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LETTER FROM THE ACC CHURCH COUNCIL

THE FEAR OF DEATH



At the graveside of Jesus' friend Lazarus, He told grieving sisters Mary and Martha, "Your brother will rise again," and "He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live, and whoever believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?"

These words are especially comforting for those of us in sorrow from the death of loved friends such as those we have lost among our ACC brethren this past year. Jesus stands with us in our grief. He understands grief. He wept with the sisters of Lazarus, and so today He also is touched with our feelings of loss, or fear of death. As we place our trust in Him, He cares for us in our sorrow. How it has helped me to know that the saints we loved and mourn await us on 'another shore' where there is no crying, pain, hunger, or want.

The message of Easter we celebrate this April is that Jesus gave His life for our sins, and was raised from the dead, adequate proof that He holds the keys to enter the Kingdom just as He said. Jesus further stated that He will not deny entry to anyone who believes in Him, who believes what He did for us (John 3:16). Halleluya! What is going to take us also from death into eternity will not be our excellent character, nor our generous giving, nor attendance at church, nor good works for the poor. While all are commendable, placing our trust in Jesus Christ alone can provide us the assurance of resurrection to eternal life.

For those who do not believe in the resurrection after death, you are not alone. During Jesus' time there were the Sadducees in particular, and even the disciples before He showed Himself to them after his resurrection. Only afterwards did they believe. This fact empowered them to become not just followers but leaders in a movement to spread this good news which today numbers over 2 billion followers.

There is no better time to choose to believe. Do it today, and be saved. Faith in the one true God will give us assurance when we breathe our last breath, when we pass from death to life and our heavenly, eternal home. At that time we will see that our time on earth was just a fleeting moment. When we trust in Christ, fear is gone of what lies beyond the grave. He who holds the future is there. He has prepared a place for us. Unending joy will be ours forever. We can exclaim with Paul, "O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?" (1 Corinthians 15:55). Consider this: immediately following our death will be glory. Jesus said, "Today you will be with me in paradise." (Luke 23:43)

- Erwin Kinsey on behalf of the ACC Church Council



CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

ENGLISH KAIROS COURSE:

An English Kairos 9 week course will take place at Arusha Community Church facilitated by Dr Eric Mbelle and Erwin Kinsey with our Kairos Arusha team each Wednesday night from 5:30pm-8:30pm from **20th April - 15th June**. We hope many members can make it and also will bring friends / other Christian leaders. It will impact many for sure. Total costs for materials is only Tsh 35,000 (\$15)

MUSIC LEADING TRAINING:

Calling all singers, drummers and other instrument players to take part in an informative morning session.
May 7th - 9.30 a.m to 12.30

News from the Christian Education Committee.

We have the kids! Now we need the committed teachers and assistants! The Sunday School program is up and running, with enough children to run several classes. With more teachers who could commit once or twice a month, all three age groups could have their own classes. Please do talk with Jeff Hollister, the SS Coordinator. Not sure who Jeff is? Please ask the Duty Elder to point him out to you.

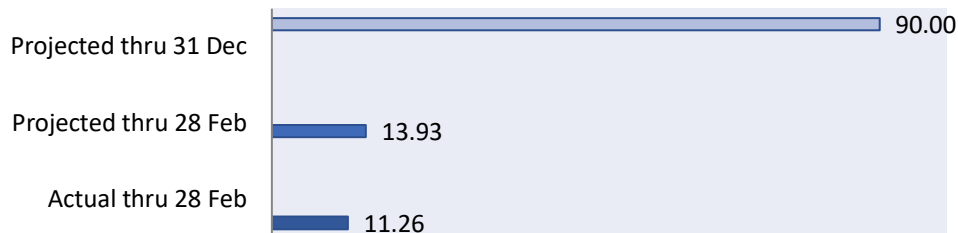


ACC PRAYER CHAIN

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 chain.

