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LETTER FROM THE CHURCH COUNCIL.



Arusha Community Church, our faith family and Body of Christ, was founded on and continues to uphold four core pillars; worship, Christian education, support to those most in need, and evangelism. Our four main committees, Worship, Christian Education, Projects and Benevolence (PBC) and Evangelism and Outreach (E&O), are mandated to organize and provide these ministries. All of these ministries are funded through your offerings and tithes. The role of the Finance Committee is to ensure that your offerings are spent in the way you designate at our Annual General meetings and that those funds are accounted for in a transparent way.

Two of these ministries are internal, focused on nourishing ourselves through worship, learning and providing education for our children, and social activities organized by E&O internal. PBC and E&O are primarily 'external', in that funds are distributed outside of our ACC community.

Our internal ministries are dependent on volunteers, or they would not run. Our external ministries are dependent on your offerings. And of course, your offerings are needed to pay our staff, and for more mundane things like utilities, security, insurance, office supplies etc. These latter things are 'mandatory'; we have to pay salaries and electricity and administrative costs. Our internal ministries of worship and education do not need a lot of money to run; these ministries primary need is for volunteers. However, both external ministries of supporting those most in need, and financial support for evangelistic efforts run by others, are dependent on how much ACC receives through your offerings.

Each committee and the administrative team have trimmed expenses, saved every shilling possible and found other ways of doing things which did not cost too much. Evangelism and Outreach committee are now granting much smaller amounts for the requests they receive from various organizations. The Projects and Benevolence committee spent much time looking at who can most be helped with limited amounts of money and revised their guidelines for accepting requests accordingly (see below).

Through these past years, your offerings have been enough to pay for our mandatory items and for internal ministries, for which we thank God. However, even with all these belt tightening and cost cutting efforts, there has been little left over to support our external ministries.

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I know that this article has been dry and rather uninteresting! Just an explanation of how we at ACC organize ourselves, use our offerings, and what are our needs.

But it can lead to a much more interesting place of considering our relationship to God; how we can, both individually and collectively, follow more closely in Christ's footsteps, and be more reflective of Christ in our lives and through our church. **Can we offer more of our time, more of our talents, more of our limited financial resources to the faith community we belong to?**

May each one of us prayerfully consider this question.

Susan Simonson ACC Treasurer

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Friday, 23 September 2022** – Evening of Sacred Harvest Music
- **Sunday, 25 September 25** – Harvest Festival

We will begin the Harvest weekend on Friday 23rd September with a **concert at ACC free to all**. Various local choirs and musicians from the Vineyard, Christchurch Anglican, Loruvani Lutheran and ACC from **6:30-8:15 pm** All Welcome!

TIME and ABILITY form (TAA)

How can you serve the congregation?

There is a TAA form available to fill in (you can ask the Duty Elder or get one from the church office). This lets you know what are the activities and programs of the church that you can be involved with, and where your service can be used. It also helps the church office be updated on any contact information changes; and you can sign up to receive Glad Tidings, our monthly newsletter, on the same form. And as always, if you have any questions, please ask.



Our annual **Harvest Festival** will be held on Sunday, the 25th day of September.

We Celebrate God's bounty by bringing the fruits of our labors to the altar.

All are invited to donate items sold by auction or at side tables following service.

We will offer a meal after, and everyone able is encouraged to bring food form home for sharing with others.

Alcoholics Anonymous AA meets at ACC:

Monday: 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm
Tuesday: 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm
Friday: 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Saturday: 10:00am – 11:00am

Narcotics Anonymous NA meets at ACC:

Tuesday: 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Thursday: 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Friday: 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Choir Rehearsals!

Our choir will be rehearsing for the evening of sacred harvest music every Wednesday at 5:15 p.m this month, and all are welcome to join. Soloists, duets and small ensembles also welcome. Please see Erwin Kinsey for more details. +255754480184

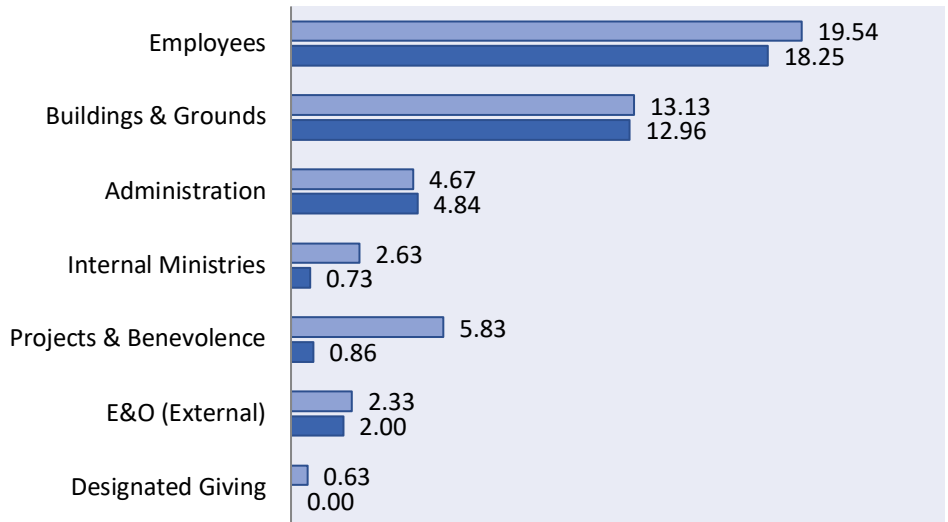
Arusha Community Church 2022 Expenditure through 31 July

(in TSh millions)

■ Projected thru 31 Jul: 48.76

■ Actual thru 31 Jul: 39.64

2022 expenditure thru 31 July was TSh 0.39 million lower than same period last year, and TSh 9.12 million below budget. Our Projects & Benevolence and E&O (External) committees resumed spending earlier this year, with more activity planned.



