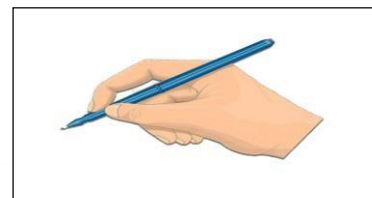


Letter from the Council:



Waiting at the Arusha airport, a woman approached me trying to sell a hat emblazoned with the words *Tanzania: Hakuna Matata!* “Unadanganya dada,” I told her, to which she readily agreed. Life in this community which we call home is full of challenges.

At the close of a year, it is typical to list all the blessings we have enjoyed and the accomplishments we have achieved. Indeed, we don’t want to ignore the ways that God has blessed us in through a year marred by a pandemic. For many in our international ACC community, Covid 19 has opened global communication channels that we barely knew existed. We have worshiped with old friends across continents. We have been able to keep in closer contact with family members scattered around the globe.

On the other hand, at the end of a year such as this, if we focus just on the good things, and gloss over the trials, we disrespect those who have suffered and those who continue to suffer. Can we embrace our pain, recognizing that it in some profound way, it brings balance to life?

Job’s friends told him that his suffering resulted from his own sin and impurity. They argued that a just God would never make a righteous man suffer! And yet that same God answered them with anger, saying that they counselled falsely (see Job, Chapter 42). The book of Job does not tell us why the righteous suffer, but it tells us clearly that we should honour and remember them.

So at the end of this year we want to honour and remember those in our midst who have suffered because of Covid-19 and other causes. Those we have lost, despite the measures we have taken to keep our community safe. We know not why they suffered, but we cherish the time they spent among us, and know that their suffering is part of a larger mystery that only God understands.

Our hope and our prayer is that in 2022 we will move from struggling with a pandemic to managing Covid 19 as an endemic reality of our lives. With this hope in mind, the ACC council is planning to resume several activities which have been halted for over a year. Children’s Sunday school will resume in a limited fashion in January. The activities of the Evangelism and Outreach Committee and the Projects and Benevolence Committee will also resume.

In order to undertake these ministries, We count on our congregation’s members to join in a variety of ways. First, we implore *all* members to protect themselves and those around them by becoming fully vaccinated. This is critical to safely resuming such corporate activities together. Your financial support will also be critical to resuming the external ministries of our congregation. For the past two years, with reduced attendance and offerings, we have not had the funds to carry out external ministries. The budget that the Council will present at the 2022 Annual General Meeting represents step in faith, assuming that our giving will increase so that 15M Tsh will be available for such activities.

We know that life will continue to present us with challenges. But as a people of faith, we also know that we are sustained through life’s trials by a hope beyond worldly reason.

Neil Miller – ACC Council Member

ACC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

Sunday 6th February 2022 After Sunday service

ACC's Annual General Meeting is not just 'another meeting'. It is a very important meeting in our church life, and written into our Constitution. Key activities are part of this meeting.

- Council elders are elected to serve the congregation: Who do you want to serve you on Council?
- The Annual Budget Proposal is presented and voted on: How have your offerings been used in the past year? How do you want your offerings to be used in the coming year? Are you willing to make a financial commitment to ACC?
- Committees give their annual reports: What has or has not happened? Can you offer some of your time and skills to be part of a committee, or involved with committee activities and programs? How can you serve God and the congregation?

NEW MEMBER CLASS

Saturday 15th January 0900 – 1100

Anyone can apply to be a Registered Voting Member of ACC. It does mean that the person applying is making a commitment to ACC and our Constitution, including our Statement of Faith. We ask that you know how ACC functions as a lay-led church; have attended ACC for at least 3 months, and commit to attending for at least one more year. To learn more about ACC, we ask that you attend a New Member class, especially if you are relatively new to ACC.

Please give your name and contacts to Vivi in the church office or email arushacommunitychurch.office@gmail.com if you are interested in attending the class. A New Member information package will be emailed to you before the class.

News from the Christian Education Committee - SUNDAY School Classes

TEACHERS NEEDED!

The Christian Education Committee would very much like to restart Sunday School classes for the older aged group, children aged around 9 to 11 years, starting the middle of January. However, this is also dependent on the covid situation then, as well as strengthening the SS teaching team. Teachers and teaching assistants are very much needed. If you have any interest in this program at all, please give you name and contact information to Vivi in the church office (in person or by email).

Deuteronomy 31:8

"But the Lord is the one who is marching before you! He is the one who will be with you! He won't let you down. He won't abandon you. So don't be afraid or scared! "



Elliot Martin Ndanshau Baptism.

WELCOME
Elliot to the body
of CHRIST!



“Although your former
state was ordinary,
your future will be
extraordinary.”

JOB 8:7

Alcoholics

AA meets at

NA (Narcotics
Anonymous)

Monday 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm Tuesday 5:00 pm – 6:00
pm
Tuesday 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm Thursday 5:00 pm – 6:00
pm
Thursday 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm Saturday 5:00 pm – 6:00
pm

ACC PRAYER CHAIN

If you have a prayer request and would like
members of our community to support you in
prayer, contact the four key persons – if
possible by SMS- and they will inform the
others from the prayer

Erwin Kinsey	0754 480
Margaret	184
Kenyi Susan	0754 090
Simonson	078



Mission

Arusha Community Church seeks to bring Christian
praise
and witness to God through worship, service and study.
The congregation provides opportunity for Christian
fellowship, service and witness, community outreach,
personal growth and family growth. Recognizing the
close link between worship and culture, Arusha
inter-denominational ministr to the



Check out our Facebook
page: “**Arusha Community
Church**” for updates and news.
You can add your words of
encouragement in the comments
section.

