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## Studies and Life on a Self-Sustaining Campus

### A Glimpse into Studies

*All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. 2 Corinthians 5:18-20*

This Bible verse lays the foundation for the Pastoral Reconciliation course that the students at the Lutheran School of Theology have taken this fall. Other classes have discussed the Book of Galatians, Reformation History, Early Church History, and Biblical Greek.



Our first year student, Pacifique, tells about his thoughts of the Pastoral Reconciliation course, "The class has been very good. This is the first time I have ever taken a class like it. I have grown in the knowledge of reconciliation. To me this is very important. I have learned how to benefit from this course in my own life: How to use the Bible. How to reconcile."



"If God helps me to become a pastor, this course will be very helpful when I work in a congregation. When there are many people in the church, there will also be conflicts. Different tribal backgrounds add to the challenge. So, by studying, I will know how to help people reconcile and to live in peace together. I will not have to be there to resolve all conflicts; to tell people what to do. But when I teach people the Bible, they will be aided to discover solutions on their own as they grow in the knowledge of the Word of God. Pastors are there to teach the Bible, and people will begin to recognize when they have sinned against others. They will see their fault in a conflict. They realize what they have



done wrong. When people dwell in the Word, they repent and confess their sin to God. God will restore the relationship between Him and people, and from there, He will also help people reconcile to others and renew those relationships. This course has truly benefited me in working on conflicts in my own life and also it has given me tools to help other people in conflict resolution both in church and in community."



Pacifique comes from Burundi. He and his three younger siblings lost their parents when Pacifique was ten years old and they grew up in an orphanage. Pacifique was able to attend school and once he started at secondary level, he left the orphanage to live in a boarding school. His siblings moved out to live with aunts and uncles. However, Pacifique had taken a role of a parent for his siblings and still feels responsible for them and helps them in any way he can. He entered university to study psychology. He studied far away from his hometown, but every time he went back for holidays, he visited the Lutheran church he had attended as a child. The church board recommended

theological studies for him at the Lutheran School of Theology, and so he was sent here. Fun Fact: Pacifique's little brother, Cedric, has also been a student at the LST!

After narrating part of his life's story, Pacifique concludes, "There is peace in my life now again when I have come to study here. God has helped me in so many ways. We had it hard as we lost our parents so early in life, but throughout, I see how He has been with us and continues to help us."

### Sunday Engagements

On Reformation Sunday, we were happy to gather together with the students, staff, and neighbors. After the Divine Service, we shared a German sausage and sauerkraut lunch, not forgetting ugali, of course, and watched the Luther movie.



Following Sunday, Pastor May preached an All Saints' Day sermon at a church on the slopes of the Ngong Hills. Pastor Frank Koyo, who had attended the Lutheran pastors' teaching seminar at the LST last July, extended the invitation as this is one of his four congregations. Pastor May taught the congregation about The Beatitudes. How it is not a list of what you should be or do, but what Jesus is and does for you. Emanuel, a member of the congregation, translated the sermon fabulously to Kiswahili. He told afterward that he was keen on learning while translating, and the Holy Spirit carried him along making it easy to find the right words.





The service was built on wonderful Lutheran liturgy with talented hymn singing. The adults' choir and also the children performed songs and recited their weekly memory verses. After the service, the whole May family got to spend time with the members enjoying lunch, tea, discussions, hairstyling, and visiting Pastor Frank's home. Emanuel and other young men had many questions about baptism, marriage, abortion, and homosexuality and they begged to have a moment to discuss in order to find out what the Bible says about these issues. They wanted to know so that they could share with their peers at their places of study. How marvelous is that!

We are hoping that Pastor Koyo's visits to the LST and our return visits might develop into a partnership where our third year students could practice preaching in his churches.

### On the Way to Self-Sustainability

The Lutheran School of Theology is blessed beyond measure as we can harvest so much food from our own garden. This is made possible by hard work done by our garden team, site manager, director and his family, cooks, and students. The students have a choice to pay for their room and board or to work for three hours every weekday and thus help grow their own food. When everyone works together, not only do we learn to support each other, but also the cost of food is cut. The self-sustainability teaches us not to be dependent on donations from outside.



*The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. Genesis 2:15*

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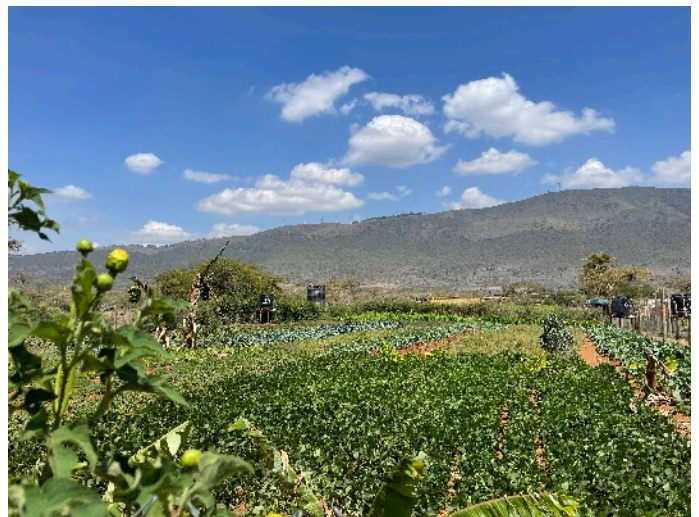
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Photogallery: Pastor Frank Koyo's Church





## LST Photos



Our kitchen team prepares and serves nutritious meals for everyone using our own garden produce daily.

The excess harvest is preserved by canning or freezing. Canned foods are used little by little before the next harvest comes in.







We gather sunflower seeds to produce feed for chickens. The stalks are for cows and goats.

Fertile silt for the garden is collected from the dried up seasonal river bottom. Rocks are separated for building and road materials.

God willing, in a couple of years, we will also harvest our own grapes for communion wine.

