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WORD FROM EDITORS

Dear esteemed readers,

Welcome to the first fundamental issue of 2024 by Kajo-Keji Christian College.

We, editors; Yakani Bosco (right with spotted white short sleeve shirt) and Yanta Daniel Elisha (left with maroon short sleeve shirt) value your readership so much that we feel motivated to bring you, a transformative newsletter.

We appreciate your patience and unwavering interest in our newsletter. Reading enriches.

Thank you!

Focus on Character Building & Meaningful Educational Innovations

Principal: Rev. Dr Michael Kiju Paul

Dear esteemed students and stakeholders,

Receive my warm Christian greetings! It is with profound sense of humility and privilege that I address this message as the newly designated Principal of this impressive college.

I am writing this letter as I wrap up my vacation in Texas where three weeks ago as of May 2024 I came to spend time with my family and reconnect with my prayer partners in the Episcopal Diocese of Texas. Four months just went by since I assumed my position as the new Principal. I feel truly humbled that I have been bestowed with the great responsibility of leading this wonderful and great institution in the Episcopal Diocese of Kajo-Keji in Central Equatoria State in the Republic of South Sudan.

Kajo-Keji Christian College (KCC) is an institution that works hard in instilling discipline and is a reflection aiming to groom, nurture and send out the best in its potential knowledge seekers who are entrusted to our care. We firmly believe in giving our learners strong values along with a set of wings that may carry them far and wide. Hence, we prepare and shape them first as social beings and then scholars and Christian Leaders. KCC has indeed carved a place for itself in the educational map of Central Equatoria and South Sudan in general. We leave no stone unturned to awaken the concealed talents of our students and groom them to fruition.

Kajo-Keji County is faced with many challenges ranging from social, economic, material, rampant illnesses and the list can go on. Despite all these challenges, our academic mentors are mindful of constantly making every effort to reach out to the teaching-learning needs of the students. Tough times do not last for long. Adversity makes us reaffirm to change our goals, remain optimistic and creatively thrive the situation.

Dear students, let me also assure you, the well-qualified mentors and adequate infrastructures, which are conducive for learning helps you realize and unleash your potentials. Whatever turns your life may take you to a destination, I am confident that your ambitions will find their bearings at this temple of learning.

Along with the dedicated and experienced staff, I will strive hard to continue the long lasting legacy of accomplishment established by my worthy predecessors. We will focus on character building, meaningful educational innovations and moral upbringing. Please be rest assured that as we leap forward, our students and their needs will always be at the epicentre of the decisions we make with God's help.

Together with all, I look forward to the wholehearted cooperation and support from all the stakeholders to lead this institution to a greater glory in the name of Christ Jesus, our Lord and Saviour.

Celebrating Legacy of Faith and Service

Some of the ordinands take a group photo

It is with great joy witnessing some remarkable achievements of Kajo-Keji Christian College in the fulfillment of its mission and vision amidst upheavals.

Since our establishment in 1993, KCC remains steadfast in its commitment to building the body of Christ in Kajo-Keji, South Sudan and beyond by nurturing and equipping clergy, teachers and other professionals for service in Jesus Christ's ministry. This commitment is witnessed during the recent ordination in Emmanuel Cathedral, Romogi.

On the 7th of April 2024, a momentous ordination saw four dedicated college staff, three students and five alumni being ordained to serve in the Ministry of our Lord Jesus Christ. The ordination service was presided over by Rt Rev. Dr Lule James Kenyi, whose inspiring sermon reminded the new ordinands and all Christians that the work of the Lord is challenging and that even in times of faltering faith, we can turn to Jesus, the friend of sinners, for redemption and restoration.

As the newly ordained leaders embark on their service, they carry with them the unwavering dedication to uplift and serve the people, fulfilling the calling of their ministries with passion and grace.

Looking back on the year 2023, we proudly acknowledge the accomplishments of 60 students who completed their studies in the schools of Theology, Education and Business at KCC.

We are already witnessing the positive impact of their contributions as they actively engage in providing the essential workforce needed for the growth and development of both the church and the nation.

