

LPA Inaugural Umoja Conference



Participants of the inaugural Umoja Conference that focused on the theme of building bridges between Africans and African Americans in Christ

Daystar University held its first Umoja Conference on 6th - 7th June 2017 at DAC Auditorium, Daystar Nairobi Campus. The conference was organized by the Department of Language and Performing Arts, headed by Dr. Wandia Njoya, and ran under the theme: "Building Bridges Between Africans and African Americans in Christ".

Dr. Wandia was among guest speakers at the forum, others being Mr. John Githongo II, CEO of Inuka Kenya Trust, Pastor Curtis Reed of Harvesters Global Church and a Part time Lecturer in the Department of Language and Performing Arts at Daystar University, and Dr. Mshai Mwangola Research and Communication Officer at African Peace-building Network Hub.

The conference aimed at expanding the worldview of students to understand other Africans beyond their borders and create lasting relationships from across the sea. Dr. Wandia spoke about the

corruption of African love and gender identities that was torn from the African culture during colonization and post-colonization that has seen a detachment from the definition of intimacy, masculinity and femininity; and the affirmation of nature in the African context. "This disconnect from our African heritage has greatly affected the relationship dynamics in Africa in the 21st century," she said.

Mr. John Githongo said that in his many visits abroad, he had noted the unjust ways in which Africans and African American people are treated in comparison to people of other races, and the various rights that have been denied them. He said this has made him to become the radical Pan-Africanist and an advocate for justice and equal rights.

On his part, Pastor Curtis Reed emphasized on the importance of understanding the history and origin of the African-American culture

especially through the Trans-Atlantic slave trade that took over 11 million Africans to North and South America. He said this is what caused the initial divide between the Africans and the African-Americans. He also noted that the disconnect created after the slave trade has caused tensions between the African-Americans and the Africans due to a lack of understanding of the different cultures that were created.

Dr. Mshai Mwangola insisted that conversations need to be heard about the real issues that each group faces because all blacks and Africans have different experiences that need to be looked at in order to actually bring unity among both parties.

The conference attracted African-American delegates from Chicago, Illinois, students from different universities in Kenya, and other members of the public.



Inuka Kenya CEO Mr. John Githongo II speaking during the Umoja Conference at the DAC Auditorium, Valley Road Campus

DLPDI Graduates



Daystar Leadership & Professional Development Institute Director Prof. Abraham Waithima (left) awards Bengo Otieno with a certificate of participation after completing the Graphics Design & Media Production course

The Daystar Leadership and Professional Development Institute (DLPDI) graduated 20 participants in two short course programmes on 31st May 2017 at the Valley Road Campus.

The Graphic Design and Media Production programme graduated 11 participants while Youth Entrepreneurship course graduated nine. The four week intensive courses ran concurrently between April and May.

The introduction of the Graphic Design and Media Production was necessitated by the drive in technological advancement and changing dynamism in advertising, music, as well as the film industry. The highly practical course covered Adobe Suite packages such as Adobe Photoshop, Adobe InDesign, Adobe Premiere Pro and Adobe Illustrator. The 11 students were evaluated on their final design project submissions.

On the other hand, the Youth Entrepreneurship course on its second ran was geared toward empowering the youth through entrepreneurship and covered the fundamentals of entrepreneurship including financial management, business planning and turning passion into viable businesses.

Starting Tuesday 20th June 2017, the DLPDI will be offering a Diploma in Theology for Ministry that aims at equipping professionals who serve in the ministry with basic theology that will enhance their ministry effectiveness both in church as well as enabling them to carry out evangelism and discipleship in the market place. See press and posters for details.

For inquiries about the program write to:

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Diploma in Theology for Christian Ministry

Preamble

A number of professionals get positions of leadership in the church as elders, deacons and even pastors. A large number of these professionals also carry out evangelism and discipleship roles in the market place. In most cases, such professionals lack basic theological training. This program dubbed "Theology for Christian Ministry" comes to fill this gap. The program consists of ten (10) modules offered by the Daystar Leadership & Professional Development Institute (DLPDI).

