

# Glad Tidings

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## LETTER FROM THE CHURCH COUNCIL

### Is Arusha Community Church a missional church?

As a church elder and 'apologist for our church', I have been asked this from prospective members. While I celebrate our make-up and interdenominational focus, it is not so clear to me if we as a body are being obedient to Christ's calling to the Great Commission, Matthew 28:19, 20. I think it might be important for us as members to look at a few definitions:

According to Wikipedia, a "**Missional church is a community of God's people that defines itself, and organizes its life around, its real purpose of being an agent of God's mission to the world.** In other words, the church's true and authentic organizing principle is mission. When the church is in mission, it is the true church. The missional church is based on the idea that God is at work in the world, and that as Christians go out into the world, God has gone before and is already at work through the Holy Spirit. It involves discerning the work of the Spirit in the lives of people. If we are in partnership with God, we are a missional church.

So does ACC qualify as missional? For example, is ACC engaged directly in reaching the unreached in Tanzania? A strict self-assessment might find us wanting. According to the JoshuaProject.org, an "**unreached people group**" is an **ethnic group which lacks enough followers of Christ and resources to evangelize their own people; that is, they lack at least 1% of believers.** According to the JoshuaProject.org database, there are 29 such groups in Tanzania out of 157 groups listed, among whom more than 20 are indigenous, with a total population of 6.5m in this country of 65.5m or 10% of the population. If we examine ACC programs, they are clearly focused on nurture of its members, and even supporting outreach to youth through external evangelistic events which, if closely examined, are focused primarily on reached ethnic groups.

If we accept these definitions, ACC is not a missional church. It does not support any missionaries financially nor any unreached group, but supports in-reach to its members and outreach to reached groups.

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Would it be possible for ACC to become a missional church? At a recent Council retreat, the church leadership discussed how it might be possible, and the benefits it would bring, not only to those working among the unreached, but to ourselves as a body.

Over the next three months, we will be exploring through our contacts within ACC how we could support an unreached group in Tanzania, perhaps by supporting a young Tanzanian missionary couple called to reach the Alagwa who are 99% Muslim, on recommendation from African Inland Missionaries who worship with us. We may be inviting the couple to visit us, and to learn about the people they are serving. We may be hearing some teaching from preachers on what it is to be **“a community of God's people that defines itself, and organizes its life around, its real purpose of being an agent of God's mission to the world”**. We may be encouraged to take the Kairos Course during the last weekend in August and first weekend of September here at ACC which gives this perspective on world mission, strategies which work, and getting an historical understanding.

ACC Council wants to fulfill its spiritual leadership role by enhancing our members' awareness of mission and obedience as a body to the furtherance of the gospel. It may stretch us financially, but only as much as we are willing to be stretched. It may pose a challenge to some in our body who oppose 'proselytizing' or giving support to one denomination over another. The AIM is itself made up of missionaries from diverse Christian denominations and so is like ACC, interdenominational in scope. Are you willing to discover with us what becoming missional means for our church?

- **Erwin Kinsey, ACC Council Elder**

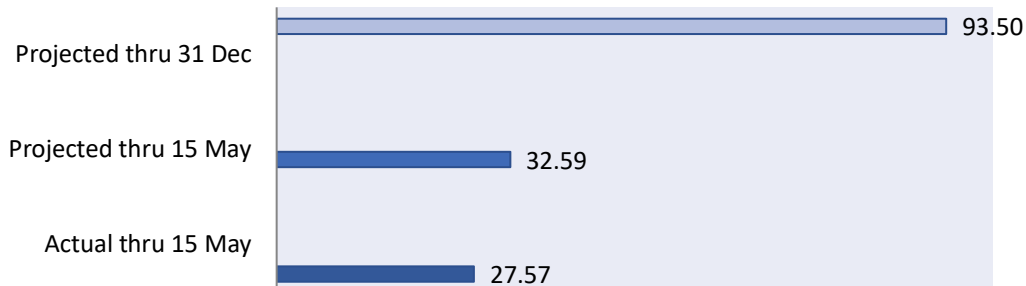
**Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)  
meets at ACC:**

**Monday:** 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm  
**Tuesday:** 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm  
**Wednesday:** 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm  
**Thursday:** 1:00 – 2:00 pm  
**Friday:** 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm  
**Saturday:** 9:00am – 10:00am  
(newcomers meeting)  
**Sunday:** 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm

**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

**Arusha Community Church 2023 Income through 15 May**  
(in TSh millions)



2023 income thru 15 May was TSh 3.34 million higher than the same period last year, but TSh 5.02 million below this year's 15 May target; please consider assisting as able.

