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LETTER FROM THE CHURCH COUNCIL

ACC is an international, interdenominational, lay-led congregation. We are united through faith in Christ.

We can all recite these words, which are repeated every Sunday in our service. Sometimes, however, we tend to forget its importance. Of course, the second part forms the foundation of any Christian gathering worldwide, uniting us not only amongst ourselves but also with the body of Christ around the globe and throughout history. Yet, the first part has stood out to me again over the past month, while traveling and visiting different churches. What makes us unique is that we really are an interdenominational congregation. No matter where you come from, no matter how you are used to practice your faith, as long as we are building on the same foundation, there is a place for everyone in this church. While it may seem easy to become separated from one another, we stand as an example of community through diversity.

Of course, that doesn't mean it always comes easily. Faith also calls us to action. The body of Christ is an active body, and all parts play their role, each in its own way. Often a call to voluntary action follows, but in recent weeks it has been shared that at this point we are also in a slight financial need. Our income is lower than hoped and planned for, and also lower than at this time last year. This is therefore a call on those of us able, to contribute to our community, as it is built on these donations. Our Father will bless anything we manage to support.

Returning to Arusha, I am grateful once again to be part of this diverse ACC community and to be united through faith in Christ, and that is carried on the shoulders of all of its members and visitors.

Have a blessed month!

Andries Van Eckeveld

ACC 2024 Revenue & Expenditure Summary thru 15 October:

- 2024 revenue through 15 October, TSh 75.04 million, was TSh 3.33 million lower than the same period last year, and 8.72 million lower than this year's 15 October target of TSh 83.76 million.
- 2024 expenditure through 15 October, TSh 73.27 million, was TSh 0.19 million higher than the same period last year, but 10.49 million lower than this year's 15 October target of TSh 83.76 million.
- Current net ordinary surplus revenue minus expenditure was therefore TSh 1.77 million on 15 October.

2024 revenue through 15 October was 4.2% lower that the same period last year. This could be due to some congregation members contributing more toward sanctuary renovations in 2023. The bigger issue is that 2024 revenue to date was 10.4% below our 15 October target. If we hope to meet this year's external giving projections without creating a year-end deficit, church leadership should encourage the congregation to meet our 2024 open plate and designated giving targets these next two months.

2024 expenditure through 15 October was nearly equal to the same period last year, with a higher portion going to designated giving via Harvest Festival this year, rather than sanctuary renovations last year. 2024 expenditure to date was 12.5% lower than projected for this period, and it appears likely that we will not fully meet all 2024 internal spending targets. Should that be the case, it would relieve some of the pressure to generate more revenue in order to fully match year-end external giving goals.



Thanks & Giving

Day 1: Colossians 3:15-17 Day 2: Philippians 4:6 Day 3: Psalm 106:1 Day 4: Ephesians 2:8

Day 5: James 1:17 Day 6: Psalm 100:4 Day 7: Hebrews 12:28-29

Day 9: Romans 1:21 Day 10: Isaiah 12:4-5 Day 11: John 10:10

Day 12: 2 Timothy 4:4-5 Day 13: Luke 6:35-36 Day 14: Psalm 107:8 Day 15: Colossians 1:12

Day 16: 2 Timothy 3:1-5 Day 17: Ephesians 4:31-32

Day 18: Hebrews 6:4-6

Day 19: Micah 6:8

Day 20: Deuteronomy 16:17 Day 21: Proverbs 3:27

Day 22: Proverbs 11:24-25 Day 8: 2 Corinthians 4:15-16 Day 23: Matthew 6:3-4

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Day 26: 2 Corinthians 9:6-8 Day 27: 1 Corinthians 13:1-8 Day 28:1 Corinthians 13:9-13 Day 29: Matthew 5:10-12

Day 30: Galatians 6:2

Commit to spending 10 minutes every day to meditate and reflect on God's Word. Write down what you have gleaned from each day's scripture.



Thank you to each one who donated items.