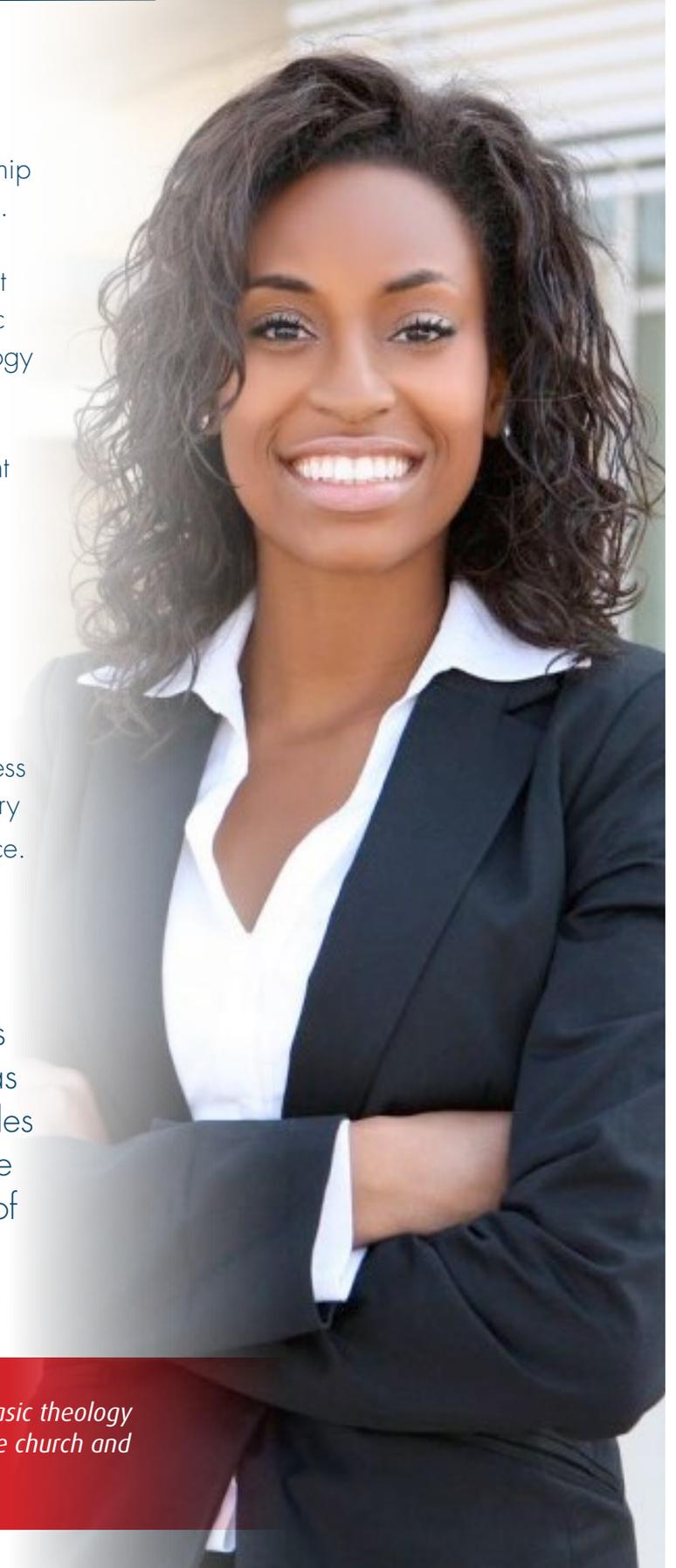
Objective of the Program

The objective of the program is to equip professionals who serve in the ministry with basic theology that will enhance their ministry effectiveness both in the church as well as enabling them to carry out evangelism and discipleship in the market place.

Structure of the Program

Each module consists of 24 contact hours to be done in 10 three-hour sessions so as to cover a module in a month. The modules are designed to stand-alone and therefore there is no module that is a pre-requisite of the other. As such, a participant can join the program in any module.

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AIESEC Parents Breakfast Forum



AIESEC in Daystar Leadership team during the parents breakfast forum at CIC Plaza

On Saturday June 3rd 2017, AIESEC Daystar Chapter hosted their parents to a Breakfast Forum at CIC Plaza Upper Hill. The purpose of the event was to engage both students and parents on the unique benefits of volunteering abroad via AIESEC.

The event attracted 60 guests and partner organizations including CIC Insurance, Kericho Gold and D Tour Enterprises.

AIESEC is a global youth leadership movement and one of the world's largest providers of high caliber youth

talent and volunteers. AIESEC seeks to develop the next generation of leaders and connect them with businesses and NGOs across the globe. AIESEC proudly counts a Nobel Peace Prize laureate Kofi Annan and numerous world, business, and NGO leaders among its one million strong alumni. To date, AIESEC has delivered over 500,000 internship and volunteering experiences around the world, all led by young leaders who believe in making the world a better place.

2017-2018 Academic Merit Scholarship (Three Scholarships)

To qualify for this scholarship you:

- Must be a committed Christian
- Must have scored a mean grade of A or A- in K.C.S.E.
- Must have sat for K.C.S.E exams in the year 2015 or 2016
- Must have applied for admission to Daystar University

Requirements for application:

1. A biographical statement and a Personal faith statement
2. Statement of vocational goals
3. Statement explaining why you wish to join Daystar University
4. Letter of recommendation from you pastor or youth pastor
5. Letter from a recent teacher who can speak of your academic abilities and leadership potential.
6. A copy of high school result slip.