Tupo Pamoja!

TITHES AND OFFERINGS AT ACC:

Your OFFERINGS are important. It is easier for accounting purposes, and without charges, if offerings are deposited directly into our Exim Bank Account (please see details below). While the MPESA number remains available for

ACC BANK

For anyone who wishes or needs to transfer funds via bank deposit to ACC please find the following details here:

**TSH: ACCOUNT NUMBER 00 300
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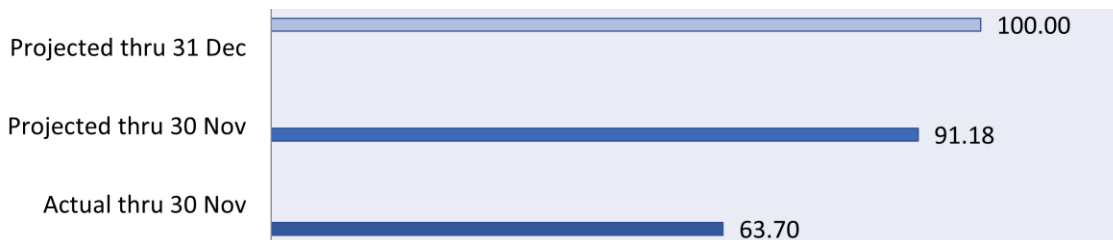
ACC MOBILE MONEY ACCOUNT

For anyone who wishes or needs to transfer funds via mobile money to ACC please find the following details here:

M-PESA DEPOSIT NUMBER: +255755992394

NAME: NASIEKU MOLLEL (Church

Arusha Community Church 2021 Income through 30 November (in TSh millions)

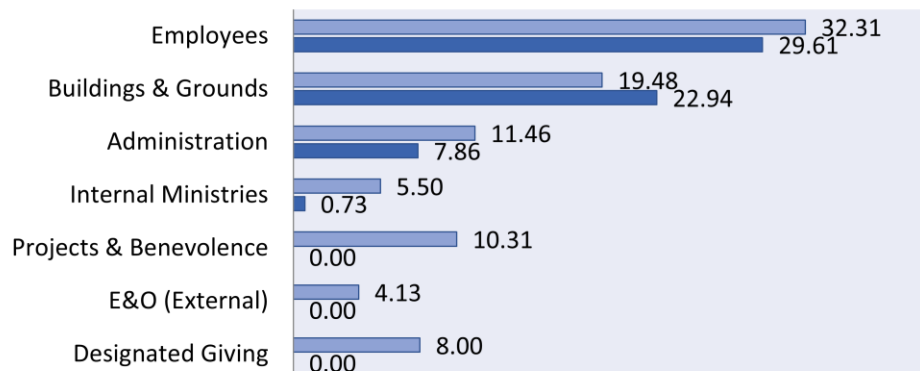


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Arusha Community Church 2021 Expenditure through 30 November (in TSh millions)

- Projected 30 Nov: 91.18
- Actual 30 Nov: 61.13

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January 2022 Worship Schedule

	January 2, 2022	January 9, 2022	January 16, 2022	January 23, 2022	January 30, 2022
Church Calendar	2nd Sunday after Christmas	Epiphany or Baptism of Christ	2nd Sunday after Epiphany	3rd Sunday after Epiphany	4th Sunday after Epiphany
Service Type	Communion	Morning Service/?Baptism	Communion	Morning Service	Family Service
Service Leader	Christy Miller	Erwin Kinsey	Eliel Gideon	Penina Oredsson	Elizabeth Munisi
Preacher	Pat Patton	Eamonn Brehony	Daudi Msseemmaa	Paul Metili	Angelika Kinsey
Musician(s)	Neil Miller	Glory Kajembe	Jon Eager?	JD Parks?	Erwin Kinsey
Duty Elder	Neil Miller	Wilson Mziray	Eric Mbelle	Maira Brehony	Irene Mchomvu
Zoom Host	Sion Miraa			Sion Miraa	
Sound Projector	Tumsifu Mushi	Loiceta Ngujeje	Andrea Thomas	Severine Manday & Edmund Massawe	Avogadro Gerson
Ushers					
Flowers	Irene Mchomvu	Rebecca Ndorossy	Christy Rowe-Miller	Doreen Marandu	Jane Mashingia
Scripture Readings	<i>Jeremiah 31:7-14 Psalm 147:12-20 Ephesians 1:3-14 John 1:(1-9), 10-18</i>	<i>Isaiah 60:1-6 Or Isaiah 43:1-7 Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14 Or Psalm 29 Ephesians 3:1-12 OR Acts 8:14-17 Matthew 2:1-12 OR Luke 3:15-17, 21-22</i>	<i>Isaiah 62:1-5 Psalm 36:5-101 Corinthians 12:1-11 John 2:1-11</i>	<i>Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 Psalm 19 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a Luke 4:14-21</i>	<i>Jeremiah 1:4-10 Psalm 71:1-6 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 Luke 4:21-30</i>

Isaiah 43:18 -19

"Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert."