by Brickworks UK take a group photo

**5** The college principal addressing students during one of the college communication hours.

**5** Clergy from The Episcopal Diocese of Liwolo visit some of the students from Liwolo studying in KCC

# THANKS & PRAYER POINTS

- ⇒ We thank our partners for their continuous support in the college.
- ⇒ We pray for the accreditation of the college with the National Council of Higher Education.
- ⇒ We pray for sustainable peace in South Sudan
- ⇒ We pray for financial support in running the college operations.
- ⇒ Lobbying for continuous support in construction of the college chapel and ladies' dormitory
- ⇒ Scholarship for students and staff



## KCC *at Glance*

### OUR PROGRAMMES

#### MOTTO

Building the body of Christ: Ephesians 4:12

#### VISION

To see God's people equipped with skills for works of service

#### MISSION

To provide holistic quality education, research and innovation by preparing people as drivers of social and economic development.

#### CORE VALUES

Quality | Equity | Integrity | Teamwork | Accountability | Professionalism

#### Bachelors:

- Bachelors in Theology (BTH)

#### Diploma:

- Diploma in Theology (DTH)
- Diploma in Business Administration (DBA)
- Diploma in Education Primary (DEP)

#### Certificate:

- Certificate in Theology (CTH)

#### Short Courses:

- Lay-readers training (Bari).

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