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LETTER FROM THE CHURCH COUNCIL

John 21:15-17 “When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?” “Yes, Lord,” he said, “you know that I love you.” Jesus said, “Feed my lambs.” Again, Jesus said, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” He answered, “Yes, Lord, you know that I love you”. Jesus said, “Take care of my sheep.” The third time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, “Do you love me?” He said, “Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you”. Jesus said, “Feed my sheep.”

As disciples of Jesus Christ, we are called to take care of each other, serve each other, and feed each other what Jesus has shown in his life and through his people spiritually, physically, emotionally, in times of trouble, and in happiness. We serve and feed people of God by showing them the Lord’s love, it is not a must that we do a lot. Small things also matter. By doing all these things we are fulfilling what the Lord has asked us to do, when he said in **John 13: 34-45** “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.” and when he said in **Matthew 25:35-36** “For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.”

1 Corinthians 12: 4-11 explains, “The Holy Spirit has given everyone a gift to be used in the church and everywhere.” By using those gifts, we fulfill what the Lord has asked us to do. We should use those gifts for his church which is his body. ACC has committees where you can put your gifts in use, from praying for others, to singing in church, to teaching Sunday school. This is your time to do so. Do not wait for the perfect time to volunteer to serve God. There are needs to be met every day, every second.

In John 21:15 and Ephesians 4:11, we clearly see that Jesus wanted us to follow his terms in all matters. Through the gifts of the Holy Spirit, we are to care for one another.

All of us are members of the body of Christ, we should love and help each other as by doing so we are doing it to God himself. Apostle Paul says, “Let the strong carry the weak.” The unity of the Spirit is brought by the bond of peace and love. As always, the Good Samaritan in Luke epitomizes the whole issue.

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Pastoral care is a duty entrusted to all Christians by God where we are directed to take care of others and ourselves.

The Book of Acts 20:28 is a reflection of what we as Christians should do in our journey of faith, the word of God reads as follows;

“Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God which he obtained with the blood of his own Son”.

The main practices of pastoral care include: **Spiritual care**. Simply put, spiritual care is attending to a person's spiritual or religious needs as they cope with pain, loss, loneliness or illness by helping them heal physically and emotionally and regain their sense of spiritual well-being.

Taking care of others is a duty which God has imposed to mankind, God has reminded us to always love others as we love ourselves, by doing this we show and remind each other what God is like, what he represents, and what he stands for. Let us be good ambassadors of God by doing good deeds.

~ Sion Miraa, ACC Council Chair



To the left and below:

ACC Church Council retreat in March 2024.

A great chance to get to know each other better and to discuss how best to serve the Church body by meeting its needs.

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.

Colossians 3:23-24



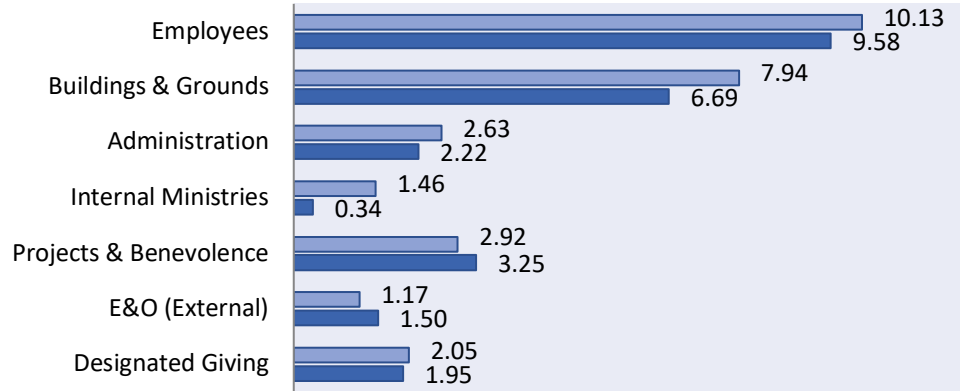
Arusha Community Church 2024 Expenditure through 15 April

(in TSh millions)

Projected thru 15 Apr: 28.30

Actual thru 15 Apr: 25.53

2024 expenditure through 15 April was TSh 4.59 million lower than the same period last year, and 2.76 million lower than this year's 15 April target; internal spending will increase soon.



