

# THE VOICE OF RENEWAL

## *The Newsletter of Lutheran Lay Renewal of America*

*Our mission: To promote spiritual renewal and spiritual growth of people and congregations through our renewal weekends, retreats, workshops and conferences.*

**July, 2021**

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### **MAY UGANDA MISSION**

Our Executive Director, Bill Oehlschlager, returned to Uganda in May, spending the first 10 days with the Lutheran Church of Uganda in the eastern part of the country and the following week with the (Anglican) Church of Uganda's Diocese of Northwest Ankole in southwestern Uganda. A brief report follows and if you would like to read the full reports, contact our office by phone or e-mail and we will be happy to e-mail the reports to you. Among the highlights of the visit were:

The opportunity to present 22 Lutheran Service books to Rev. Enoch Macben, acting Principal, and Rev. Peter Maganda, Dean of Students, at the Lutheran Theological College in Magamaga. The LSB is the preferred worship book at the seminary, so everyone was grateful to receive them. Bill then spoke to the students, some of whom he already knew from his visit in 2019.

A visit to Triangle Secondary School in Iganga. This school is in partnership with the Lutheran Church of Uganda's Eastern Deanery and Trinity Lutheran Church worships in one of the school buildings. The school has an excellent reputation and attracts students from many parts of Uganda. Richard Okello, school Principal, said the school needs partnerships in terms of exchange programs for teachers and students, as well as funds and materials to support the vulnerable. Trinity Lutheran Church also needs land and its own building, a pastor's house and funds for church activities.

On Sunday, May 9, Bill and Dean Peter Maganda visited Kyabazaala Lutheran Church and School, Buyende District, where Bill had been invited to preach. Rev. Peter translated into the Lusoga language for the congregation of about 70. The day was designated as a fundraising day for the new building the church hopes to build, so there were talks by Rev. Peter, Pastor Buluba Erifazi and lay leaders. After the talks, members of the congregation made donations to the building project. All totaled, it was announced that the congregation raised the amount of 96,000 Uganda Shillings, which is about US\$27. Needless to say, this is a very poor rural community.

The church already has the bricks and some other building materials it will need to build, and estimates it will cost about \$10,000 to buy the rest of the needed materials and fund the construction. The new building also will be used for the school. Currently three classes meet in the one room adobe building: preschool, first and second grades. Once the new brick building is completed, the church will have space for preschool through seventh grade.

A new school would be a great blessing for the entire community, as children now have to walk 7 miles round trip to go to school. Keep in mind that this walk is on dirt roads that are hot and dusty during the dry season and muddy throughout much of the rainy season. During the rainy season the children walk to or from school in the rain on many days. Bill promised to help raise funds for the congregation to build the new church/school. The

congregation already owns the land, which was donated by Rev. Peter Maganda's sister and her husband. After Sunday worship the congregation hosted a lunch for everyone.



**Kyabazaala Lutheran Church and School**



**The congregation of Kyabazaala Lutheran Church after Sunday worship**  
**L – Rev. Buluba Erifazi, Pastor, Center - (red & blue shirt) Rev. Peter Maganda, Dean**

Bill also had the opportunity to meet with Bishop Charles Bameka several times, who expressed his gratitude to Lutheran Lay Renewal for our funding of their radio ministry on Kiira-FM from April through October of last year, during the period when all the churches were shut down due to the global pandemic. Kiira-FM in Jinja is

the most listened to radio station in Eastern Uganda, reaching 6 million people, and the LCU provided the only broadcast of Sunday worship in Eastern Uganda during this period. Bishop Bameka said the LCU received thanks from many, many Christians and even some Muslims for this weekly broadcast.