We express our deepest gratitude to our devoted staff and all stakeholders who have continuously supported KCC in its noble pursuit of building the body of Christ. Your unwavering commitment is the cornerstone of our success and your dedication is truly appreciated.

As we reflect on such achievements, let us continue to join hands in prayer and action, upholding the spirit of unity and service that defines the essence of our beloved Kajo-Keji Christian College.

The ordinands taking their oath to affirm in their service.

Celebrating Six Years of Accomplishments in Kajo-Keji (2018 to 2024)

Rev Peter De groot & Mrs. Jeannette receive a certificate of service from the College

Kajo-Keji Christian College and the Episcopal Diocese of Kajo-Keji gathered on the 17th March to thank Rev. Peter De Groot and Mrs. Jeannette De Groot Van-Dricl for their six years of service in the college and the Episcopal Diocese of Kajo-Keji.

The couple heeded the call of God and joined the college in December 2018, embarking on a journey to make a difference. Driven by their unwavering belief that wherever God sends them, they will go, their mission was also inspired by the need to see the South Sudanese refugees in Uganda, a community in dire need of hope and support. The couple's arrival marked the realization of a profound partnership between the Diocese of Kajo-Keji and the Episcopal Church in the Netherlands.

Rev. Peter De Groot, a compassionate pastor, loving neighbour and a wonderful counsellor offered his services mainly in the college. He applied his professionalism by teaching in the college and leading the academic's office. Peter led the team that designed the curricula for Certificate in Theology and Diploma in Theology, Diploma in Business Administration and Diploma in Education for The Episcopal University (TEU) and the college.

Mrs. Jeannette De Groot Van-dril a health champion, worked together with the Diocesan Mothers' Union as a Health Prevention Trainer. She served families in the refugee camps in Moyo/Obongi, Uganda and Kajo-Keji County, South Sudan. Jeannette's trainings focused on promoting good environmental use and conservation, improving children's nutrition and good family planning practices.

"She taught the women how to make use of eggshells to provide iron (mineral) a good nutrient for children", one of the Mothers' Union members praised Mrs Jeanette.

Jeannette's trainings led to good sanitary practices, healthy children and decreased cases of sicknesses in the trained homes. To ensure the sustainability of her remarkable work, Jeannette trained seven women as health trainers. These empowered individuals will be responsible to impart their knowledge to others within the seven archdeaconries of Kajo-Keji. For a continuous spiritual enrichment of the Mothers' Union members, Mrs. Jeanette prepared engaging Bible Study topics centred on significant female figures in the bible.

Rev. Dr Michael Kiju Paul, the college principal asked Peter and Jeanette to walk with shoulder higher for God has used them mightily and they have accomplished their ministry in Kajo-Keji.

"We will never forget, we shall never forget, what you have done for us here at Kajo-Keji Christian College" he added.

Furthermore, Rt Rev. Dr Lule James Kenyi has appreciated Peter for his aggressiveness in teaching the word of God and also for his positive impact on the lives of people mainly the students who will impact more via preaching.

"You have influenced us and those who received Peter's teaching should go out and impact lives of the many people outside there", concluded the Bishop.

The college and the Diocese will always keep in touch with Peter and Jeannette through social media and physical meetings through missions and outreach.

As Peter and Jeannette go and stay in the Netherlands, may the Almighty God protect them and grant them the knowledge and wisdom to perform the ministry diligently as they did in Kajo-Keji. The editors pray. The college and the diocese are still looking up to the couple and GZB to advocate for new partners to come and build up where Peter and Jeanette had left.

Sustainable Agriculture Project: Guarantee by Friends

Kajo-Keji Christian College, utilizes agriculture as a vital source of food and income. The practice has been a longstanding tradition in the college. The college grows mainly cassava and maize for food. This year's timely field preparation and planting allows better utilization of the early rainfalls.

Oxen ploughing in one of the college fields

Apart from food, the college's agricultural activities serve as a valuable learning experience for the students. Moreover, it creates income opportunities for some of the farm labourers and contributing to the local economy.