Erwin Kinsey **0754 480 184**
Margaret Kenyi **0754 090 078**
Susan Simonson **0754 266 559**
Stella Karumuna **0754 281 337**

Arusha Community Church 2022 Income through 28 February (in TSh millions)



Due to income shortfall so far (TSh 2.67 M), ACC has neither spent significantly on internal ministries, nor started funding external ministries this year.

In early 2020, in response to the emergence of Covid-19, the ACC Council voted to keep our community safer by implementing a variety of measures designed to prevent the spread of communicable viruses. These included changes to Holy Communion and the offertory, not using physical hymnals and bibles, wearing face masks, spacing out of chairs and a variety of other measures. ACC even remained physically closed for a number of months at one stage, with the sanctuary being given over to ALMC for their use at that time.

Fast forward to April 2022 and the world is a very different place. Many countries are now opening up, including Tanzania which recently removed the requirement for visitors to present a negative PCR test on arrival. And whilst we continue to pray for those countries where people are still falling ill, here in Tanzania case rates are low and we are confident that the worst is behind us.

With this in mind, and remaining cognizant of the fact that we need to stay vigilant to possible spikes of Covid-19, we give thanks to God that the ACC Council has recently felt confident enough to loosen some of these restrictions. Through March we have seen the offertory baskets being passed around the church again and the hymnals and bibles reappearing on the seats before services. And we can now announce that, **from Sunday, 3rd April, face coverings will be optional for all of us in church**. We do ask people to continue to wash their hands on arrival and we will continue with wide chair spacing and receiving Holy Communion outdoors for now.

We all know people who were affected by Covid-19 and even some who passed on. Let us remain vigilant and safe, let us continue to pray for and look after each other, and let us never forget those who were lost to this virus. But when all is said and done, we give glory to God for seeing us through and bringing us to this point. – Michael Murray, ACC Council Chair

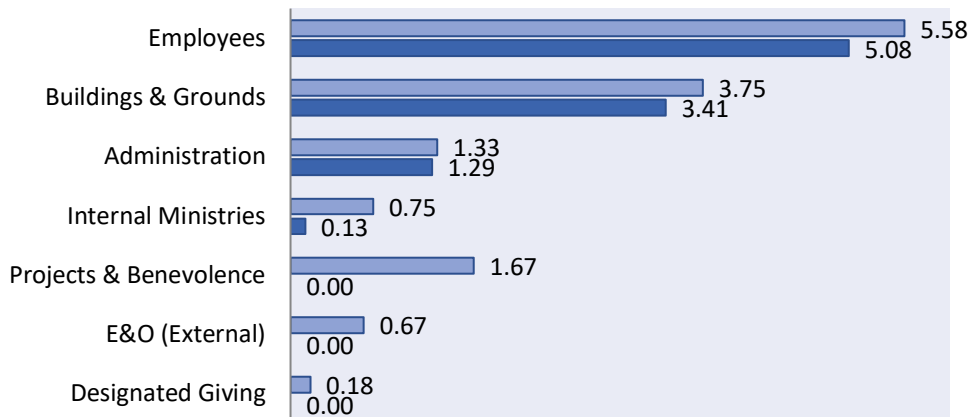
Arusha Community Church 2022 Expenditure through 28 February

(in TSh millions)

■ Projected thru 28 Feb: 13.93

■ Actual thru 28 Feb: 9.91

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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 receiving offerings, please consider making a deposit directly into our bank.

ACC BANK DETAILS:

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

EXIM BANK

TSH:ACCOUNT NUMBER 00 300 23 252

USD:ACCOUNT NUMBER 00 300 35 020

ACC MOBILE MONEY ACCOUNT DETAILS:

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

MPESA

M-PESA DEPOSIT NUMBER: +255755992394

NAME: NASIEKU MOLLEL (Church Administrator)

We are continuing our in-person worship services at 10:30 am every Sunday. However, we have a limited number of chairs available in the sanctuary to follow appropriate social distance guidelines. We encourage anyone with risk factors to stay at home and participate in worship by Zoom.