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)

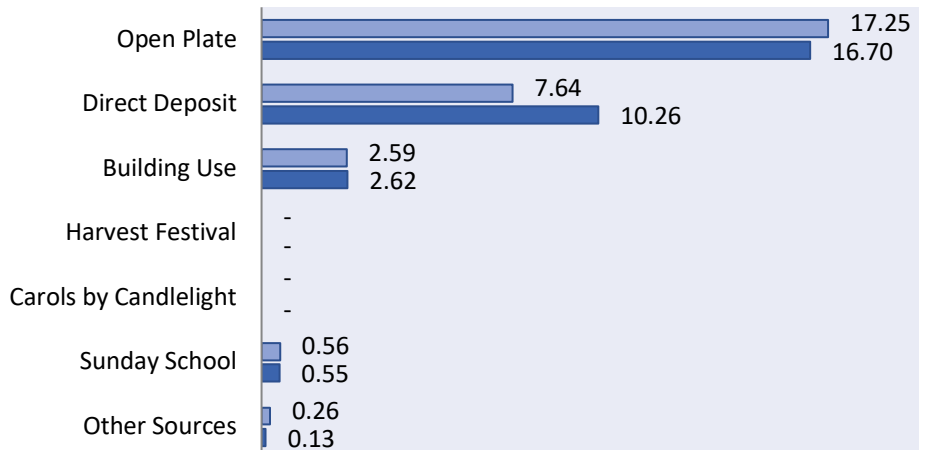
Arusha Community Church 2024 Revenue through 15 April

(in TSh millions)

Projected thru 15 Apr: 28.30

Actual thru 15 Apr: 30.26

2024 revenue through 15 April was TSh 8.47 million higher than the same period last year, and 1.96 million higher than this year's 15 April target; please continue to assist as able.



May 2024

	May 5, 2024	May 12, 2024	May 19, 2024	May 26, 2024
Church Calendar	Sixth Sunday of Easter	Seventh Sunday of Easter	Pentecost	Trinity Sunday
Type of Service	<i>Communion</i>	<i>Morning</i>	<i>Communion</i>	<i>Family</i>
Service Leader	Megan Ndale	Moira Brehony	John Kraft	Immaculate Shija
Preacher	Stephan Scheuerl	Pastor Lekasho	Eric Mbelle	Philip Bach-Svendsen
Music Leader	Erwin Kinsey	JD Parks	Angelika Kinsey	Mary-Ng'ida Severe
Duty Elder	Isaack Joseph	Jessica Shayo	Sion Miraa	Andries van Ekeveld
Prayer Corner	Margaret Kenyi	Mary Ng'ida Severe	Eric Mbelle	Doreen Marandu
Sound Tech.	Gerard Sebastian	Andrea Thomas	Lawrence Menda	Tumsifu Mushi
Ushers	Cifachalo Cifa	Nashpai Mollel	Chipego Munene	Debbie Laizer
Flowers	Irene Joel Mchomvu	Irene Joel Mchomvu	Rebecca Ndorosey	Immaculate Shija
Projectionist	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Scriptures	- Acts 10:44-48 - Psalm 98 - 1 John 5:1-6 - John 15:9-17	- Acts 1:15-17, 21-26 - Psalm 1 - 1 John 5:9-13 - John 17:6-19	-Ezekiel 37:1-14 - Psalm 104:24-34, 35b - Romans 8:22-27 - John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15	- Isaiah 6:1-8 and Psalm 29 - Romans 8:12-17 - John 3:1-17

“You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead, they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.” Matthew 5:14-16