On Monday, May 10 the first stop was Naigobya, which is Rev. Peter's home town. A visit was made with Rev. Peter's grandmother, Rachel, and his aunt, who lives with his grandmother. Next was a visit to Naigobya Lutheran Church, which was the first Lutheran congregation in Uganda. On the church property is a building that for some years was used as a health clinic but the clinic was forced to close several years ago, due to lack of funds. Inid Musagala, a young woman who just completed her nursing training and who has been brought in from Iganga to work at the clinic when it can be reopened, gave the visitors a tour. The building has an office, a room with two beds, a lab so that people can be tested for malaria and other health issues on the premises, a storage room and living quarters.

The Lutheran Church of Uganda has wanted to reopen the clinic but lacked funding to do so. Inid said that the most common problems people are treated for in this area are: malaria, diarrhea, nutritional problems, urinary tract infections and ulcers. Nurses also vaccinate children for polio and other diseases.

Bill was later told that almost everyone who lives in Uganda gets malaria at some point in their life and it can be fatal, especially for children, pregnant women and the elderly. Early diagnosis and treatment can be the difference between life and death, another reason why reopening this clinic is crucial for the people of Naigobya, which is a very poor, remote village of about 5,000 people.

Currently the closest health clinic is in Luuka, which is about 15 miles away. If that does not seem too far away to you, keep in mind that practically no one in Naigobya has a car. In rural Uganda most people walk where they need to go or, if someone has some money, they may have a motor bike. Now imagine riding 15 miles on a motorbike on very bumpy, dusty or muddy (depending on the season) dirt roads when you are sick, and you can understand why the reopening of this health clinic is so vital to the Naigobya community.



**Nurse Inid Musagala receives the first shipment of medicine and medical supplies in June, delivered by Rev. Peter Maganda**

*Since Bill's return to the U.S., Lutheran Lay Renewal has provided funding to reopen the clinic and keep it running for the next six months. This funding includes salaries for two nurses and a part time janitor, the government license fee, medicine and other medical supplies.*

*Lutheran Lay Renewal is requesting financial support to keep the Naigobya Health Clinic open permanently. The estimated annual cost to keep the clinic running is about \$4,000. Would your congregation be willing to help?*

The major highlight of Bill's visit with the Lutheran Church of Uganda was the three-day Renewal Conference, which this year was held at Christ Community Lutheran Church & School in Kawete. Sixty-seven people from all over the Eastern and Far Eastern Deaneries of the LCU attended, including pastors, seminarians, people participating in the Lutheran Lay Leadership training program and other lay leaders. In addition, an Anglican priest, Rev. Christopher, who is an old friend of Rev. Peter, and a Roman Catholic teacher were in attendance. It's also worth mentioning that three of the Lutheran lay leaders in attendance are former Muslims.

On Wednesday and Thursday Bill took everyone through our typical Renewal Weekend program. There was morning Bible teaching by pastors, singing, testimonies and small group discussion, as well as women's and men's group discussions. On Friday, after morning devotions, people took some time to give feedback. They were asked what they had learned that was helpful for them personally, as well as what would be helpful for their congregations. The response was very enthusiastic praise for our program and how it benefited them personally, and people also wanted to take what they learned back to their congregations.



**Attendees at the Renewal Conference in Kawete**

On Friday Bill also taught 7 Lessons for Living the Spiritual Life, which is a retreat Lutheran Lay Renewal has led all over the U.S. This was followed by lunch and then Holy Communion for the attendees, as well as the children, teachers and other staff at the school, so about 200 people were in attendance. Bill was invited to be the preacher and preached on John 15:1-8, in which Jesus says: "I am the vine and you are the branches."

On Saturday Bill and Rev. Peter Maganda returned to Kawete, where the Lutheran Lay Leadership Training program was going on, a program that is being funded by Lutheran Lay Renewal of America. First, they met with the two facilitators for the program, Revs. Buluba Erifazi and Michael Waiswa. They talked about the financial challenges for those in the program, such as men having to take two days off work every two weeks to attend. Not only do these two days of missing work hurt these men and their families financially, but even the cost of transportation to and from Kawete is a hardship for many; and not for trainees alone but also for the facilitators who must travel. Pastors' congregations are too poor to pay them a salary so they have to earn a living for their families outside of the church, making travel expenses also a challenge for them.

