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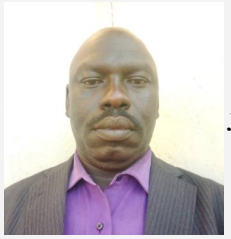

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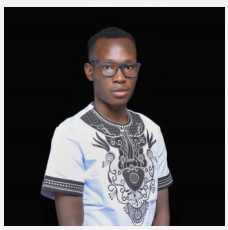

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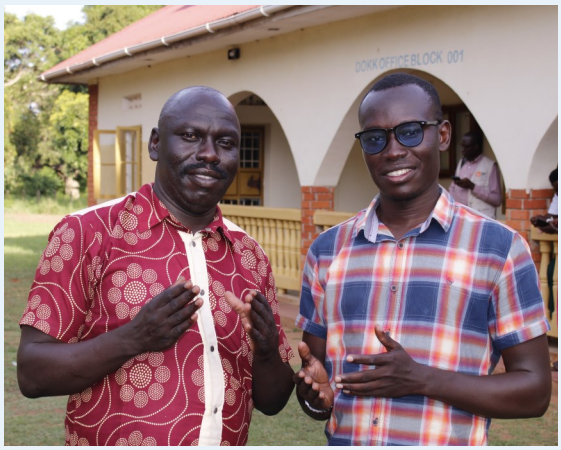

Dear esteemed readers,

Welcome to this quarterly edition of the year, 2026 Voice of Hope Newsletter focusing on holistic interventions.

Your editors, Yanta Daniel Elisha (L), and Ivan Lubajo Modi (R) are truly delighted to deliver this transformative newsletter during this Easter Season.

"Until I come, give your time and effort to the public reading of the scriptures and teaching", 1 Timothy 4:13 (NLT).

Your loyal readership inspires us. It is your patience, curiosity, and relentless support, which motivate us to produce these informative, encouraging, and empowering messages.

Reading opens our minds, sharpens understanding, and strengthens lives with knowledge and information.

We feel profoundly honoured that you choose to read with us.

Thank you!

Kajo-Keji Hosts 12 Swedish Dioceses

Delegates getting on stage to address

The Episcopal Diocese of Kajo-Keji has hosted 12 Swedish Diocesan Representatives from the ACT Church of Sweden in its coordination office in Moyo, Uganda. The visit was meant to gather success stories of the Cross-Border Initiatives for Inclusive, Peaceful and Sustainable Livelihoods in South Sudan and Uganda from the grassroots and government key stakeholders.

The event drew 87 participants among them were 54 male delegates and 33 female delegates. The category of participants included border community members, Cross-Border Peace Committee members, Religious Leaders from both South Sudan and Uganda involving, the Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Kajo-Keji, key government officials from South Sudan and Uganda among others; Representative of the Commissioner, Kajo-Keji County, South Sudan and the Resident District Commissioner (RDC), Moyo District, Uganda.

Upon arrival, Mr Lennart Hernander expressed happiness that it was very fortunate that the visiting delegation arrived at the venue.

The Representative of the ACT Church of Sweden -Uganda introduced the delegates from Sweden as staff members and Representatives from 12 Dioceses from the North to the South of Sweden, coming for the first time in the capacity of visiting the project site to see what was being done to get inspired, committed and energized.

He asserted that the purpose of the visit was to gather some face-to-face impression of the Cross-Border Initiatives for Inclusive, Peaceful and Sustainable Livelihoods in South Sudan and Uganda. Mr Lennart recognized all implementing partners RUFI, YEI, St Martin Comboni Missionaries (SMCM), LWF and FADRA.

"We are now working directly with all the partners mentioned here", the Representative pointed out.

Rt. Rev. Dr. Lule James Kenyi welcomed the visiting delegation from ACT Church of Sweden.
He appreciated the long cordial working relationship and partnership between the Episcopal Diocese of Kajo-Keji and the Church of Uganda's Ma'di & West Nile Diocese.
The Bishop narrated a brief working history with LWF Uganda, which attracted the ACT Church of Sweden to the Episcopal Diocese of Kajo-Keji.
"...This project has done a great work in my own observation… we cordially relate now. There are many young people from this area (Moyo) who are already in Kajo-Keji riding boda-boda (commercial motorcycles) from Kajo-Keji, here and there all the time…
If there are other customary activities, people relate together…there is nothing that can separate them because we are one. Many people are married to either Kajo-Keji or Moyo", Rt. Rev. Dr Lule testified during his keynote address to delegates.
Hon. Anyama Williams, the Local Council V (LCV) Chairperson, Moyo District welcomed and recognized all guests and participants in the meeting.