Pitia Charles Loboso a Certificate in Theology student said. "The money I earn from offering my farm labour, I use it for paying my tuition and also for printing and photocopying handouts".

The college's available piece of land makes the agricultural project possible. However, the limitations of necessary skilled labour and agricultural inputs pose significant setbacks to the project's continuation.

Fortunately, the college's endeavors have received a remarkable boost through the unwavering support of Friends of Kajo-Keji Projects Delivering Hope, a Christian charity committed to fostering long-term self-sustainability among the South Sudanese community. Their generous financial support has proven instrumental in supporting the college's agricultural sector.

With their assistance, the college procured two oxen and covered the various labour costs associated with crop production. The impact of their support has been profound, and the college extends its deepest gratitude for this invaluable assistance.

For continuation and sustainable growth of the college's agricultural initiative, we earnestly call upon other friends of Kajo-Keji to consider extending their support. Together, we can work towards establishing a consistent and stable food supply in the college.

Sustaining support from compassionate individuals and organizations will empower the college's holistic approach towards education and overall wellbeing of the community.

Students planting maize in one of the college gardens

Building Centre of Knowledge, Innovation at Kajo-Keji Christian College

The Computer Laboratory under construction

The Kajo-Keji Christian College Computer Laboratory Construction Project has entered its second phase and continues to advance steadily. This essential initiative, launched on 20th December 2023, is a work towards the establishment of the School of ICT within the college. The laboratory will equip the college with the necessary digital tools and knowledge and act as a hub for collaborative research projects within the college and community.

In a collaboration, Kajo-Keji Christian College joint efforts with Co-workers Germany to bring the vision of the computer laboratory to life. While the college provides the essential building materials like bricks, Co-workers Germany extended financial support to cover additional costs. This partnership exemplifies a harmonious union of resources and expertise towards a common goal.

Upon completion, the computer laboratory will also serve as a resource hub within Kajo-Keji, offering various services such as affordable digital literacy classes, access to technology for individuals lacking resources, and an innovation centre. The services will play a pivotal role in bridging the digital divide, enabling individuals to acquire essential skills and contributing to the overall digital preparedness of the county. Furthermore, a new generation of technologically skilled individuals will emerge, ready to serve the community, South Sudan, Africa and globally.

As the project progresses steadily towards completion, gratitude resonates for the opportunities it will unlock and the lives it will transform. The collective efforts of all involved parties are commendable. We navigate through the final stages, our faith remains steadfast. With divine guidance, the computer laboratory at Kajo-Keji Christian College is poised to stand as a beacon of knowledge and innovation, shaping a brighter future for generations to come.

Training for Sustainable Growth

The Episcopal Diocese of Kajo-Keji's Faith, Development and Relief Agency (FADRA) in partnership with Tearfund has trained college students and staff on Church and Community Transformation (CCT).

The training was organized in two phases. Phase one training was for the tutors, it started on the 3rd to 12th of December 2023. Phase two was held in March 2024 comprising all the tutors and students.

The primary objective of the training was to equip the college and students with the essential knowledge and skills necessary to facilitate the discovery of God-given resources within the college and community.

The CCT overviews like envisioning churches and communities, Integral Mission and Foundational Bible Study has enabled the participants to identify their critical needs and develop strategies to effectively utilize available resources to address their problems and attain a human holistic transformation.

Staff taking notes during the Staff CCT training session.

We thank Tearfund and the Diocese of Kajo-Keji for their commitment in fostering sustainable growth within the church and communities through their steadfast support in providing the necessary knowledge and skills pivotal to identifying and effectively leveraging available resources to address the communities' needs.

Through such transformative training initiatives, the staff and students are poised to become agents of change within the college and their communities.

Students discussing during the second phase of CCT training.

KCC LONG-LASTING FOOTMARKS

In this section of KCC long-lasting footmarks, we bring you stories and testimonies from our students and Alumni about the impacts KCC has made both in their spiritual and professional life and how others should be ready in case they want to join the institution.

In this edition of the lasting footmarks one of our editors had an opportunity to discuss with **MS Juan Rita Kenyi,** an Alumna of KCC.