After the meeting with the facilitators, the students were presented with Lusoga language Bibles that were purchased with funds provided by Lutheran Lay Renewal.



**Presentation of the Lusoga language Bibles to some of the men in the Lutheran Lay Leadership Training program**

On Sunday Bill attended Our Savior Lutheran Church in Magamaga with Bishop Charles Bameka. This was a special day, as there were two baptisms and new members of the Eastern Deanery Council, and other deanery leaders, were installed. There were many speeches and Bill also was asked to speak, and presented sporting goods he had purchased for the youth of the church. This church has very successful outreach programs to the youth of Magamaga through music and dance, and now also through sports, but lacked the funds to purchase needed sporting equipment.



**Presentation of sporting goods to the youth of Our Savior Lutheran Church, Magamaga**

On Sunday evening Bishop Bameka drove the Rev. & Mrs. James Odo and Bill to Kampala, where they were invited to spend the night at the Bameka home before leaving for Ibanda in Western Uganda in the morning.

One of the reasons for our visits to Uganda is to identify and prioritize needs for funding. As a result of this visit with the LCU, we can now list our three highest priorities for fundraising:

1. The Naigobya Health Clinic - \$4,000 per year. This clinic has just reopened and serves a community of about 5,000 people who previously had no local access to health care. We need partners who will make a commitment to continue to fund this clinic every year.
2. The Lutheran Lay Leadership Training Program - \$12,000 per year. Lutheran Lay Renewal already is funding this program at \$8,000 per year, so we need an additional \$4,000 per year. The additional \$1,000 per quarter is to pay for transportation expenses for the facilitators and the attendees. You may be wondering, with all the obvious needs in one of the 25 poorest countries in the world, why is the Lutheran Lay Leadership Training program so crucial? When Bill was in Uganda two years ago, he was told that the highest priority for the LCU is raising up and training Christian leaders. *Why? Because without good Christian leadership, nothing is going to change.*

The Eastern Deanery has 54 congregations and 12 preaching stations, but only 9 ordained pastors, so the training program is needed to train lay men to lead worship and preach in congregations that do not have pastors. The LCU also hopes this program will provide a pipeline to the seminary, as many of these mostly young men hopefully will want to continue their studies and go into full time ministry. We should also mention that the LCU has deaconesses but we are not being asked to fund their training.

3. Construction of a new church/school for Kyabazaala Lutheran Church - \$10,000. This is a crucial need not just for Lutherans but for all the children in Kyabazaala who currently must walk 7 miles round trip to go to school, as this school would be open to the entire community.

### **DIOCESE OF NORTHWEST ANKOLE**

On Monday morning, May 17, Bishop Charles Bameka, Rev. James (LCU General Secretary) and Isabella Odo, Bill and their driver left Kampala for Ibanda and the office of the Northwest Ankole Diocese of the (Anglican) Church of Uganda, which was a 6 ½ hour trip. Upon arrival they were greeted by Bishop Amos Magezi and his staff, and were treated to a very warm reception with lots of refreshments. The two bishops are old friends from the days when they studied together in Nairobi. They also were elected bishops around the same time, in 2017, when the Northwest Ankole Diocese was carved out of the Ankole Diocese.

There were speeches by all and talk of a very cordial relationship between the Lutheran Church of Uganda and the (Anglican) Church of Uganda. At this reception Bill was officially “handed over” from being a guest of Bishop Bameka to being a guest of Bishop Magezi. From here Bishop Bameka and the Odoos were going to a conference of the Lutheran Church of Uganda’s Pastoral Leadership Institute, which was being held not too far away.

May 18-20 - Bill led our retreat on 7 Lessons for Living the Spiritual Life at St. Paul’s Cathedral, Ibanda for three different groups of people. On Tuesday the retreat was for a large group of lay leaders, as well as some pastors. The Wednesday retreat was for Mothers Union and Fathers Union leaders, as well as Mission Coordinators, and on Thursday for Children’s Leaders, Youth Leaders and school Chaplains. It’s worth noting that three women who work in the Ibanda office of Compassion International also attended the Thursday retreat.