Thank you to all those who bought those items. And thank you to everyone who came to be together in fellowship to raise funds for Step-by-Step Learning Center.

A little over 6.7 million shillings has been pledged. There is still time to give your donation in to the church office, if you wish.









New Voting Members Class

23rd November, 2024. 09:30 – 12:00

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 anactive 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, 23rd November at ACC.



ACC 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.

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 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!

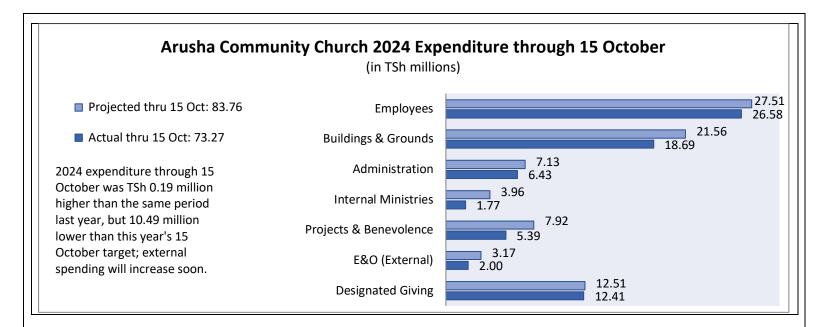
Please send on to: arushacommunitychurch.office@gm

ail.com

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



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

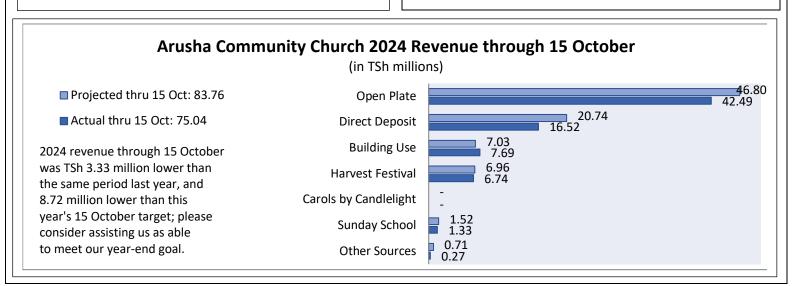
ACC MOBILE MONEY ACCOUNT DETAILS:

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)



November 2024

	November 3, 2024	November 10, 2024	November 17, 2024	November 24, 2024
Church Calendar	Proper 26	Proper 27	Proper 28	Proper 29
Type of Service	Communion	Morning	Communion	Family
Service Leader	Monica John	Moira Brehony	Michael Murray	John Kraft
Preacher	Rev. Neema Ndooki	Philip Bach- Svendsen	Eamonn Brehony	Stefan Scheuerl
Music Leader	Erwin Kinsey	Ruth Bach- Svendsen	Ndale Family	Randy Stubbs
Duty Elder	Isaac Joseph	Sion Miraa	Andries Van Eckeveld	Andrea Thomas
Prayer Duty	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Projectionist	Christoper Nyalandu	Christoper Nyalandu	Sion Miraa	Christoper Nyalandu
Sound Tech.	Gerard Sebastian	Andrea Thomas	Lawrence Menda	Tumsifu Mushi
Ushers	Cifachalo Cifa	Esuvat Lobulu	Thomas Desta	Nashpai Laiser
Flowers	Jane Mashingia	Jane Mashingia	Doreen Marandu	Gillian
Scriptures	- Deuteronomy 6:1-9 and Psalm 119:1-8	- 1 Kings 17:8-16 and Psalm 146	- Daniel 12:1-3 and Psalm 16	- Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 and Psalm 93
	- Hebrews 9:11-14	- Hebrews 9:24-28 - Mark 12:38-44	- Hebrews 10:11-14, (15-18), 19-25 - Mark 13:1-8	- Revelation 1:4b-8 - John 18:33-37
	- Mark 12:28- 34			



"He will bless those who fear the Lord both small and great" - Psalm 115:13