Applications should be addressed to:

Financial Aid Officer
Daystar University
P.O Box 44400-00100
Nairobi.

Applicants must provide their email and phone contacts.

Deadline for submitting applications is be June 15, 2017.

#DU39thGraduation Campaign

The 39th Graduation Ceremony is now only 28 days away. This week, the Graduation #CountdownToCommencement campaign featured the School of Arts & Humanities.

A big thank you to the School of Communication, Language & Performing Arts, School of Business & Economics, School of Human & Social Sciences and School of Arts & Humanities for participating in the campaign.

Starting Monday next week, the campaign will feature the School of Science, Engineering & Health.

Join the conversation with the #CountdownToCommencement #DU39thGraduation on Facebook: Daystar University and on Twitter:@DaystarUni. Watch the full Dean's Message on our YouTube Channel Daystar University.





Separating Facts from Myths

Towards Strategic Communication on Health and Nutrition Issues in Africa



Prof. Mary Murimi PhD., RD
Professor of Nutrition, Texas Tech University, College of Human Sciences and
Chancellor, Daystar University, Kenya, Africa.

Keynote Address:
Health and Nutrition:
Differentiating Facts from Myths

Africa faces a myriad of health issues most of which are preventable infectious diseases. In recent years however, non-communicable diseases related to lifestyle and nutrition are on the rise especially among the middle income and the elderly population. The society has responded to these issues by offering interventions riddled with fiction and facts. Unfortunately, some of the recommendations and remedies have been fatal. For instance, there are varying pieces of advice on whether fruits ought to be taken before, during or after a meal. There has also been the "campaign" that drinking a glass of one's own urine first thing in the morning prevents one from contracting chronic illnesses. Additionally, there is the insistence that people ought to drink a minimum of eight glasses of water a day, with no explanation on the intervals between each glass, or if the water should be warm or cold, or whether the eight glasses of

water per day ought to be accompanied by any other activity such as exercises or a balanced and healthy diet.

The situation is further complicated by media, especially social media that quickly disseminate the information about nutrition and health without scientific evidence, thus worsening the situation and confusing people. An example is the infamous campaign in Kenya in 2013 about the "Health Benefits of Eating Quail Eggs" that resulted in a number of families getting sick. There is also the flourishing virtual "@ call a medic/doctor or @ mobile diagnosis" where the patient receives advice from an invisible and unknown doctor that not only lacks any medical history about the patient, but is also miles away so that diagnosis and treatment are given without any physical or laboratory examination. This situation warrants an authentic address.

In an effort to clarify some of these issues, Daystar University is planning a one-day conference entitled: **Separating Facts from Myths: Towards Strategic Communication on Health and Nutrition Issues in Africa.** The keynote speaker will be Prof. Mary Murimi, a Registered Dietitian and a Professor of Nutrition in the College of Human Sciences at Texas Tech University, USA. Focusing on appropriate communication of health and nutrition issues in Africa, this forum aims at demystifying by clarifying nutritional and health facts and myths.

GUEST SPEAKERS



Dr. Violet Wanjihia, PhD
Research Scientist
Head of Nutrition Unit
Centre for Public Health Research
Kenya Medical Research Institute



Dr. Samantha Ramsay, PhD.,
RDN., LD, FAND
Associate Professor of Foods &
Nutrition, University of Idaho,
Moscow



Dr. Andrea Benjamin, PhD
Center for Alaska Native Health Research
University of Alaska Fairbanks



Dr. Wilna Oldewage-Theron, PhD
Professor of Nutrition
Texas Tech University, College of
Human Sciences



Dr. Chris Taylor, PhD., RDN
The Ohio State University
Division of Medical Dietetics and the
Department of Family Medicine

CHARGES:

Undergraduate students **Kshs. 100**
Postgraduate students **Kshs. 200**
Others **Kshs. 500**

All monies to be paid via Daystar University
Mpesa Paybill No: **209800**
Account name: **20170-316**

- Amount covers access to the conference venue and meals for the day.
- For all Daystar University students, staff and faculty, please liaise with your respective Schools/Departments.

PANELISTS

- **Dr. Florence Muli-Musiime, PhD** – Social Scientist & Immediate former Daystar University Chancellor
- **Dr. Paul Wangai Jr., RD** – Consultant Physician, Aga Khan University Hospital, Director, Medicare Wellness Centres
- **Prof. Mohamed Karama, PhD** – Ag. Vice Chancellor, Umma University, Kenya
- **Dr. Violet Wanjihia, PhD** – Research Scientist. Head of Nutrition Unit, Centre for Public Health Research, KEMRI
- **Gladys Mugambi** – Head, Nutrition Department, Ministry of Health, Kenya
- **Edna Warento** – Head, Nutrition Department, Kenyatta National Hospital, Kenya