MS Juan Rita Kenyi

What is your favourite thing about studying in KCC?

In KCC I developed holistically both professionally and spiritually.

How has studying in KCC impacted on you? Or what has changed in your life?

Spiritual Impact

Spiritually I became prayerful. I can read and understand the bible very well.

Professional Impact

As a teacher I have a better self conduct and lesson delivery in my school. I' am proud of it.

How has what you learnt prepared you for your career or profession of teaching?.

Professional ethics has enabled me to have a better self conduct as a teacher.

I developed the fear for the lord while studying in KCC. This makes me a good role model to my pupils

Can you share a personal testimony of how a fellow student, tutor, or mentor has inspired or enriched you during your time in the college? How has their influence shaped your professional journey?

While in the college, the preaching by fellow students gave me inspiration.

The conduct of my mentor and her encouragement for students to develop spiritually inspired me to develop spiritually

What are your hopes and dreams for the future?

I would like to continue with my studies and acquire a masters degree.

Why do you think higher education is important for South Sudan?

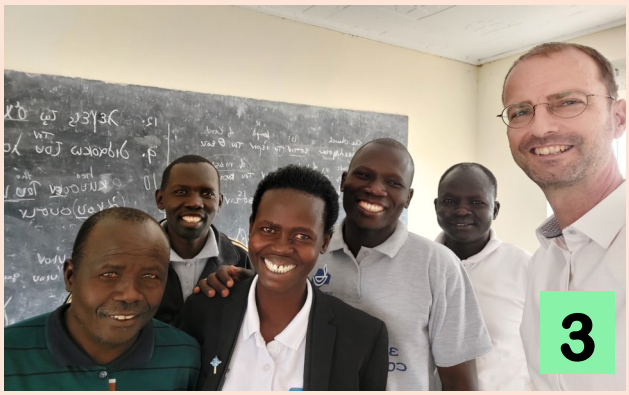
Pursuing higher education improves the literacy standard of the country.

What advice would you give to people out there who would like to join Kajo-Keji Christian College.

It's a wise decision to join KCC as its the best college to develop people holistically

Juan Rita Kenyi teaching in Pasu primary school, Belameling Refugee settlement.

KCC *Snapshots*



1 Rev. Can. Jonathan Soro the Acting Principal hands over administrative tools to Rev. Dr Michael Kiju Paul on the 15th Jan 2024 . Principal Rev Michael vowed to offer servant leadership in the college

2 Representatives of New Hope Bethlehem and the Episcopal Diocese of Kajo-Keji takes a photo after their meeting in KCC

3 “Say Cheese!”, Rev. Peter takes a photo with the “Strivers” a bachelor in theology class after their last lecture of Old Testament Themes.

4 A diploma in theology class during a lecture

5 A student feeding the word of God to the entire college before the students are fed with educational knowledge in the classrooms. This happens daily during KCC’s morning devotions.

6 Guild cabinet officials discussing matters about students welfare in their general students meeting.

THANKS & PRAYER POINTS

- ⇒ We thank our partners for their continuous support in the college.
- ⇒ We pray for the accreditation of the college with the National Council of Higher Education.
- ⇒ We pray for sustainable peace in South Sudan.
- ⇒ We pray for financial support in running the college operations.
- ⇒ We pray for the successful start and completion of the various construction projects in the college.
- ⇒ Scholarship for students and staff

KCC *at Glance*

MOTTO

Building the body of Christ: Ephesians 4:12

VISION

To see God's people equipped with skills for works of service

MISSION

To provide holistic quality education, research and innovation by preparing people as drivers of social and economic development.

CORE VALUES

Quality | Equity | Integrity | Teamwork | Accountability | Professionalism

OUR PROGRAMMES

Bachelors:

- Bachelors in Theology (BTH)

Diploma:

- Diploma in Theology (DTH)
- Diploma in Business Administration (DBA)
- Diploma in Education Primary (DEP)

Certificate:

- Certificate in Theology (CTH)

Short Courses:

- Basic Computer Literacy

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