



## Letter From the Council:

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

As we enter the season of Advent, may we all be reminded of our Lord's second coming. In the first coming, He came with lowliness, compassion and persuasion for the people of the world to receive the good news of repentance and forgiveness of sins through faith in Christ Jesus. He came as the lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

In the second coming He will come as a King of kings and Lord of lords. He will come to judge the living and the dead for lack of faith in Him who took the sins of everyone who believes in God through Jesus Christ. John 5:24.

As we remember and celebrate His first coming and as we prepare for the second coming, as believers, we need to know that we are on a transitioning period and that we have a task to do in obedience to the great commission to "go and make disciples" of every nation(tribe, language, culture) Matthew 28:19,20. His second coming will happen after every tribe, language and culture(nations) have been reached by the good news of the Gospel. Matthew 24:14.

We need to look around and see if we are actually doing the work of God or not, as labourers in His harvest field of which the harvest is plentiful but labourers are few.

As we pray for the Lord of the harvest to raise more labourers, let us see how each one of us is participating in this Kingdom work of reaching others with the love of God and intentionally doing something to deliberately make a generation of disciples who will disciple others.

At ACC, we have quite a good opportunity for everyone to take part in doing this work through committees available. E&O, PBC, WoCo, CE and other. For more information about the committees and how to be part of God's mission as a useful instrument, please ask the duty elder available after every Sunday Service or visit the office after service. Once you know Christ Jesus and believed Him you are blessed if you obey His instructions and become a blessing if you help someone else to know and believe Him. John 13:17. We have been blessed to become a blessing.

**ERIC MBELLE – COUNCIL MEMBER**

**December 2022**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT SERVICE!

This year, Carols by Candlelight Service will take place on **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2022** on ACC Church grounds. Come at **6:30 p.m. for a 7 p.m.** start. Bring a Friend. Proceedings of that day will go to Peacemakers for Albinism and Community. Donations of Hats and sunglasses are welcome.

**KARIBUNI WOTE!**



### NEW VOTING MEMBER CLASS

**14<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2023**

**0900 – 1100**

**Welcome all those who are not yet voting members.**

#### **Voting membership at ACC – what does that mean?**

Everyone who walks through our doors is a member of our faith family. Everyone is welcomed and encouraged to take an active part of our church life. Everyone has a voice at our Annual General Meeting. However, only those who are registered voting members can vote to elect our leadership on Council, or on key issues brought up at the AGM. To be nominated for Council also requires that a person be a registered voting member.

Voting membership confers rights and responsibilities to the member. It is a declaration of renewed and increased commitment to ACC and the needs of the church. Because of this, there are minimum requirements to become a voting member which include; to have attended ACC for at least 3 months, and intend to continue to be part of the community for at least one year; agrees with our statement of faith and are over 16 years old.

New member instruction is intended to inform people of our history, background, constitution, mission and structure of our lay-led church.

All those who wish to become voting members of ACC are therefore welcomed to a New Member class on Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> January 2023, 0900-1100 at ACC.

**If you are interested in attending, please register with Vivi in the church office.**

**TEACHERS and ASSISTANTS NEEDED**



There are over 60 children who are eager to learn about their Christian faith. Presently however, there are few volunteers who have committed to help those children nurture and develop that faith. All that is required is willingness; previous experience at teaching is not required, and people are encouraged to first come to the SS classes, observe and learn and take on teaching roles when comfortable doing so. Our Child Protection Policy does require that strangers do not interact with our children and therefore new teachers and assistants should be known to someone in the congregation.

If you wonder about helping in Sunday School, please just speak to the SS teacher on any Sunday and ask to sit at the back of the class to observe. If you then feel you do want to help, sign up with the Sunday School Coordinator, or fill in a Time and Ability (TAA) form which is available from the Duty Elder of the day and also the office.

If you have filled in a TAA form and not yet been contacted, please take the initiative yourself and go speak with a member of the SS team who can be found most Sundays teaching in the classrooms. The Duty Elder can also point you to the SS Coordinator. You can make a difference.

**Isaiah 40:3-5**

*3. A voice of one crying out: Prepare the way of the Lord in the wilderness; make a straight highway for our God in the desert. 4 Every valley will be lifted up, and every mountain and hill will be leveled; the uneven ground will become smooth and the rough places, a plain. 5 And the glory of the Lord will appear, and all humanity together will see it, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.*

It was very bright and shining day to me and my family, blessed by Arusha community church on this special occasion.