Bill writes, “One of the things I should mention about all three of the retreats is that, at the end of each of the seven sessions, I asked if there were any questions, comments or testimonies on how God had worked in people’s lives on that particular topic. Every day we would have 4-6 people who would want to give a testimony on each topic and many of the testimonies were very powerful.”



**Rev. Coleb Musinguzi translates into the Runyankole language as Bill speaks**

Bill also reports, “Some of the diocesan leaders told me that during breaks people were saying things such as: ‘How did this man know these are the issues we are dealing with? Did the bishop tell him what to talk about?’ Of course, I told them this is the same retreat we have been leading all across the U.S. for several years and the issues are the same ones Christians are dealing with everywhere.”



**Attendees of the Tuesday retreat at St. Paul's Cathedral, Ibanda**

On Thursday evening, Kuruka Amutuhaire, Diocesan Youth Ministry Coordinator, took Bill to visit the Marianne Foundation for Youth Development in Ibanda, where he was taken on a tour of their facilities by Justus Ahimbisibwe Tindiweegi, Founder (a Lutheran), and treated to dinner. This foundation takes in poor young women and some young men, many of them refugees from fighting in South Sudan and the Democratic Republic of Congo, and teaches them job skills so they can provide for themselves. Some of these young people were orphaned by the conflict in these neighboring countries. The young women are taught skills such as hair dressing, sewing dresses, making handbags, sandals, etc. The young men currently make liquid soap, which is in high demand due to COVID-19. Since Bill returned to the U.S., he has talked to Clare Killian, who is the U.S. representative for the Marianne Foundation. The Killian family is very involved in mission work with the Lutheran Church of Uganda. The Marianne Foundation is in need of funds for many purposes and looking for partners in the U.S. More info follows on the next page.

# NEW PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITY!



## OUR MISSION

To empower girls and young women to lead their communities in innovating solutions to challenges through mobilization, training and strong partnership development.

Building capacity in agriculture & sanitation

Developing entrepreneurship & financial security

Encouraging marketable skills development

Menstrual health education and pad making

## WAYS TO CONTRIBUTE



Checks to Clare Killian with a note "Marianne Foundation", sent to 61 Crescent Ave #3, Boston, MA 02125



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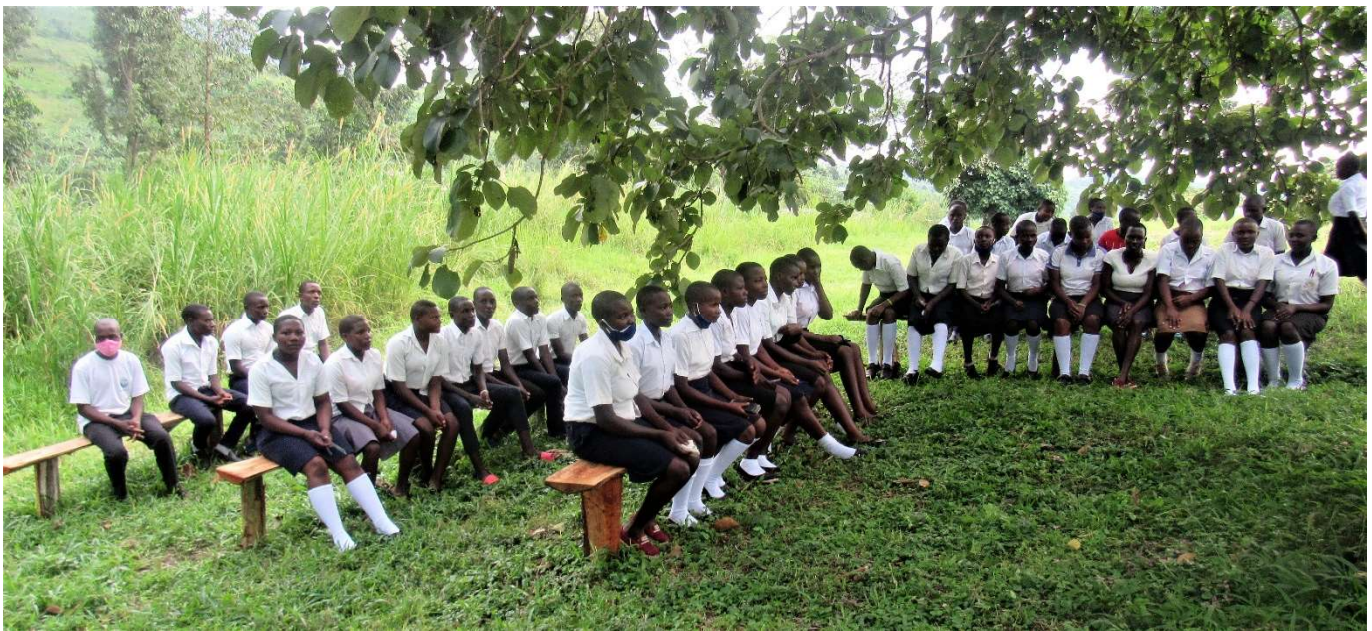