"On behalf of the Government of Uganda, on behalf of Moyo District Local Government, I wish to express my very sincere gratitude to the Church of Sweden, the Government of Sweden and the people of Sweden for having big heart for humanity, for standing for peace and harmony. We thank you very sincerely and we pray that this visit will enrich and build on what we have started so that the seeds of love, peace and harmony are grown and sustained beyond us", Hon. Anyama pronounced.

Kajo-Keji Hosts 12 Swedish Dioceses

"Peace is a fundamental requirement", the LCV Chairperson declared.

"The support that you have provided have not been in vain. A lot have changed. Leaders of these communities of Uganda and South Sudan are living together. They are talking to each other. There are a lot we do together. There is business trade that we continue to do together that provides economic development. We continue to hold cross-border meetings", Hon. Anyama narrated.

"We have learnt from the past mistakes…we relate very well…there is a great milestone", the LCV Chairperson concluded.

Mr Ryembe Benjamin Wani, the Executive Director in Kajo-Keji County represented the Commissioner.

He addressed and recognized all delegates in the meeting.

"Peace has come to hot spots of border conflict like Nyaigamuda…The borders are open. Motorbikes are going and coming. Movement of the people is already there…There are movements across the borders without any problem…" Mr Ryembe commented.

He commended the visiting donors, implementing partners and members of the Cross-Border Peace Committee for a great job done to realize peaceful coexistence across borders.

Mr Ryembe highlighted the blood relationship of uncles, nephews, aunts and nieces across borders as a leverage for harmonious living.

Mr Ocallap Geoffrey Filbert, the Resident District Commissioner (RDC) addressed and recognized all participants and the visiting delegation from ACT Church of Sweden.

The RDC stressed that Uganda government policies ensure peace and stability through advocacy for Pan-Africanism, open door policy to refugees, free co-existence along the borders and humanity as the identity for free movements and accommodation with dignity.

Mr Ocallap pointed out that free trade policy in Uganda has made cross-border trade possible and practical.

The RDC recommended the establishment of shared cross-border peace schools, hospitals, churches spearheading peace and unity, and if possible, investment in agricultural innovations for long-term peace and stability across Uganda and South Sudan.

Rev. Frida Falk, a representative of the ACT Church of Sweden commended the hosting communities of Uganda and South Sudan.

"Thank you for your time, for waiting us and your stories, thank you for everything we have been hearing, and thank you for the food and the ones who prepared it. Very good! And I will send us remembering that 'blessed are the peacemakers, so we are all blessed'", Rev. Frida concluded.

Ms. Kiden Mary welcomed the guests from Sweden warmly to Gbari-Moijo community and told them that the community was very grateful to them and the implementing partners for transforming the community significantly through financial literacy skills of Village Savings and Loans Association (VSLA).

"I thank those who engaged our youth in Sustained Dialogues. You have changed the negative behaviour and mind of the youth to positive promising people", she commented.

"We pray that you continue to support them to climb the ladder of economic growth and development", Mary concluded.

Mr Lennart Hernander expressed happiness and pride of working with LWF Uganda and FADRA, Diocese of Kajo-Keji in South Sudan.

"Together we can make a difference in building peace and maintaining the peace. So, thank you very much once again for waiting for us, for hosting us and for sharing your stories and you can be sure that what you shared today will be shared with many people in the Church in Sweden", Mr Lennart commented.

Bishop Confirms 424 Christians

Bishop James confirming Christians at Lukura Parish

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Lule James Kenyi has once again demonstrated strong and compassionate leadership, guiding a season of spiritual growth and transformation within the Episcopal Diocese of Kajo-Keji in South Sudan and refugee communities in Uganda.

In a remarkable milestone for the church history, Bishop James has confirmed 424 Christian candidates from Kajo-Keji, Palorinya Refugee Settlements and Adjumani Refugee Settlements of Maaji, Pagirinya, Elema and Mugula in Uganda in the first quarter of the year, 2026.

In addition, he commissioned four lay readers, two from Elema Parish and two others from Mugula Parish.

This significant event marks deepening of faith for many believers, especially those living in difficult conditions.

His presence ignited encouragement, renewed hope, and spiritual strength to the congregation.

Demonstrating his commitment to strengthening church leadership, Bishop James also officially launched Langham Expository Preaching Training for pastors at Emmanuel Cathedral, Romogi.

The training equipped 22 pastors with essential skills in understanding and delivering sound biblical teaching to empower them to effectively minister to the communities.