The **INTERNATIONAL POTLUCK** will be organized after church on the **11<sup>th</sup> of JUNE**, where we celebrate our ethnic diversity with food offerings from all the cultures present, with food supplemented by an external caterer. It gives us a chance to say goodbye to possibly departing members, and welcome new members 'into the circle'. **All church members are welcome to bring traditional food to share, topped up by lunch ordered from outside enough for everyone to have a good fill.**

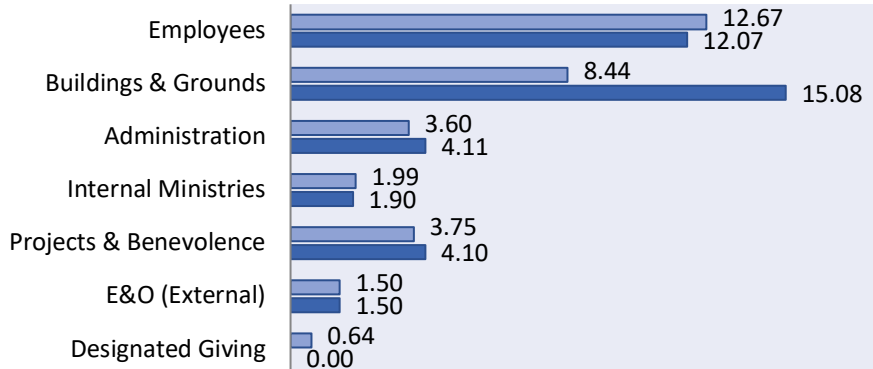
## Arusha Community Church 2023 Expenditure through 15 May

(in TSh millions)

Projected thru 15 May: 32.59

Actual thru 15 May: 38.76

2023 expenditure thru 15 May was TSh 13.58 million higher than the same period last year, and TSh 6.17 million above this year's 15 May target, reflecting recent expenditures on facility renovations & equipment repair.



**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

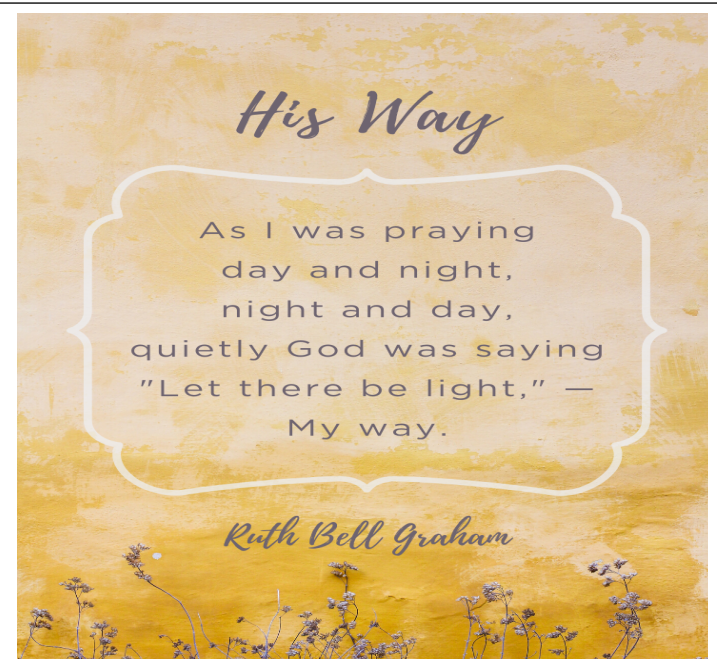
### ACC MOBILE MONEY ACCOUNT DETAILS:

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)