To prepare yourself: Download Zoom on a computer or mobile device by going to zoom.us. Click on these links to watch a tutorial on how to download the Zoom App and how to join a meeting from a computer or a phone.

Joining on mobile

phone: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V8JaUEORjSo>

Joining on

computer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fMUxzrgZvZQ>

Do you have a word of encouragement, favorite bible verse, inspiring or even funny story, song, poem or picture that you would like share with us ACC? If so, we would love to hear from you! Please send on to: arushacommunitychurch.office@gmail.com



Mission Statement: 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 Community Church has an inter-denominational ministry to the international community in Arusha.

April 2022 Worship Schedule

	April 3, 2022	April 10, 2022	April 14, 2022	April 15, 2022	April 17, 2022	April 24, 2022
Church Calendar	5th Sunday in Lent	Palm Sunday	Maundy Thursday	Good Friday	Easter Sunday	2nd Sunday after Easter
Service Type	Communion	Morning Service	Communion	Special	Communion	Family Service
Service Leader	John Kraft	Penina Oredsson	Erwin Kinsey	Moira Brehony	Jessica Shayo	Christy Miller
Preacher	Rev. Randolph Tebbs	Eric Mbele	Daudi Mmsemmaa	Eamonn Brehony	Erwin Kinsey	Angelika Kinsey
Musician(s)	Erwin Kinsey	Sion Miraa	Mary Severe	Mary Severe	JD Parks	SCIS with Mary
Duty Elder	Irene Mchomvu	Erwin Kinsey	<i>TBD</i>	<i>TBD</i>	Eric Mbelle	Moira Brehony
Zoom Host	<i>TBD</i>	<i>TBD</i>	<i>TBD</i>	<i>TBD</i>	<i>TBD</i>	<i>TBD</i>
Sound Projector	Andrea Thomas	Goodluck Kaaya	Tumsifu Mushi	Andrea Thomas	Tumsifu Mushi	Goodluck Kaaya
Ushers	Jacque Njau & Thomas Desta	Jacque Njau & David Frank	<i>TBD</i>	<i>TBD</i>	Jacque Njau & Innocent Massawe	Jacque Njau & Jacque Njama
Flowers	Irene Mchomvu	Yoka Bruisma	Rebecca Ndorossy	Irene Mchomvu	Christy Rowe-Miller	Jane Mashingia
Library	<i>TBD</i>	<i>TBD</i>	<i>TBD</i>	<i>TBD</i>	<i>TBD</i>	<i>TBD</i>
Scripture Readings 	Isaiah 43:16-21 Psalm 126 Philippians 3:4b-14 John 12:1-8	Isaiah 43:16-21 Psalm 126 Philippians 3:4b-14 John 12:1-8 Luke 19:28-40	Exodus 12:1-4, (5-10), 11-14 Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 John 13:1-17, 31b-35	Isaiah 52:13-53:12 Psalm 22 Hebrews 10:16-25 OR Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9 John 18:1-19:42	Acts 10:34-43 OR Isaiah 65:17-25 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 1 Corinthians 15:19-26 OR Acts 10:34-43 John 20:1-18 OR Luke 24:1-12	Acts 5:27-32 Psalm 118:14-29 OR Psalm 150 Revelation 1:4-8 John 20:19-31

“THE LORD DOES NOT DELAY [AS THOUGH HE WAS UNABLE TO ACT] AND IS NOT SLOW ABOUT HIS PROMISE, AS SOME COUNT SLOWNESS, BUT IS [EXTRAORDINARILY] PATIENT TOWARD YOU, NOT WISHING FOR ANY TO PERISH BUT FOR ALL TO COME TO REPENTANCE.”

- 2 PETER 3:9 (Amplified Bible)