The Bishop's active involvement highlights his passion for raising knowledgeable and faithful church leaders.

In addition, a special retreat for pastors and their spouses was organized to provide a meaningful time of rest, reflection and fellowship.

The Bishop joined the retreat, encouraging unity among church leaders and strengthening their spiritual and family bonds.

Bishop James installing Rev. Anthony as Parish Priest of Lukura ahead of confirmation

The gathering had created a space for sharing experiences, mutual support, and renewed commitment to Jesus' ministry.

The impactful activities mark a season of growth, encouragement, and transformation across the Diocese of Kajo-Keji.

Through his hands-on leadership and pastoral care, Bishop James continues to uplift the clergy and laity in communities facing hardship and displacement.

The Episcopal Diocese of Kajo-Keji remains hopeful and inspired, looking forward to continued progress under his visionary leadership.

Commissioner Urges Youth to Observe Discipline

The Commissioner of Kajo-Keji County, Hon. Wani Jackson Mule has called on the youth to remain disciplined, focused and committed to positive values, which help build the church and the nation.

The Commissioner hailed the Diocese of Kajo-Keji for organizing a meaningful four-day Youth Revival Convention at Emmanuel Cathedral in Romogi from eighth to 11th of January 2026.

His words of encouragement strengthens the partnership between the church and government in guiding young people toward a hopeful future.

Throughout the four days, the convention was filled with vibrant worship sessions, inspiring sermons, Bible teachings, group discussions, and prayer moments.

The activities created a welcoming environment where young people openly shared their faith journeys, struggles, and testimonies.

The interaction between the elders and the youth grant a valuable mentorship, while peer-to-peer sharing strengthens relationships among members of the congregation.

One of the most encouraging outcomes of the convention was the opportunity it gave young people to renew commitment to Christ.

Through the work of the Holy Spirit and the powerful messages shared during the sessions, more than ten youth members and children surrendered their lives to Jesus Christ.

This moment of spiritual transformation ushers great joy to the congregation and serves as a reminder of the importance of investing in the spiritual growth of the young generation.

The convention messages focused on the essence of living a Christ-centred life, maintaining strong moral values, and serving God faithfully even during difficult times.

Commissioner Wani Jackson Amule addressing Youth Convention at Emmanuel Cathedral in Romogi

The Youth and Children Department of the Episcopal Diocese of Kajo-Keji organized the convention to spiritually transform young people and draw them closer to God through the teaching and preaching of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The convention provides a powerful platform for spiritual renewal, fellowship, and mentorship among the youth and church leaders.

The convention drew participants from Kajo-Keji County jurisdiction and Palorinya Refugee Settlement in Obongi District, Uganda.

The youth convention was graced by the Secretary General of the Anglican Communion Rt. Rev. Anthony Poggo, Bishop Dr. Lule James Kenyi of the Episcopal Diocese of Kajo-Keji, Bishop Joseph Abba of Liwolo Diocese, Rev. Canon Edward Jale Wani and some respected elders from Ma'di and West Nile Diocese.

Makerere University Commences Study of Cross-Border Peace Initiatives

Makerere University Research Team lands in South Sudan on 12/02/2026

Makerere University in Uganda has this February 2026 commenced a year-long learning research on Cross-Border Peace Initiatives between South Sudan's Kajo-Keji County and Uganda's Moyo and Obongi Districts.

The Cross-Border Initiatives for Inclusive, Peaceful and Sustainable Livelihoods in South Sudan and Uganda project has been implemented by the Episcopal Diocese of Kajo-Keji's Faith, Development & Relief Agency (FADRA) in partnership with the Lutheran World Federation (LWF) Uganda alongside Rural Finance Initiative (RUFI), St Martin Comboni Missionaries (SMCM) and the Youth Empowerment Initiative (YEI).

The syndicate project engages community and government stakeholders in dialogues, radio talk-shows for peaceful co-existence, annual cross-border peace conferences, financial literacy education and vocational skills' building.

That means the project tackles humanitarian, peace and development interventions at the same time.

The research team under the leadership of Dr Samson Barigye, a Lecturer of Peace and Conflict Studies at Makerere University's College of Humanities and Social Sciences, examines how the initiatives are making the most significant change in the border region.

The initial findings indicated that the cross-border peace initiatives have steered peaceful co-existence, harmony, restoration of trust, confidence, hope, progressive businesses and livelihoods along the border region.

The study, however; unveiled that the local faith-based initiatives were being threatened by military engagements in border conflict between South Sudan and Uganda.

The most significant recommendation was that the project should consider international advocacy campaigns for amicable resolution of South Sudan-Uganda border conflicts, which have already claimed tens of lives, disrupted social cohesion and caused thousand dollars' losses.

Commissioner in spotted blue & white poised for snap with researchers at Kajo-Keji County Administration Headquarters.

Researchers and Implementing Partners poised for a group photo at St. Paul's Church of Uganda, Moyo.

Who is Boosting Quality Education in Kajo-Keji?

Learning session at Romogi Richard Earl High School

The Headteacher of Romogi Richard Earl High School, Mr. Juma John, has hailed donors for boosting the quality of education in Kajo-Keji County.

"*To our most generous partners, I want to take a moment to express my deepest gratitude for your continued support to Romogi Richard Earl High School.*

Your generosity has been the lifeblood of our school, enabling us to provide excellent education, safe learning environment and equal opportunities for all students regardless of their background", Mr. Juma commended during an interview.

He said over the years after recent return from exile, the contributions of donors have made a tangible difference in the lives of students.

Whether it is through scholarship, which help low-income families afford education or improvements to facilities, which create a safer and more conducive environment, the support has been instrumental in shaping the future of Kajo-Keji community, the Headteacher has asserted.

"We are especially grateful for the scholarship programme, which has allowed students from all walks of life to access the education they deserve", he stressed.

New Hope and GZB Netherlands support education service in the Diocese of Kajo-Keji through provision of materials such as computers, installation of power system, stationery and tuition fees through students scholarship programme among others.

The impact of donor support on the learners especially the vulnerable ones is transformative and deeply meaningful.

Female students of Romogi Richard Earl High School

Donors provide essential resources, which help students overcome barriers to learning such as poverty, lack of access to quality education and limited learning materials.

The donor support has led to significant improvement in students attendance as children are now able to attend school regularly and consistently.

New Hope support in particular has directly contributed to enhanced academic performance as students gain access to better learning tools like the computers, text books, complete power, which provide light throughout the day and the night.

The most significant changes in education services at Romogi Richard Earl High School are visible and measurable.

Students are fully engaged, confident and motivated to learn.

The scholarships have not only helped students succeed in school, but also empowered them to become great thinkers and changemakers in Kajo-Keji community, observers have asserted.

Similarly, the renovation of classrooms, dormitories and the office block) have been a major milestone in the school growth after recent spontaneous return to South Sudan from refugee camps.

New Hope scholarship programme has made a profound difference in enabling up to 60 students from vulnerable backgrounds to access quality education to pursue their dream careers.

There are enhanced digital learning opportunities, preparing students for future world of technology and artificial intelligence.

EDUCATION SUCCESS STORY

A recipient of New Hope Scholarship has a success story to tell;

My name is Poni Irene Ben, 19 years old student from a low-income family in Kajo-Keji, South Sudan. I faced significant challenges, whereby the family always struggled to afford school fees and my parents worked long hours to provide the family basic needs.

Despite these obstacles, I am determined to pursue my education.

In 2024, I was awarded a New Hope scholarship, which provides me with the financial support I needed to continue my studies without interruption.

Many thanks to New Hope for giving me hope and confidence!

Is Economic Recovery Viable by Coffee Farming?

Staff watering seedlings and plants at coffee farm

The Episcopal Diocese of Kajo-Keji's Faith, Development and Relief Agency (FADRA) is increasingly embracing coffee farming as a pathway to sustainable economic recovery.

After years of economic hardship, displacement, and limited livelihood opportunities, many households are now turning to agriculture particularly coffee cultivation as a reliable source of income and economic stability.

Coffee farming is not only helping families rebuild their livelihoods, but also restoring hope and confidence among communities striving to recover and grow.

Agriculture Project Assistant Mrs. Kiden Hellen Chaplain says, through a community-driven agricultural initiative led by FADRA in partnership with GZB Netherlands, smallholder farmers have begun cultivating high-value coffee as a long-term income-generating crop.

The initiative focuses on providing quality coffee seedlings, farmer training, and continuous extension services to ensure improved productivity and sustainability.

By equipping farmers with the right knowledge and tools, the programme aims to strengthen local agricultural systems and support long-term economic resilience.

Coffee is considered a strategic crop because of its strong market demand both locally and internationally.

Unlike some seasonal crops, which provide short-term returns, coffee offers farmers a steady source of income once the trees mature.

With proper management, a single coffee tree can produce for many years, making it a valuable investment for rural households.