I would like to give special thanks to Arusha community church for its wonderful love to host my wedding. I give thanks to Pastor Israel ole Meitamei to bless our wedding right on 19/11/2022. Also I convey my thanks to Erwin Kinsey and all other members of the committee who gave their time to discuss this matter. I thank Vivian the church administrator for her wonderful work to all issues concerning my wedding.

Our beloved God may stay with you all and bless you abundantly.

**May the grace of our Jesus Christ and the love of God the father and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all  
amen.**



**Isaiah 7:14**

*Therefore, the Lord himself will give you a sign: See, the virgin will conceive, have a son, and name him Immanuel.*



## 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 003 003 5020**

### 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:

**M-PESA DEPOSIT NUMBER: +255755992394**

**NAME: NASIEKU MOLLEL (Church Administrator)**

For  
unto us  
*a Child is Born*  
and his name  
*Shall be called*  
**Wonderful Counsellor**  
THE MIGHTY GOD  
*The everlasting father*  
THE PRINCE OF PEACE

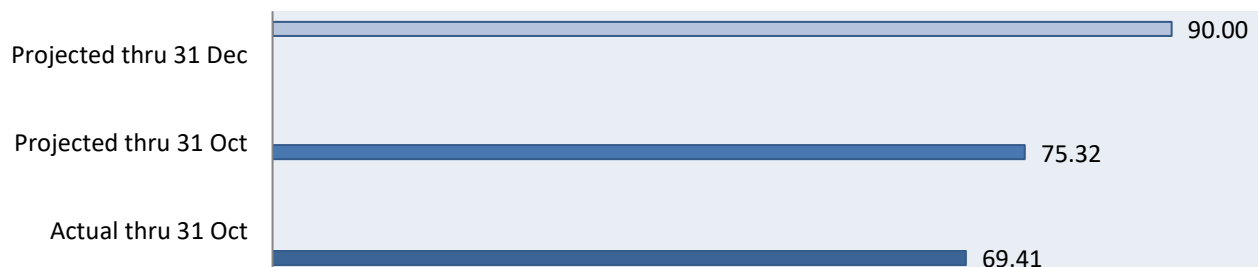
ISAIAH 9:6

“The angel said, ‘Don’t be afraid, Mary. God is honoring you. Look! You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus.’”

LUKE 1:30-31

## Arusha Community Church 2022 Income through 31 October

(in TSh millions)



2022 income thru October was TSh 13.16 million higher than same period last year, but TSh 5.91 million below target. We respectfully ask all to consider helping ACC reach our goal in the coming months.



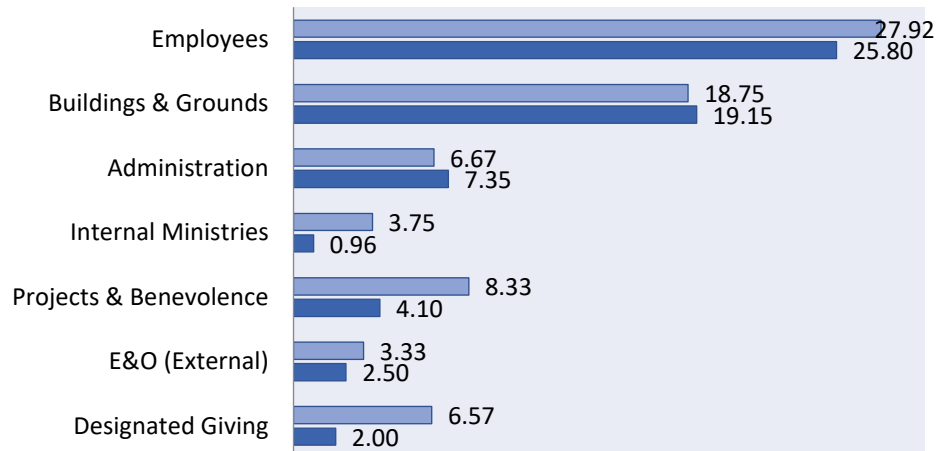
## Arusha Community Church 2022 Expenditure through 31 October

(in TSh millions)