On Friday, May 21, Allan Tusingwire was the driver, as Kuruka Amutuhaire, Diocesan Youth Coordinator, Cathy Nabimanya, Diocesan Children's Ministry Coordinator and Communications Officer, and Bill drove up into the highlands of western Uganda to visit three very remote church schools, in order to assess needs. Along the way they picked up a young man named Timothy Okwi, who is a reporter for a television station in Mbarara.

The schools visited were Rwembogo II primary school in Rwanyabihuka Parish, Irimya Primary school in Ryamagongi Parish, and Ryabatenga Secondary School in Ryabatenga Parish. The visitors had the opportunity to meet with teachers and students, and also with parents at Irimya Primary School.



**Rwembogo II Primary School - It wouldn't take much money to put a roof on the building on the left, so the school could add grades P1 and P2.**



**Before leaving Ryabatenga Secondary School, the visitors met with the head teacher, chaplain and students**

The needs for funding are great at every school. It was noted that some children suffered from stunted growth due to malnutrition. Funds are needed for building projects and improvements. A report prepared by staff in the diocesan office also noted these problems: "Many children stay hungry at school until they go home in the evening. Few of them eat cold food which they carry from their homes in plastic containers. Inadequate water supply especially during a dry season" is another problem.

The television station in Mbarara ran a report on Sunday evening, May 23, about this official diocesan visit and the needs of these very remote schools.

Bill had the opportunity during his visit to meet with Bishop Amos Magezi several times, the last time being in Kampala on Saturday May 22, along with Kuruka Amutuhaire and Allan Tusingwire. Bishop Magezi told Bill that he is the first American to visit his diocese and the diocese is looking to find more Americans and Anglican congregations in the U.S. who will be willing to partner with them. Any of our Anglican friends who would like to help may contact our office for a full report from the diocese and we also will be happy to put you in touch with Bishop Magezi and/or his staff.



**With Bishop Amos Magezi and Kuruka Amutuhaire in Kampala**

The Diocese of Northwest Ankole, being a new diocese, has many financial needs and is looking for partners in the U.S. who are willing to provide support. Some of the most urgent are:

1. Helping orphans and other vulnerable children to go to school
2. School infrastructure
3. Curbing malnutrition and poor hygiene
4. An IT office and online studio – especially needed during national COVID-19 lockdowns

### **EPILOGUE**

On June 7, due to increasing numbers of new COVID-19 cases, a 42-day lockdown began in Uganda. Schools and churches are closed, and public transportation has been suspended. The Lutheran Church of Uganda has restarted its Sunday morning broadcasts on Kiira-FM in Jinja, funded by Lutheran Lay Renewal, and the Diocese of Northwest Ankole also is in need of funds for its broadcasts.