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

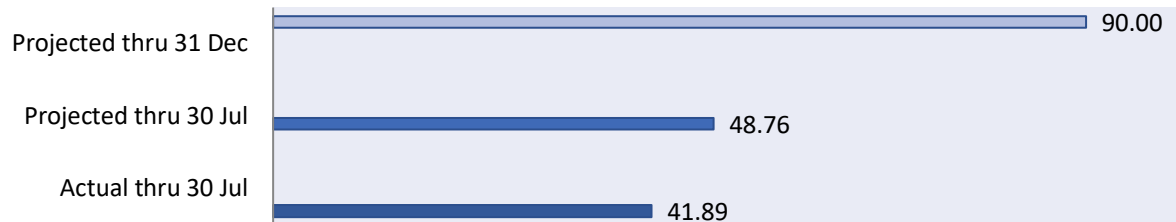
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NAME: NASIEKU MOLLEL (Church Administrator)



Arusha Community Church 2022 Income through 31 July

(in TSh millions)



2022 income thru 31 July was TSh 7.20 million higher than same period last year, but TSh 6.87 million below target. We respectfully ask all to consider helping ACC reach our goal in the coming months.

JustGiving™

As we continue to explore alternative ways to raise funds to allow our wonderful committees to continue their work, ACC Council has been moved by the Lord to look outside of our immediate community for help. The world is a big place and the network of former ACC members and associates stretches far and wide across the globe. Our prayer is that we can tap into this group to help reach our modest target of GBP 6,000 and that we can continue to provide Christian support to various communities around Arusha. The page is completely transparent in terms of money raised and is in the name of Michael Murray, our current ACC Council Chair.

Please do help this cause by passing the link far and wide, through Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, email, WhatsApp and as many other platforms as possible:

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/arusha-community-church?utm_term=3g4wbp7Jy

May God bless our efforts and may the money raised be used for the expansion of His kingdom.

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>



Michael
Murray

We're raising £6,000 to support our Projects and Benevolence & Evangelism and Outreach committees to spread the Gospel of Christ & support the poorest of the poor.

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



Projects and Benevolence Committee PBC Guidelines

PBC recently spent time in evaluating its mandate, and being more explicit in its guidelines as to who can and cannot be supported through this committee (see below).

This committee also relies on congregational members (i.e. you and me) to be Christ's eyes and ears for ACC in the wider community. Is there someone you know who needs financial support and falls within these guidelines? Are you willing to BOTH sponsor the request AND follow-up to ensure that the funds were used as they were supposed to?

Guidelines

Priority is given to those within the immediate ACC community (Arusha and surrounding areas), however, PBC may respond to the needs of others outside the ACC community as long as the recipient is known and endorsed by an ACC member.

The focus of PBC when considering requests is to directly support immediate or emergency needs for individuals where one time support makes a crucial difference and leads to a longer term sustained positive outcome.

Although the focus is on supporting individuals, we will consider supporting grants to institutions when there is a very direct connection to supporting individual needs. We will not provide assistance for any overhead, operational cost or infrastructural costs for institutions.

We do not support chronic conditions or recurring needs that need longer term and multifaceted levels of support e.g. hunger, chronic medical conditions.

PBC may consider cases when a livelihood/enterprise impacted by an emergency or in special circumstances when there are enabling conditions where one time support makes a crucial difference and an ACC member is prepared to provide close follow up to ensure resources are used effectively

Members of the congregation, their relatives and employees cannot be recipients of PBC funds.

No grant will be made for school related costs.

“Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,” says the Lord Almighty, “and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it.” Malachi 3:10-12

September 2022 Worship Schedule

	September 4, 2022	September 11, 2022	September 18, 2022	September 25, 2022
Church Calendar	Proper 18, 13th Sunday after Pentecost	Proper 19, 14th Sunday after Pentecost	Proper 20, 15th Sunday after Pentecost	Proper 21, 16th Sunday after Pentecost
Service Type	Communion	Morning	Communion	Family Harvest Festival
Service Leader	Sion Miraa	Michael Murray	Moirra Brehony	Eric Mbele
Preacher	Pat Patton	Lisa Borden	Michael Murray	Derrick Matthews
Musician(s)	JD Park	Neil Miller	Erwin Kinsey	Megan Ndale
Duty Elder	Irene Joel	Erwin Kinsey	Wilson Mzirai	Eric Mbelle
Zoom Host	Aron Severe	Sion Miraa	TBD	Sion Miraa
Sound Projector	Andrea Thomas	Tumsifu Mushi	Goodluck Kaaya	Aaron Severe
Ushers	Jacqueline Njau, Innocent Massawe	Jacqueline Njau, Innocent Massawe	Jacqueline Njau, Innocent Massawe	Jacqueline Njau, Innocent Massawe
Flowers	Irene Mchomvu	Rebecca Ndorossy	Christy Rowe Miller	Jane Mashingia
Scripture Readings	Jeremiah 18:1-11 Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 Philemon 1:1-21 Luke 14:25-33	Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28 Psalm 14 1 Timothy 1:12-17 Luke 15:1-10	Jeremiah 8:18-9:1 Psalm 79:1-9 1 Timothy 2:1-7 Luke 16:1-13	Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15 Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16 1 Timothy 6:6-19 Luke 16:19-31



“When you reap the harvest of your land, do not reap to the very edges of your field or gather the gleanings of your harvest. Leave them for the poor and for the foreigner residing among you. I am the LORD your God.” – Leviticus 23:22