■ Projected thru 31 Oct: 75.32

■ Actual thru 31 Oct: 61.85

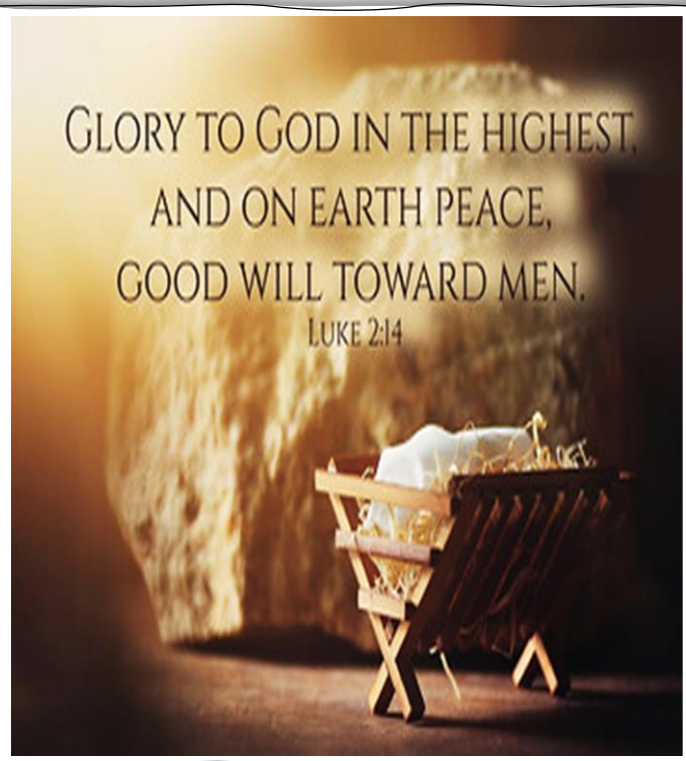
2022 expenditure thru October was TSh 6.19 million higher than same period last year, but TSh 13.47 million below budget. Our Projects & Benevolence and E&O (External) committees resumed spending earlier this year, with more activity planned.



### 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.

<b>Erwin Kinsey</b>	<b>0754 480 184</b>
<b>Margaret Kenyi</b>	<b>0754 090 078</b>
<b>Susan Simonson</b>	<b>0754 266 559</b>
<b>Stella Karumuna</b>	<b>0754 281 337</b>



### Alcoholics Anonymous

AA meets at ACC :	NA (Narcotics Anonymous) meets:
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
Friday 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm	
Saturday 10:00am – 11:00am	



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!

#### Mission Statement:



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.



# December 2022 Worship Schedule



	December 4, 2022	December 11, 2022	December 18, 2022	December 23, 2022	December 25, 2022
Church Calendar	2nd Sunday of Advent	3rd Sunday of Advent	4th Sunday of Advent	Carols by Candlelight	Christmas Day
Service Type	Communion	Morning	Communion	Special Service	Family
Service Leader	<b>Christy Rowe Miller</b>	<b>Penina Oredsson</b>	<b>Elizabeth Munisi</b>	<b>Christy Rowe-Miller</b>	<b>Jessica Shayo</b>
Preacher	<b>Rev Canon Andrew Kajembe</b>	<b>Michael Murray</b>	<b>Eric Mbelle</b>	<b>Derrick Matthews</b>	<b>Pastor Israel Meitamei</b>
Musician(s)	<b>Neil Rowe Miller</b>	<b>Megan Ndale</b>	<b>Erwin Kinsey</b>	<b>ACC Choir</b>	<b>Emmanuel Ndale</b>
Duty Elder	Susan Simonson	Eric Mbelle	Sion Miraa		
Zoom Host Projector	Sion Miraa	Jessica Shayo			
Sound					
Ushers	Jacqueline Njau	Jacqueline Njau	Jacqueline Njau	Jacqueline Njau	Jacqueline Njau
Flowers					
Scripture Readings	Isaiah 11:1-10 Psalm 72:1-7,18-19 Romans 15: 4-13 Mathew 3:1-12	Isaiah 35: 1-10 Psalm 146:5-10 James 5:7-10 Mathew 11:2-11	Isaiah 7:10-16 Psalm 80:1-7,17-19 Romans 1: 1-7 Matthew 1:18-25	Isaiah 9: 2-7 Psalm 96 Titus 2:11-14 Luke 2:1-14 (15-20)	Isaiah 52:7-10 Psalm 98 Hebrews 1: 1-4, (5-12) John 1:1-14



“The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him...” – John 1:9-10