Farmers in Kajo-Keji County are therefore being encouraged to integrate coffee farming with other food crops to improve both food security and household income.

A key component of the initiative is farmer capacity building.

Farmers receive training on best agricultural practices such as proper land preparation, spacing, mulching, pruning, pest and disease control, and soil conservation techniques.

The skills enable farmers to care for coffee plantations effectively and ensure healthy plant growth.

Experts inspecting pest

Is Economic Recovery Viable by Coffee Farming?

Extension workers regularly visit farming or peasant communities to provide technical guidance, monitor progress, and support in overcoming challenges.

The initiative also emphasizes environmental sustainability.

Coffee is often grown as a shade tree, which helps protect soil fertility, conserve moisture, and promote biodiversity.

By encouraging agroforestry practices, the project contributes to environmental protection while improving productivity.

Farmers or peasants in actual sense are also trained on climate-smart agricultural techniques to help them adapt to changing weather patterns and reduce the impact of climate-related risks.

Another important impact of coffee farming is community empowerment.

As farmers work together in groups and cooperatives, they share knowledge, exchange experiences, and strengthen community cohesion.

Women and youth are also encouraged to actively participate in coffee production to create new opportunities for economic inclusion and skill development.

This collective effort not only boosts production, but also strengthens social cohesion within communities.

As the coffee plantations continue to grow, the vision is to link farmers to larger markets and establish a strong coffee value chain in Central Equatoria region and beyond.

With consistent support, improved farming techniques, and proper marketing systems, coffee farming has the potential to transform the economy of Kajo-Keji County in particular and the border region entirely.

Coffee cultivation is expected to play a vital role in improving household incomes, strengthening food security, and fostering long-term development across the region.

Diocese Nurtures Youth to Fix Society

Youth undergoing training for the future.

The Diocesan Youth Leader, Mr. Murye asserted that by empowering young people through spiritual guidance, mentorship, and fellowship, the Diocese of Kajo-Keji continues to nurture generations committed to serving God and contributing positively to the development of church and society.

The Diocese remains grateful to all church leaders, facilitators, community leaders, and participants who made the convention successful. The entity looks forward to organizing more conventions to continue strengthening the faith and leadership of young people.

From the 26th to 29th January 2026, the Youth and Children Department of the Episcopal Diocese of Kajo-Keji conducted a four-day Sunday School Teachers' Training at the Multi-Purpose Youth Centre in Morobi Zone II.

The main objective of the training was to strengthen Children Ministry in the church to equip Sunday School Teachers with the knowledge and skills needed to guide children in the ways of God.

Youthful trainees poised for a group photo.

This initiative is rooted in biblical teachings, which emphasize the importance of nurturing children in faith. The Bible encourages believers in Proverbs (NIV); *"Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it."*

When children grow up with strong moral and spiritual guidance, it helps shape their character and may reduce antisocial behaviors in society.

Similarly, Psalm 78:5–7 (NIV) highlights the responsibility of the older generation to teach God's laws to their children so that they may place their trust in God and not forget His works.

Through the training of Sunday School Teachers and other church leaders who work closely with children, the church aims at encouraging young people to learn the law of God to trust wholeheartedly in Him.

The Bible further reminds us in Proverbs 29:17 (ESV); *"Discipline your son, and he will give you rest; he will give delight to your heart."*

This verse highlights the value of proper guidance and discipline in raising responsible and God-fearing persons.

The training programme was concluded with an Annual General Meeting (AGM), which focused on evaluating the activities carried out throughout 2025 (January to December).

This review allows members to reflect on achievements, identify challenges, and plan effectively for the activities of the new year, 2026.

The activity was organized by Sunday School Teachers Fellowship (SSTF), a body that works closely with the youth leadership and oversees children's ministry within the Episcopal Diocese of Kajo-Keji.

Women to Prioritize Self-Care over Sacrifice

MU Patron addressing members during a retreat in Moyo, Uganda.

Women in church leadership have been urged to consider self-care as a priority for a total well-being as opposed to daily sacrificial chores, which cause complete burnout.

During Pastors' Wives' Retreat under the theme ***"what do you want me to do for you" Mark 10:51***, spouses of the clergy have been advised to shift focus from self-sacrifice of serving others to faithfulness and self-care.

Through shared prayer, quiet reflection, and heartfelt fellowship, women were able to step away from the daily demands of life ministry to connect with God and one another.

Like Bartimaeus, Jesus gives women dignity, agency, and voice.

Jesus equally invites women in church leadership to name their own needs for appropriate deliverance.