We're asking our Lutheran and Anglican friends, and anyone else who is willing to help, to provide financial support for either church and/or the Marianne Foundation. Contributions can be sent to Lutheran Lay Renewal or, if you prefer, directly to the LCU or Diocese of Northwest Ankole. Just contact our office and we will be happy to put you in touch with church leaders in Uganda.

*“Praise the Lord. Thank you so much for being there in Uganda for us and allowing God to use you. Hope you reached home safely. May God continue to use you as you inspire lives of believers.” - Rev. Earnest Mutungyi, Ryabatenga Chaplaincy, Diocese of Northwest Ankole*

## JOIN US IN ISRAEL, JANUARY, 2022!

The dates for our Israel tour are January 10-19 and we are now accepting registrations. We have 52 exciting Old and New Testament sites on the tour that will greatly expand your knowledge of Christianity, Judaism, biblical history and archeology. Walk in the footsteps of Jesus in Nazareth, Bethlehem, Capernaum, Magdala, Bethany, Jerusalem, the Mount of Olives, the Garden of Gethsemane, the Jordan, Mt. Tabor, the Mount of Beatitudes, Caesarea Philippi, and enjoy a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee. We'll also visit Masada, Qumran, Herodian, Jericho, Caesarea Maritima and many other historic sites.



*There is also an optional 4-day extension tour to Egypt for those interested!*

A tour of Israel truly is an experience you will treasure for the rest of your life. Tour arrangements are being handled by Imagine Tours and Travel, a company that has led hundreds of tours to Israel for many decades. Call or e-mail our office for a brochure and registration form, or download them from the Scheduled Events page on our web site.

### MORNING SKY OVER JERUSALEM



## WHY BOTHER TO GROW SPIRITUALLY?

### THINK OF SPIRITUAL GROWTH AS GOING THROUGH STAGES OF DEVELOPMENT

Martin Luther himself offered a three-stage scheme of faith development. First is learning the external rules of church life. The second is living faithfully but out of guilt with no joy. The third is living with a heart changed by the Holy Spirit, who makes pure, free, cheerful, glad, and loving hearts that seek no reward, fear no punishment and do everything with joy. Surely, who would not want to experience growth into such hearts?

Spiritual growth is a major theme in the letters of Peter and Paul. Peter encouraged his readers to add to their faith qualities like love, kindness, and godliness “in increasing measure” (2 Peter 1: 8). Paul’s prayer for the Philippians was that their love may abound more and more (Phil 1:9). He thanked God that the Thessalonians’ love for each other is increasing and overflowing. (1 Thessalonians 1:3). He explained to the Corinthians that we are being transformed into Christ-likeness with ever increasing glory through the power of the Spirit (2 Cor 3:15). Peter challenged his readers to: “Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ” (2 Peter 3:18).

Jesus himself declared that he has come so that his followers can have a life better than they ever dreamed of (John 10:10). He meant in this life now, not just in eternity. Consider these four stages of spiritual growth from childhood through adulthood.

**Stage 1 - Child-like Faith** There is something very touching about the trust of children, seen especially when they say their bedtime prayers. Biblical faith has two meanings—statements of what is believed and also trust in a person or something. The second meaning of trusting God is more important in daily living. Jesus did

teach that unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven (Matt 18 3).

**Stage 2 - Cultural Faith** Every church has its own culture of beliefs, values, and behaviors. Most focus on the values and behaviors, with the beliefs in the background. Cultural Faith is accomplished when a member confirms “I believe what my church believes.” This level is a life full of “shoulds” and has little to do with continued growth in love, kindness, and godliness. Stage 2 Cultural Faith does well in a vibrant church culture with a strong sense of community. It weakens, though, when the larger social culture no longer affirms the values and behaviors of Christian church cultures.