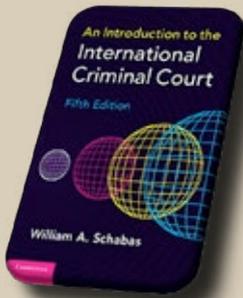
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Inaugural Chancellor's Forum 2017

DATE: Friday 23rd June 2017 **TIME:** 8am – 5pm **VENUE:** Daystar University, Nairobi Campus, DAC Auditorium
Registration Deadline: 20th June 2017

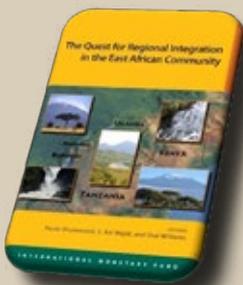
LIBRARY UPDATES

New Books on our Shelves



An Introduction to the International Criminal Court (2017) by William A. Schabas

The International Criminal Court ushered in a new era in the protection of human rights. The Court prosecutes genocide, crimes against humanity, war crimes, and the crime of aggression when national justice systems are either unwilling or unable to do so themselves. This fifth edition of the seminal text describes a Court which is no longer in its infancy; the Court is currently examining situations that involve more than 20 countries on every continent of the planet. This book considers the difficulties in the Court's troubled relationship with Africa, the vagaries of the position of the United States, and the challenges the Court may face as it confronts conflicts around the world. It also reviews the history of international criminal prosecution and the Rome Statute. Written by a leading commentator, it is an authoritative and up-to-date introduction to the legal issues involved in the creation and operation of the ICC.



Quest for Regional Integration in the East African Community (2014) by International Monetary Fund

The countries in the East African Community (EAC) are among the fastest growing economies in sub-Saharan Africa. The EAC countries are making significant progress toward financial integration, including harmonization of supervisory arrangements and practices and the modernization of monetary policy frameworks. This book focuses on regional integration in the EAC and argues that the establishment of a time table for the eliminating the sensitive-products list and establishing a supranational legal framework for resolving trade disputes are important reforms that should foster regional integration.



Building the International Criminal Court (2011) by Benjamin N. Schiff

The ICC is the first and only standing international court capable of prosecuting humanity's worst crimes: genocide, war crimes, and crimes against humanity. It faces huge obstacles. It has no police force; it pursues investigations in areas of tremendous turmoil, conflict, and death; it is charged both with trying suspects and with aiding their victims; and it seeks to combine divergent legal traditions in an entirely new international legal mechanism. International law advocates sought to establish a standing international criminal court for more than 150 years. In *Building the International Criminal Court*, Oberlin College Professor of Politics Ben Schiff analyses the ICC, melding historical perspective, international relations theories, and observers' insights to explain the Court's origins, creation, innovations, dynamics, and operational challenges.



The African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights and International Law (2001) by Rachel Murray

The African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights, established in 1987, was the third regional instrument, after the European and American systems, for the promotion and protection of human rights. This book, drawing on the jurisprudence and practice of the Commission, challenges the applicability of international law to the African situation. Following an examination of the evolution of the African Charter and the status of ratification, Murray questions the opposing dichotomy approach of international law. Her critical analysis covers the notion of the state, the issue of personality and the application of the international law distinctions between war and peace, and judicial and amicable disputes. The experience and approach of the African Commission is compared with that of other regional and international bodies, leading to the conclusion that a more holistic approach to international law is required if human rights are to be adequately protected.



Weekly Inspiration

"If you don't go after what you want, you'll never have it. If you don't ask, the answer is always no. If you don't step forward, you're always in the same place."

- By Nora Roberts -

Chapel Diary

MAY 2017 SEMESTER

THEME: Standing Up To Be Counted

Athi River Campus (ARC)

Tuesday June 13th, 2017

Topic: Shinning...Out There
Speaker: Pst. Murithi Wanjau

Thursday June 15th 2017

Small Group Bible Study

Sunday June 18th 2017

Topic: Who am I?
Speaker: Pst. Tom Ocholi

Valley Road Campus (VRC)

Tuesday June 13th 2017

Topic: Shinning...In Social Media
Speaker: Pst. Rachael Ngugi

Thursday June 15th, 2017

Small Group Bible Study

Friday April 16th 2017

Hymns Chapel /DUWOT

Bereavement

Mr. Zacharia Kiteta a driver in the Services Department lost his Mother-in-law on Saturday 3rd June 2017. Meetings are taking place from 6th - 8th June, 2017 at Mr. Kiteta's home in Pioneer Estate from 5pm and Holy Family Basilica, Kizito Hall, Nairobi from 5:30pm.

The burial will be held on 13th June 2017 at her home in Makutano Village, Masii Sub-County in Machakos County.

The pain of losing a loved one cannot be easy without the support and encouragement from fellow soldiers in faith. Let us stand with Mr. Zacharia Kiteta and family during this difficult time of loss.