The retreat entitled 'WOMEN on the FRONTLINE' ran from 12th to 17th March, 2026 drawing 47 women, occupying Moyo Multi-purpose Training Centre with consistent call for change of focus from prioritizing the needs, careers, and emotional well-being of others such as partners, children, or colleagues to focusing on own physical, mental, and emotional health.

The retreat began with a warm welcome of facilitators from the United Kingdom and a free commencement session, which set a tone of vulnerability and openness, inviting the women to step away from routine supportive roles of caring for others to self-care.

The shift from a mindset of constant "self-sacrifice" to one of "self-care" re-echoes the message of, "putting on your own oxygen mask first".

The retreaters engaged in a variety of activities designed to strengthen their spiritual journey and provide emotional refreshment.

Sessions focused on the quiet co-participant in the calling, reminding attendees that Christ honours their hidden, often unacknowledged work.

Rt. Rev. Dr. Lule James Kenyi, the Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Kajo-Keji emphasizes faithfulness over perfection as the ultimate goal in marital partnership, offering huge comfort to those facing exhaustion.

The theme of the retreat was 'the joy of being with others who share a unique lifestyle, breaking the emotional isolation often experienced by clergy wives.'

The retreaters shared meals, laughter, and free time for reliable connection with humanity and divinity.

The peaceful environment provided the necessary space to quiet the soul, allowing participants to share stories in a secure environment.

The retreat raised an "atmosphere where each of us could open our hearts," enabling honest discussions regarding the challenges of family life, ministry expectations, and personal spiritual battles, the retreaters confessed.

The retreaters further revealed that they departed the meeting hall refreshed, empowered, and ready to walk in the grace .

"Our hearts are full, our burdens are lifted, and our passion is rekindled. We came needing rest, and we leave with a fire to serve", the retreaters concluded.

Who are the New Voices on Hope FM Waves?

The voices on Hope FM Waves in picture.

Hope FM 89.6, the Anglican radio of the Episcopal Diocese of Kajo-Keji has stunned its air waves with new voices since February 2026.

This newsletter features on the profiles and personalities of two new male voices and two female voices rocking on Hope FM.

Yugu Emma co-hosts 'Kajo-Keji Mirror Programme' with Sister Sophie.

Yugu vibrates the airwaves with a deep soften voice of a young man who has just graduated from adolescence whereas Sister Sophie titillates the airwaves with a light tone eloquence of a pure lady positioned to win youthful listenership.

Manson Mogga, who hosts 'The Harvest Zone Programme' blesses the airwaves of Hope FM with a mature persuasive voice to capture elderly audience. His programme focuses on reaping elderly wisdom for a better future.

Kiden Florence is another new voice hosting 'Women in Focus Programme' blending the airwaves with Kuku, Ma'di, Luganda, English and French languages.

She brings in a variety of languages to Hope FM symbolizing the multilingualism of the female gender.

Acting Hope FM Radio Station Manager, Rev. Julius Iga, the golden old voice of Hope FM, encourages the new presenters to embrace their roles with passion and commitment.

He urges the new voices to love their work, respect audience, value the programmes they host, and uphold high standards of professionalism while serving the public.

Listeners often describe Hope FM as "Kajo-Keji's great aunt," reflecting the warmth, wisdom, and guidance it provides to the masses.

Hope FM has played a significant role in promoting peace, unity and hope within Kajo Keji and beyond according to observers.

Yugu & Sister Sophie; the new voices rocking Hope FM waves.

TEARFUND Equips FADRA with Core Humanitarian Standards

Partners and participants in capacity building in Juba, South Sudan.

TEARFUND has trained FADRA Director, Rev. Taban Simon Benson and the Monitoring & Evaluation (M&E) Officer, Mr. Jale Isaac Kenyi, Core Humanitarian Standards (CHS).

The training held at Palm Africa International Hotel in Juba, brought together 25 representatives from faith-based and national partners to deepen understanding of humanitarian quality, accountability, and safeguarding.

The sessions, facilitated by experts from Tearfund Netherlands and the United Kingdom (UK), emphasized moving from policy to practice.

Participants reflected on Accountability Systems, Safeguarding and Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA), Gender and Inclusion, impartial targeting, and continuous learning.

Through interactive discussions and organizational self-assessments, each partner developed a practical Core Humanitarian Standards Action Plan tailored to respective contexts.

The training resulted in a structured roadmap to strengthen safeguarding systems, improve feedback and complaints mechanisms, reinforce staff ethical conduct, and integrate principles of Core Humanitarian Standards across project design, implementation, monitoring, evaluation and learning.

