



Education Development United Fellowship May 2023 Newsletter

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS GRADUATE, Nampa, Idaho. Leaders of EDUF, Board Chair Randy Craker and Robbie, Executive Director Margaret Scott and Jon, as well as our favorite artist, Beth Restrick, surround the Chaguala Family to share the joy of “Mama Celeste Chaguala’s” graduation. Also graduating with a MA in Pastoral Ministry, attending the event online as was the modality of the coursework, was Rev. Leniza Soares Monteiro, Cape Verde North District Superintendent. Both of these ladies overcame linguistic and technical challenges to complete their graduate work. Both are very grateful to all the donors of the two scholarships set up at NNU for African Leaders that are recognized by the Africa Region head of Clergy development, Dr. Gabriel Benjiman. For more info on the lady leaders and scholarship, see [NNU-scholarships](#)

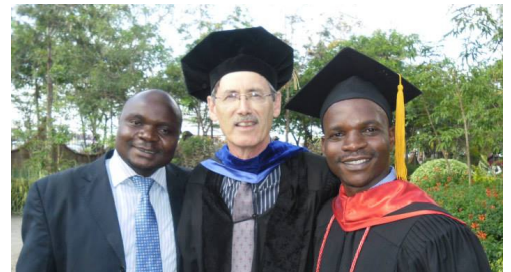


CORE ACTIVITIES of EDUF

- Connection
- Creative Academics
- Funding-the-Mission
- Library Development
- Project Teams
- Prayer (underlying all)

HOW IS IT POSSIBLE FOR GLOBAL LEADERS to “study online”?

Rev. Dr. Daryll Stanton, has many titles including Director of EDUF’s Creative Academics. He has dealt professionally with this question for decades both in Africa and the US. He shares his expertise in the article “Digital Resourcing for Our Digital Age” see it on the next page.



For friends going to General Conventions and Assembly, on June 8, 4-8 p.m. you can meet with EDUF leaders in Rm #115 at Indiana Conference Center. Leaders from NTC-SA will join us from 6-8 p.m.

For all who wish to connect as “friends” or “members” of EDUF, please find the Application below Dr. Stanton’s article.

WELCOME! TO NEW READERS TO OUR NEWSLETTER

In visits to Nampa & Fruitland, ID, Ontario, OR, and Federal Way, WA, and Intermountain District Assembly. EDUF leaders had opportunity to share about the mission to “Fortify ministerial education across Africa”. Kindly, several people signed up to receive our newsletter. *Connection* in person is wonderful, and connection by means of writing is also good. We thank you for signing on. Those who received a flier with this heading



we ask you to please change the zip code on our treasurer’s address on the backside. It should read: **46545**.

Digital Resourcing for Our Digital Age”

By Rev. Dr. Daryll Stanton

Paper products are still needed due to technological difficulties in many developing areas of the world, and organizations like [CLA](#) come along side of the Church to meet literature needs. Nevertheless, it seems like the world is now going digital in developed countries. E-textbooks are often rendering the traditional, paperbound textbooks obsolete due to digital advantages like hyperlinking to more information, ability to more frequently update information, reduced size and costs, as well as enhanced learning experiences. Not only are our colleges and universities offering online programs, but some like Nazarene Bible College ([NBC](#)) are now completely online thanks to online educational tools such as Moodle. Our International Board of Education ([IBOE](#)) not only offers physical support to its system of 51 institutions in 120 world areas, much of its support is digital.

Today’s learning is greatly facilitated by digital resources. Numerous journals, books, and libraries are available digitally on our computers, tablets and phones. The Wesleyan Holiness Digital Library ([WHDL](#)) has thousands of multi-language resources available. *Didache: Faithful Teaching* has 22 years of online journals provided by the Nazarene Theological Seminary and the International Board of Education, available [here](#). Publishers such as [Amazon](#) and [Christianbook.com](#) offer numerous e-resources for purchase online. Our university libraries, such as [Africa Nazarene University](#), offer links to dozens of digital libraries. In addition, numerous open access libraries are available [online](#).

CONNECTING TO EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT UNITED FELLOWSHIP

Equipping Christ-like pastors is the number one priority in Africa. Churches in Africa continue to expand rapidly but the training of leaders for them has not kept pace with the growth. In response to this great need, the purpose of EDUF is to increase access to ministerial training by developing resources.

Education Development United Fellowship is a Stateside, volunteer-based, non-profit that resources education by active communication with leaders in Africa and by raising awareness of their needs. EDUF is also a network of people who want to know more about Africa and who support the mission to resource education.

MORE ABOUT THE CORE ACTIVITIES of EDUF

Connection: join EDUF as a Pray-er, a Volunteer, a Donor or a Trustee or all four roles. On our Facebook page we share prayer needs.

Creative Academics: on-line teaching and consulting currently; traveling sometimes.

Library Development: currently striving to increase the holdings of Wesleyan Holiness Digital Library, particularly in relation to educational resources in French and Portuguese and those written by African leaders.

