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On 20th April 2021, Daystar Company Limited, the Trustee body that sponsors Daystar University, appointed Dr. Florence Muindi as the fourth Chancellor of Daystar University.

Dr. Muindi will be replacing Prof. Mary Murimi whose term comes to an end on 21st June 2021. Following the appointment, the Company Board is now preparing to induct the new Chancellor ahead of installation to office. According to the Daystar Company By-laws, the induction should be conducted within 30 days from the date of appointment. The induction will cover among others the following: -

- (a) Structured introduction to the University's strategic plan.
- (b) Guided tour of the physical infrastructure of the University.
- (c) Familiarization with the Memorandum and Articles of Association of Daystar Company, the University Charter and the main University operating policies, plans and organizational structure.
- (d) Presentation of the expectations and requirements of the Chancellor's Office.

The search for the fourth Chancellor of Daystar University started in December 2019 when Daystar Company Limited, the entity that sponsors the University, constituted a Search Committee to lead the process and present a short-list of at least three possible candidates for consideration by the Company Board. The Search Committee was chaired by Rev. Prof. Zablon Nthamburi, a Trustee and Daystar Company Board Member.

Dr. Florence Muindi was identified from among nine possible candidates through a rigorous process which lasted at least a year since December 2019 when the Search Committee was constituted. The Committee completed its work in November 2020 and handed over four candidates to the Company Board. In its efforts, the Search Committee reached out to all University stakeholders and beyond, including para-church organizations.

Dr. Florence Muindi is the Founder President and CEO of Life in Abundance (LIA) International, a faith-based non-profit organization that partners with local churches around the world to transform lives. Over the past 25 years, Dr. Muindi has pioneered LIA's transformational development model in 12 countries in Africa and two in the Caribbean, besides USA, UK , and Switzerland.

Cumulatively, the work she has founded and led has transformed the lives of over a million poor and vulnerable urban and rural dwellers, equipped nearly 2,000 local churches, and evangelized more than 200,000 people among them close to 20,000 new converts. Her global work also founded LIA Blue Wings, an aviation company affiliated to LIA International, and two training centres. She leads a global workforce of 93 full time staff and many part time employees in the 17 countries where LIA International has presence.

A medical doctor specialized in Public Health, Dr. Muindi graduated from the University of Nairobi with a Bachelor's degree in Medicine and Surgery in 1988, and a Master of Public Health in 1993. She holds two Diplomas in Urban Poor Theology (Fuller Seminary, California), and in Amharic Language (Joint Language School, Ethiopia). She also has certifications in Corporate Governance (Institute of Corporate Governance, Kenya), Support Raising and Stewardship in Missions (USA), Professional Counselling (Kenya), Health and Disasters (Brussels), Health delivery for displaced populations and disaster management (Switzerland), Pan African Trainer of Facilitators of Community Based Health Care (AMREF, Kenya), Civil Defense Management (Pakistan), and Physicians' Mini-Lap (John's Hopkins Hospital, USA).

Florence is married to Dr. Festus Muindi and both were blessed with two sons, one of whom is surviving. She and her family are cross-cultural missionaries for over 25 years since initiating community-based health care projects among the Maasai people group in Kenya in 1996, on behalf of Christian Missionary Fellowship International. She first registered LIA in Ethiopia in the year 2000 while working among a leprosy community, and later moved on to pioneer the

LIA community development model in all the 17 countries where LIA International has presence.

In 2018, the Kenya Christian Professionals Forum feted Dr. Florence Muindi with the *Integrity Award* and the *Mtumishi Bora Award* for her work.

Dr. Florence Muindi is an ordained minister of the gospel, a published author and an itinerant global speaker in conferences, churches, and institutions of higher learning where she engages on the topic of wholistic community development and the empowerment of poor and vulnerable communities. She also hosts the annual Global Missions Conference in Nairobi for the pursuit of wholistic impact.

Her five-year term as the fourth Chancellor of Daystar University will begin on 21st June 2021 when the term of Prof. Mary Murimi, the third Chancellor, comes to an end.

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NOTES TO THE EDITOR:

- Daystar University is a Christ-centred non-denominational institution of higher learning that exists to equip Christian servant leaders for the transformation of the church and society.
- Founded in 1964 in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe, Daystar moved and was registered in Kenya in 1973 as *Daystar Communications*, a non-profit Company.
- In 1984, *Daystar Communications* changed its name to *Daystar University College* offering foreign Bachelor's and Masters degree programs accredited by Messiah College and Wheaton Graduate School respectively, both of USA.
- In 1989, Daystar University College acquired 300 acres of land at Athi River, 40 kilometres east of Nairobi, and broke ground for a second campus in March 1991.
- On September 19, 1992, Daystar University College moved its pioneer undergraduate First Year class to the new Athi River Campus.
- On September 29, 1994, Daystar was granted a Charter by the Government of Kenya to become Daystar University, a fully accredited private University in Kenya, with the Athi River Campus as its Main Campus.

Vision: *A distinguished Christ-centred University of choice transforming the World through world-class, value-based education.*

Mission: *To develop managers, professionals, researchers and scholars to provide learners with higher education that equips them to grow spiritually and intellectually, enabling them to serve as transformational agents in their professions and give Christ-centred servant leadership in the home, church and society.*

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