The initiative aligns closely with FADRA's mission of holistic transformation and accountable service delivery in Kajo-Keji, South Sudan.

FADRA Director, Rev. Taban Simon Benson reaffirmed the agency's commitment to quality programming,

"Our responsibility is not only to serve communities, but to serve them with integrity, transparency, and respect for their dignity. The CHS framework strengthens our systems and ensures that we remain accountable to the people we are called to support", the Director appreciated the training.

The training conducted from the second to fourth of February, 2026 provides an important direction in institutional strengthening and reinforces FADRA's dedication to ethical, inclusive, and community-centred humanitarian actions.

FADRA works to promote holistic community transformation through humanitarian assistance, development programmes, and faith-based initiatives. The agency through its faith-based approach embraces Christian values and commitment to dignity, accountability and service.

Who is Lucky to Witness Self-Celebration?

Rtd. Rev. Yoane Jengwat addressing during self-celebration

For many decades, veteran Retired Rev. Yoane Jengwat faithfully served God and His people with humility, perseverance, and dedication.

His life in the Christian ministry reflects a remarkable journey of faith, sacrifice, and commitment to the growth of the church amidst hurdles.

Through times of war, displacement, personal hardship, and uncertainty, Rtd. Rev. Jengwat remained steadfast in the calling, demonstrating a deep love for God and a sincere desire for the spiritual wellbeing of the communities he serves.

His Christian ministry was not only a responsibility, but also a lifelong calling, carried with faithfulness and courage.

Throughout his years of service, Rtd. Rev. Jengwat became known as a humble servant of God who devoted his life to preaching the Gospel, nurturing believers, and strengthening the church.

Whether serving as a church teacher, Revival Leader, Lay Reader, Deacon, Priest, or Archdeacon, he consistently demonstrated commitment to spiritual leadership and pastoral care.

His dedication to church leadership and revival work reflects his passion for transformation of lives through Christ.

Rtd. Rev. Jengwat's ministerial journey also mirrors the history and struggle of the church in South Sudan.

During periods of conflict and instability, many were forced to flee their homes to seek refuge elsewhere, however, Rtd. Rev. Jengwat continued to serve with resilience and determination.

Even in times when resources were scarce and circumstances were difficult, he remained devoted to the mission of the church.

His willingness to remain with his people and continue serving during such challenging times demonstrates courage and a deep pastoral commitment.

From his early conversion to Christ to his eventual ordination and many years of pastoral service, Rtd. Rev. Jengwat's story stands as a testimony of unwavering devotion to the work of God.

His life illustrates how faith, perseverance, and trust in God sustains a person through joyful and difficult seasons.

As he reaches the time of retirement after many years of faithful service, his legacy continues to inspire those who knew him, those who had served alongside him, and the many believers whose lives were shaped by his guidance and leadership.

His story remains a powerful reminder of what it means to faithfully serve God and His people across generations.

Who is Retired Rev. Yoane Jengwat?

Rtd. Rev. Yoane Jengwat was born on 16th of January 1948 in Wowoli area, one of the villages in Wudu Boma of Kajo-Keji County in South Sudan.

He was born to Lazarus Moi of Bekat Clan and Damaria Modong of the Koipi Na Duani Clan.

At the age of 17, Jengwat gave his life to Christ at Wampologoma Church in Busaana, Bugerere, Kayunga District of the Republic of Uganda.

Who is Lucky to Witness Self-Celebration?

Jengwat's Christian journey began early and he was baptized on 15th August 1960, marking the start of a lifelong commitment to serving God and His people.

On 25th March 1965, after returning from Uganda, Rtd. Rev. Jengwat joined the Anyanya I liberation struggle, where he served for two years.

In 1968, he married beloved wife, Paibe Pita.

Later, in 1972, he moved to Juba for government political work.

After several years, he returned home on 16th March 1978.

In 1978, shortly after returning home, he began serving as a Church Teacher at Mundari-Mudi Church, at the same time, he also served faithfully as a Revival Leader in Leikor Division.

He continued in the roles until 1987, when the SPLA war broke out, forcing many people into exile. Like many others, he lived in exile until 1999, when people were finally able to return to Kajo-Keji.

After returning, Rtd. Rev. Jengwat was sent for a short theological course, after which he was licensed as a Lay Reader on 27th May 2001. He began serving as a Lay Reader at St. Luke Parish, Midu, Munda-ri-Wudu Boma.

Later, he was again sent for pastoral training in preparation for ordination as a deacon and priest.