Project Teams: past teams have worked on building projects at college campuses, laying foundations, making bricks, painting, repairing roofs, and held services, visited agricultural projects, and other mission centers. Now hoping for two different Work & Witness Teams.

Prayer: underlies everything, educational concerns are presented to pray for learners, leaders and institutions in Africa through our website, Facebook page and newsletters

Funding-the-Mission: donations may be made electronically from our website EDUF.org or by mailing a paper check to our treasurer: Mrs. Lauralee Nothstine, 2412 Wildflower Cove, Mishawaka, IN 46545

HOW DO YOU WISH TO CONNECT TO EDUF?

Which role best fits you?

- **Pray-ers** commit to pray on a regular basis for the concerns communicated by EDUF
- **Volunteers** help with a specific project or activities of EDUF
- **Donors** give monetarily to EDUF on a regular basis
- **Trustees** are elected or appointed to the board of governance of EDUF
- **All four?** Most of our board chooses that.

Would you choose to sign on as a "friend" or a "member"?

Friends of EDUF agree with the objectives and mission of EDUF, choose a role for action and complete the Application for Connection.

Members of EDUF are defined by these qualifications:

1. Completion of two pages of the Application indicating
 - a. Agreement with the Apostles' Creed
 - b. Desire to assist EDUF in its mission by choosing a role for action
 - c. Recommendation by an active member of EDUF
2. Approval by the board of Trustees
3. Demonstration of active engagement in EDUF in activities, campaigns and projects
4. Attendance at the Annual Meeting of EDUF which may be conducted as an in-person event or digital event at which reports will be given and elections of officers held by. Elections of officers may be held by write-in ballot, which must be received by the secretary 24 hours prior to the commencement of the meeting.

For individuals choosing to be "friends", complete the first part of the Application. To apply to be a "member" continue to the 2nd part. and send to Rev. Pat Crane, 1016 4th Ave. SW, Puyallup, WA, 98371 or RETURN BY EMAIL TO Admin@eduf.org

APPLICATION FOR CONNECTION TO EDUF

Name (please print) _____

Email address _____

Phone _____

Mailing Address _____

Home Church of Applicant

Which role(s) do you choose? (You may check more than one)

- Pray-er Donor Volunteer
 Trustee (Membership required)

Which means of communication do you prefer for connecting with others in EDUF?

- Phone call Text Email
 Any of the three

On another piece of paper, please share with us how you became interested in EDUF and any past connection you have with Africa.

Signature of Applicant & Date

2nd part of APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

For individuals who want to be "members"

1. I have indicated my desire to assist EDUF in its mission and I chose my role(s) for action by completing the first part of this application.
2. I know this person who is an active member of EDUF and who knows me:

3. AGREEMENT WITH THE APOSTLES' CREED

*I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
 Creator of heaven and earth
 I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord
 He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
 and born of the Virgin Mary
 He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified,
 died, and was buried. He descended to the dead
 On the third day He rose again. He ascended into
 heaven and is seated at the right hand of the
 Father. He will come again to judge the living and
 the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy
 Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the
 forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting. Amen.*

Signature of Applicant and Date

REFLECTING ON OUR BENT-DOWN JESUS

By Rev. Dr. Randy Craker, EDUF Board Chair

My recent preaching has been based on the title of a book by Mike Lodahl, When Love Bends Down. In his gospel, John reminds us that Jesus was willing to bend down, taking on flesh and blood, moving into the neighborhood, and tenting among us for a time. ***Now is the time to let our hearts and minds dwell on what it means for Jesus to empty Himself and come among us.***

A bent-down Jesus wrote in the dirt, stooping to the same level of the humiliated woman accused of adultery. He heard what she heard, cries for her to be stoned. He stood and invited those without sin to throw the first stone and then he bent down again. When everyone had left, and they were alone, he looked into her fear-filled eyes, and she looked into his love-filled eyes. She heard his words, "I do not condemn you." She also heard his invitation to leave the pathway of sin. ***Now is the time to reflect on how we can be people of loving grace and mercy to the fear-filled people around us.***

I spoke with missionary speaker, Hugh Friberg, years ago: "I want to take my church to Africa, where should we go?" Without hesitation he said, "Mozambique." The country was coming out of over two decades of war and unrest and was not attracting Work & Witness teams. The Church of the Nazarene there had been given two blocks of property. The plan was to build a school to train pastors. Teams were needed to build. We went to begin building.

Realizing a lifelong dream of going to Africa, I soaked in every moment thinking this would be my one and only time to visit. God had different plans, and now, after a dozen trips, the love for the people of Mozambique remains deep in my heart. My engagement in EDUF comes from an ongoing commitment to do all I can to help spread the good news in Africa. ***Now is the time to think back to what caught our attention, enflamed our passion for engagement, and ask again, "Lord what can I be doing for the advancement of your Kingdom?"***

I see the bent-down Jesus again. He's washing feet. May our hearts be open to reflect on the humility of our bent-down Lord. Then, with renewed hearts let Him say to us again, "Follow me".

Who knows - He might lead you, too, to help spread the good news in Africa.

P.S. I'm eager to organize another Work & Witness Team. Pray with me about this.

