

Ministry Secretary's visit to UPCSA ministry students at Justo Mwale Theological University College, Lusaka

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One of the UPCSA's recognized training institutions is the JMTUC in Lusaka. The UPCSA presently has 8 of its 31 ministry students at this College. On his visit, the Ministry Secretary spent time with the students and amongst other things reflecting with them on the importance of using the Church's Manual of Faith and Order right from the outset of each person's Ministry.

It was emphasized that the Manual is not meant to be reserved only for the Minister but should be owned and used by every serving Elder on the Session. Furthermore, the life of the congregation would be enhanced even further when members of the congregation make it their business to own and know the Manual. The spiritual fruit to be reaped is not only that the Church of Jesus Christ is seen to be transparent but every member of the Body of Christ learns to own the ministry and decisions of the church. Of the 8 students at JMTUC, three will be graduating and starting their probation in 2013.



From left to right: Arthur Bowa (final year); Sam Ruzivo; Tafadzwa Kasere; Zaccheus Chilembo; Ronald Matandakufa (final year); Faresy Sakala; Phillip Ngu'ni (final Year); Kennedy M'hone and the Ministry Secretary

Although the College has a programme for the spouses of students for the ministry, this has in the past only applied to female spouses. However, this year the College has responded to a new situation in that

Faresy's husband now falls into the category of being a spouse. He has been included in some of the courses for Evangelists and has greatly benefited from the two 2 months seminars. In the intervening months he has continued with his own buying and selling business.



Faresy and her husband Misheck, who shared with the Ministry Secretary how much he has appreciated been permitted to reside at the College and attend the programme for the spouse devised for his benefit.

The Graduation Ceremony for 2011 was privileged to have Dr. Jerry Pillay the UPCSA General Secretary and President of the WCRC as its guest speaker. His address to all the graduating students as well as to the whole College teaching staff and guests was entitled: "Promotion to Servant". This address can be found on the UPCSA website: www.upcsa.org and by typing in the search block: "Promotion to Servant". An added bonus at the graduation ceremony was that one of our students (Kuruaone Mutimwii) was recognized as the top student of the College for 2011. His wife Nancy received the prize for being the top student in the programme for spouses of Ministry Students.



Top student at the 2011 Graduation Ceremony: Kuruaone Mutimwii and his wife Nancy flanked by the General Secretary and the Ministry Secretary

Justo Mwale College is named after the first African Minister of the Reformed Church of Zambia, in much the same way as the Central Offices is named after Rev. Tiyo Soga for the UPCSA. The College grounds are owned by the RCZ but are opened to students from other Reformed Churches with whom it has entered into a Partnership Agreement (ie. UPCSA, CCAP and RCZimbabwe). The location of the College in Lusaka can be found on Google Earth at the following coordinates: 15° 21' 52.48" S and 28° 20' 48.07" E. The building forming the hollow square is the Administrative Block also comprising the lecture rooms. The building with the big green roof immediately to the west of the admin block is the new Chapel which is nearing completion.

The next graduation ceremony will be held in May 2013 where not only our three final year students will be graduating but the new chapel dedicated.



Two views of the JMTUC Chapel nearing completion.



Entrance to the Chapel