After completing the course, he and his wife renewed their holy matrimony on 21st June 2009.

Shortly afterward, he was ordained a deacon on 28th June 2009, and later ordained as a full priest on 30th January 2011.

Following his ordination, Rtd. Rev. Jengwat faithfully carried two major responsibilities; serving as a priest and continuing as a Revival Leader.

The two roles eventually became very demanding. After consultation with revival members, a meeting was held, and Canon Chaplain Sinamure was chosen to lead the Leikor Division revival work in 2010.

In 2011, Rtd. Rev. Jengwat was appointed Parish Priest of Gurube Parish in Kinyiba Boma, where he served faithfully until 2013.

During his service at Gurube, his wife fell seriously ill and was taken to Kampala, Uganda for medical treatment.

She struggled with the illness for seven years before she sadly passed away on the nineth of December 2021.

When conflict broke out in 2016, many people fled again into exile in Uganda. However, Rtd. Rev. Jengwat remained in Kajo-Keji.

Instead of leaving, he continued to serve faithfully and was entrusted with overseeing the Revival Centre and supporting all the parishes in Kajo-Keji.

During this period, a major revival conference was held in Kiri, where Rtd. Rev. Jengwat was appointed Archdeacon of Kuku land, since most archdeacons had gone into exile except the Archdeacon of Bori Archdeaconry.

Later, on 8th April 2021, a large revival convention was held at Pamoju Parish in Kiri Archdeaconry. Around this time, the Late Rt. Rev. Emmanuel Murye returned to Kajo-Keji as relative peace gradually prevailed.

Who is Lucky to Witness Self-Celebration?

The Bishop began recalling pastors back to their parishes.

As part of this process, Rtd. Rev. Jengwat was reassigned from his role as Archdeacon and sent back to St. Luke Parish in Mudi, Mundari area in Wudu Boma to continue serving.

The 31st of December 2024 marked the official date of his retirement from active ministry.

On the 20th February 2026, a special occasion was held to commemorate and celebrate his lifelong service to the Church of Christ.

Rtd. Rev. Jengwat humbly asked for forgiveness from anyone he might have unintentionally wronged during his years of service.

He acknowledged that the work of ministry requires great diligence, patience, and sacrifice, and that leading and guiding people is never easy.

Nevertheless, he remains grateful to God for the opportunity to serve His people for many years.

Rtd. Rev. Jengwat's life stands as a testimony of faith, perseverance, and dedication to the church service amidst all sorts of odds.

Imitating God, the veteran pastor had to retire after accomplishing lifelong significant responsibilities;

"*By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work.*" Genesis 2:2.

The celebration of Rtd. Rev. Jengwat's life service relates to biblical parable of talent;

"Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness", Matthew 25: 21.

We trust Rtd. Rev. Jengwat is enjoying God's happiness while free from the routine church administrative assignments.

EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF KAJO-KEJI

The Episcopal Diocese of Kajo-Keji is a Christian diocese of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan within the Anglican Communion, located in Kajo-Keji County, Central Equatoria State, South Sudan. It forms part of the Internal Province of Central Equatoria and is one of the many dioceses through which the church ministers in South Sudan.

The diocese was formed in March 1986 to serve the spiritual and social needs of Anglicans in the Kajo-Keji area. kajokeji.anglican.org

The Episcopal Diocese of Kajo-Keji is led by a diocesan bishop, who provides spiritual leadership, pastoral oversight, and administrative direction.

Currently, the Right Reverend Dr. Lule James Kenyi serves as Bishop of Kajo-Keji, having been consecrated in 2023 following the death of his predecessor, Bishop Emmanuel Murye Modi.

MOTTO

Be shepherds of the church which he bought with his blood. (Acts 20-28)

VISION

To see a faithful, God-fearing and holistically transformed and self-sustaining community.

MISSION

To preach, teach and demonstrate the holistic Gospel of Jesus Christ to people of Kajo-Keji so as to transform lives, raise living standards and produce self-reliant congregations and the community we serve.

CORE VALUES

Love | Prayer | Hard work | Transparency & Accountability

PRAYER POINTS

- Sustainable peace and stability in South Sudan
- God's Ministry amidst insecurity
- Resettlement of returnees in Kajo-Keji
- Recovery and restoration of lives and livelihoods in Kajo-Keji
- Renewal of spirituality
- Revival of faith in Christ
- Meaningful celebration of Christmas
- Funds for construction of Hope FM 89.6 Studio
- Funds for humanitarian and development projects
- Good health for all.

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