

Dear Friends of Ministerial Education in Africa,

Did you know that April 2024 is bookended by Easters? April 1<sup>st</sup> was "Easter Monday", as is celebrated in several cultures. Coming up on May 5<sup>th</sup> is Orthodox Easter so this newsletter is going out during an unusual year in which the Western Easter and Eastern Easter are five weeks apart. But then, we also celebrate the risen Lord on every Sunday of the year because we are people of the Resurrection.

The April 2024 newsletter below celebrates:

- sending enough funds to top up FIVE underfunded scholarships at the Church of the Nazarene Foundation for African students
- the African contingency at the Nazarene Global Theology Conference, Argentina
- the Washington Pacific District Assembly April 14-16
- Faith Promise weekend at the church of one of EDUF's trustees.

Let's give thanks for the things last month, then pray together in anticipation of items that will be explained in further detail in the newsletter:

- May 3-4: Gatherings at Trevecca Nazarene University for four African leaders and several EDUF attendees
- May 7 – 29: Five librarians led by Dr. Sharon Bull are going to NTC South Africa to assist with cataloguing of library resources, adding electronic books to the collection, reviewing policies and procedures, and assisting with the library website, all in preparation for the transition of library leadership from Anna Sibeko who is retiring at the end of the year.

Thanks so much for reading, celebrating, and anticipating with us at EDUF,

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P.S. I am stepping up my activity toward the urgent resettlement of the refugee couple and their family I've described previously. Please contact me if you want more information.

## EDUF NEWSLETTER APRIL 2024

### TOPPED UP ENDOWMENTS

Because donors give faithfully to the mission of "fortifying ministerial education throughout Africa, the trustees of EDUF moved enough funds to top up FIVE (five) underfunded scholarships at the Church of the Nazarene Foundation for African students. We are so, so grateful to be able to do that! Thank you! Three scholarships were for students at Southern African Nazarene University in eSwatini, one for students at African Nazarene University, Kenya, and one for students at Nazarene Theological College of Central Africa, Malawi. The next time period to do this kind of giving will be September.



## AFRICAN LEADERS AT THE NAZARENE GLOBAL THEOLOGY CONFERENCE



At the close of the conference, Dr. Gabriel Benjiman posted: *The past 9 days have been saturated with a vast array of theological conversations centered on the Holy Spirit. (Our fifth Global Theology Conference theme focused on Pneumatology - "In the Power of the Spirit"). Broadly and, pastorally speaking, the Spirit of God transforms the believer, filling our lives with holy love that leaves no room for any appetite to dwell in sin. It is that infilling which transforms bold sinners into Christ's likeness. Theology about the Holy Spirit is best engaged within a framework of intimacy with Christ and the community of God. Other than that and the word of God as divine revelation, it is not possible to fully comprehend the things of the Spirit.*



Dr. Benjiman continues: *The Regional Education Coordinators had the privilege of moderating the Plenary Sessions. I moderated session 1 with Plenary presentations by Dr. Svetlana Khobnya and Rev. Felipe Daiane Borduam. Dr. Jorge L. Julca, and his team hosted a remarkable and very memorable Global Theology Conference. My grand commendation to all. Special appreciation goes to Dr. Tammy Carter-Lickteig and the team behind the curtains. Tammy spent a month on site working with the hosts to make sure everything that is anything, from transportation, convention center seating to bedding was all in order.*

## THE WASHINGTON PACIFIC DISTRICT ASSEMBLY

Several of the wonderful messages by Dr. David Busic and Dr. Randall Craker during the Assembly are now posted to the EDUF YouTube channel:

[Education Development United Fellowship - YouTube](#)

Many, many significant moments were packed into the WaPac District Assembly. One was something called "retirement" for **Rev. Pat Crane**. She is continuing in her triple role as office manager/bookkeeper/administrative assistant of **Education Development United Fellowship** in which she serves with dedication, enthusiasm and excellence. Our EDUF board chair, **Dr. Randall Craker** has also failed repeatedly to "retire" attesting to God's designs and His strengthening in spite of our human chronologies.





**FAITH PROMISE WEEKEND AT THE CHURCH OF ONE OF EDUF'S TRUSTEES AND GRADUATION ACTIVITIES AT TREVECCA NAZARENE UNIVERSITY**



Rev. Lisa Morrison is pastor of Faith Community Chapel in Ludlow, MA. When she was teaching in South Africa, God brought into her life an African daughter. Since that time, "Thapi" finished her MDiv at NTS, was ordained, became Academic Dean of our Nazarene school in South Africa, and attended the Global Theology Conference. Rev. Mathapelo Tabele was Faith Promise speaker in her American mom's church, and both of them will travel to attend the graduation at Trevecca Nazarene University at which Thapi is one of four African scholars who are part of the first cohort of TNU's online Masters' degree in Instructional Design and Technology, a partnership between the Africa Region, TNU and EDUF.

Also attending graduation activities of this first cohort will be EDUF supporters, Dr. Shirley and Rev. Robert Aldridge, EDUF co-founder, Dr. Ken Walker, and EDUF trustee, Mr. Jeff Hitchcock, Jr. who recently graduated from Indiana University with an M.S. in Education, Instructional Systems Technology. Jeff says: *The completion of this degree has not only provided me with a new set of tools to develop instructional solutions for business contexts, it has also allowed me (and more importantly) to develop richer learning experiences for the ministries I am involved in.*

EDUF is eager to hear more about what happens next weekend at TNU in Nashville, and also about a Work Project undertaken by EDUF people in Indiana. More about those next time!

Tuko Pamoja! We are together!