**ACC  
PRESENTS  
EVENING OF  
SACRED MUSIC**

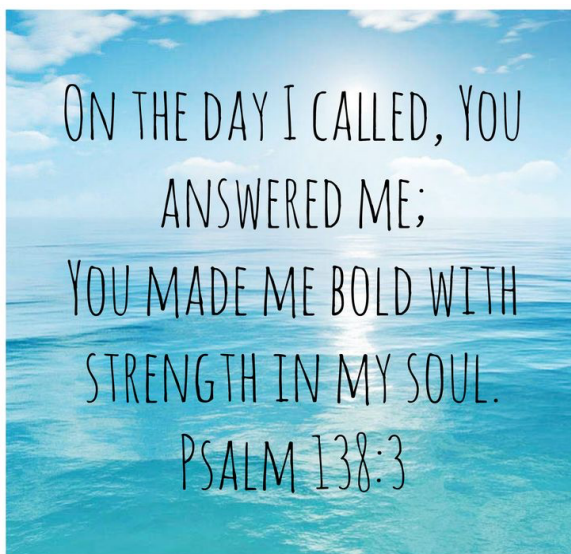
**JUNE 9  
AT 6:30 PM**

With some of Arusha's  
best musicians, local  
choirs & brass music

**ARUSHA COMMUNITY CHURCH (ACC) IS IN THE ARUSHA LUTHERAN  
MEDICAL CENTRE (ALMC) COMPOUND, MAKAO MAPYA ROAD, NEAR  
COLONEL MIDDLETON ROAD/STADIUM ROAD ROUNDABOUT.**

## JUNE 2023 SERVICE SCHEDULE

	June 4, 2023	June 11, 2023	June 18, 2023	June 25, 2023
<b>Church Calendar</b>	<i>Trinity Sunday 1st Sunday after Pentecost</i>	<i>2nd Sunday after Pentecost</i>	<i>3rd Sunday after Pentecost</i>	<i>4th Sunday after Pentecost</i>
<b>Service Type</b>	<i>Communion</i>	<i>Morning</i>	<i>Communion</i>	<i>Family</i>
<b>Service Leader</b>	Penina Oredsson	Eric Mbelle	Erwin Kinsey	Sion Miraa
<b>Preacher</b>	Eamonn Brehony	Philip Bach-Svendsen	Michael Murray	Eliel Gideon
<b>Musician(s)</b>	Erwin Kinsey	Sion Miraa	JD Park	Megan Ndale
<b>Duty Elder</b>	TBA	Andrea Thomas	Sion Miraa	Jessica Shayo
<b>Zoom Host</b>	TBA	Jessica Shayo	Sion Miraa	Emmanuel Nicholas
<b>Sound Projector</b>	Gerard Sebastian	Lawrance Menda	Goodluck Kaaya	Tumsifu Mushi
<b>Ushers</b>	Cifa Chalo	Esuvat Lobulu	Paul Michael	Debbie Laiser
<b>Flowers</b>	Emmaculate Shija	Irene Joel	Christy Miller	Doreen Marandu
<b>Scripture Readings</b>	<b>Genesis 1:1 - 2:4a Psalm 8 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 Mathew 28:16-20</b>	<b>Genesis 12:1-9 Psalm 33:1-12 Romans 4:13-25 Mathew 9:9-13, 18-26</b>	<b>Genesis 18:1-15 (21:1-7) Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19 Romans 5:1-8 Mathew 9:35-10:8 (9-23)</b>	<b>Genesis 21: 8-21 Psalm 86:1-10,16-17 Romans 6: 1b-11 Mathew 10, 24-39</b>



### PSALM 138: 4-7

<sup>4</sup> "All the kings of the earth shall praise You, O LORD,  
When they hear the words of Your mouth.

<sup>5</sup> Yes, they shall sing of the ways of the LORD,  
For great is the glory of the LORD.

<sup>6</sup> Though the LORD is on high,  
Yet He regards the lowly;  
But the proud He knows from afar.

<sup>7</sup> Though I walk in the midst of trouble, You will revive me;  
You will stretch out Your hand  
Against the wrath of my enemies,  
And Your right hand will save me."