**Stage 3 - Convicted Faith** Cultural faith moves from “I believe what my church believes” to “This is what I personally believe.” It involves taking ownership of the biblical Gospel, and it usually arises out of a time of testing. This Stage 3 emerges through the movement of the Spirit, who opens the eyes of the heart. Transitioning from head to heart is not a human accomplishment. Church communities made up mostly of those with Convicted Faith rather than Cultural Faith will do better in post-Christian times.

**Stage 4 - Close-to-God Faith** Paul described this fourth stage with his encouragement to the Thessalonians that they rejoice always, pray without ceasing and give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you (1 Thes 5:16). As noted, in Luther’s words this stage is living with a heart changed by the Holy Spirit, so it becomes pure, free, cheerful, glad, and loving. Growing into this stage most often happens after experiencing an immovable Wall that leads to complete surrender. Clearly, such surrender happens through the special work of the Holy Spirit.

One insight from stage theory is that someone cannot see beyond the stage just in front of them. Stage 4 Close-to-God Faith is hard to envision for someone living with Cultural Faith.

In God’s grace, there is no room for insisting that salvation is only possible for those at a higher level of faith to gain entry into life eternal. All it takes is confessing, in whatever form, that Jesus is Lord. The key to spiritual growth is placing yourself where the Spirit can do his work of moving you to a higher level.

The Rev. Dave Luecke, Ph. D., Pastor Luecke is a member of our Board of Directors

### **WE’RE CELEBRATING OUR 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY!**

2021 marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of Lutheran Lay Renewal and one way we are celebrating is by sharing stories and quotes from pastors, and parishioners of churches, about what this ministry has meant to them and their congregations. Do you have a story or quote to share with us about what the Lord has done in your life or in the life of your congregation through one of our renewal weekends, retreats, workshops or conferences? Please send it to our office and we’ll share it in an upcoming issue of this newsletter. Perhaps these quotes will encourage your congregation to schedule an LLR event this year:

*"Powerful and glorious. ...We cannot thank you enough for what you have brought to our congregation. Indeed, lives were changed and perspectives renewed. Faith was uplifted and healing was ever present." - Pastor Dave Saylor, St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Evans City, PA*

*"Thank you from the bottom of my heart and the hearts of the members of Ascension Lutheran Church for giving of your time, energy, laughter, and love to us this past weekend. Thank you for the JOY which you brought to us all. We are renewed! Your ministry is doing marvelous work to use the gifts of the Holy Spirit and spread the Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." - Chris Krupar, General Chairperson, Ascension Lutheran Church, North Olmsted, OH*

*Greetings to you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen. I congratulate you upon the completion of the conference for Eastern and Far Eastern Deaneries that took place at Kawete Lutheran Church. It was beneficial to my life and the ministry as well. Below are some of the benefits:*

- 1. It strengthened my faith in Jesus Christ as the only source of life.*
- 2. It showed me the need for evangelism through outreach ministry in order to share the love of God with others.*
- 3. It enabled me to know that as a pastor I need prayers from my fellow Christians.*
- 4. I was able to interact with brothers and sisters from different congregations and share the different ways we carry out God's ministry.*
- 5. It helped me to know the time when I was strong in faith and the time when I had fallen away from faith.*
- 6. It created courage in me to service with all my heart.*

*THANK YOU*

*I send my gratitude to the organizer of the conference, Dean of the Eastern Region, Rev. Peter Maganda, and Lutheran Lay Renewal of America for supporting the conference. I ask for more conferences.*

*Rev. Buluba Erifazi*

### **SCHEDULED EVENTS**

January 10-19, 2022

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### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

- Healing for Elaine Schomaker, Alexis Gurnard, Julie, Dan and Kathie Klueg
  - For the Lord’s protection over all doctors, nurses and other hospital workers, police officers, firefighters and all men and women in our armed forces
  - For peace, harmony and reconciliation in the United States
  - For the Lord’s blessings on our ministry in the U.S., Uganda and Rwanda, and for the financial resources that are needed for this ministry
  - For wisdom and guidance for the LLRA Board of Directors, as we seek to grow and expand our ministry
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