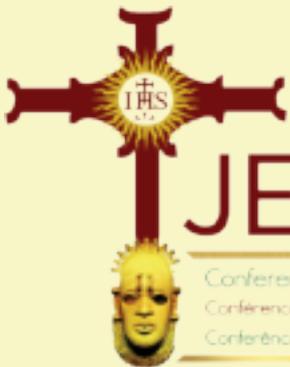


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The President



Dear Friends, benefactors and all Jesuit companions,

2019 was a year of many blessings indeed and you will see in the pages that follow that JCAM always took its time ever to thank God for guidance, inspiration and that blessing which brought the year to the end.

So much of what we do all across JCAM each year is rooted in meetings of one kind or another – rich encounters with brother Jesuits, collaborators, our friends and benefactors around the continent and around the world. This small publication highlights some of these meetings: the continuing efforts we are all making in the area of Safeguarding; some of the very creative projects coming from the Social Ministries sector; the regular meetings of treasurers and socii. These are what make JCAM happen and which with God's grace continue to advance the mission of the Society of Jesus across Africa and Madagascar.

Of very special mention for 2019 has been the completion of our new Africama home and the story of this important development is worthy of its own small publication which is included within this review.

Please enjoy both of these small records of our year in 2019 and if you can find any way in which to support us through prayer or giving know that you will be remembered well in the prayers of all of the Conference Jesuits. You can find details of how to give on the back cover of this main publication.

Thank you for all you have given and shared with us in this past year.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'Bator SJ'.

Fr. Agbonkhianmeghe Orobator SJ
President of JCAM

The secretariat

In October 2019 the JCAM secretariat moved from three different locations around Nairobi to a new purpose-built centre – Africama House in the grounds of the JCAM St Ignatius Community in Karen, Nairobi. As well as bringing together for the first time all the JCAM secretariat staff the building also allows JCAM to welcome visitors and to host small meetings.

From Africama the staff support the work of the common formation centres within the Conference as well as the Jesuit Historical Institute which is hosted by Hekima University College. The Jesuit Justice and Ecology Network, (JENA) and the African Jesuit Aids Network (AJAN) are now more closely integrated into the administrative work of JCAM with much improved sharing of resources, knowledge and insight. The Jesuit Development Office (JDO) is also based in Africama as, of course, are the offices of the President, his Socius, the Treasurer, Safeguarding, Communications and other support staff.

Who we are

Jesuit priests and brothers, as the Society of Jesus in Africa and Madagascar, have lived an amazing story of serving the Church in ever new and unexpected ways. The Society continues today to be on the move, ready to change place, occupation, method — whatever will advance the service of the Church. Today, that “we” has expanded to include women and men who share this vision of service to faith, and to the justice that faith demands. Together, as Jesuits and as lay and religious partners, we place ourselves in the presence of and at the service of the God who created all people. We are committed to the building of God’s kingdom, the promotion of justice through dialogue between cultures and religions, respect for those who are most in need and lovingly to care for our world which in so many ways is in need of healing.

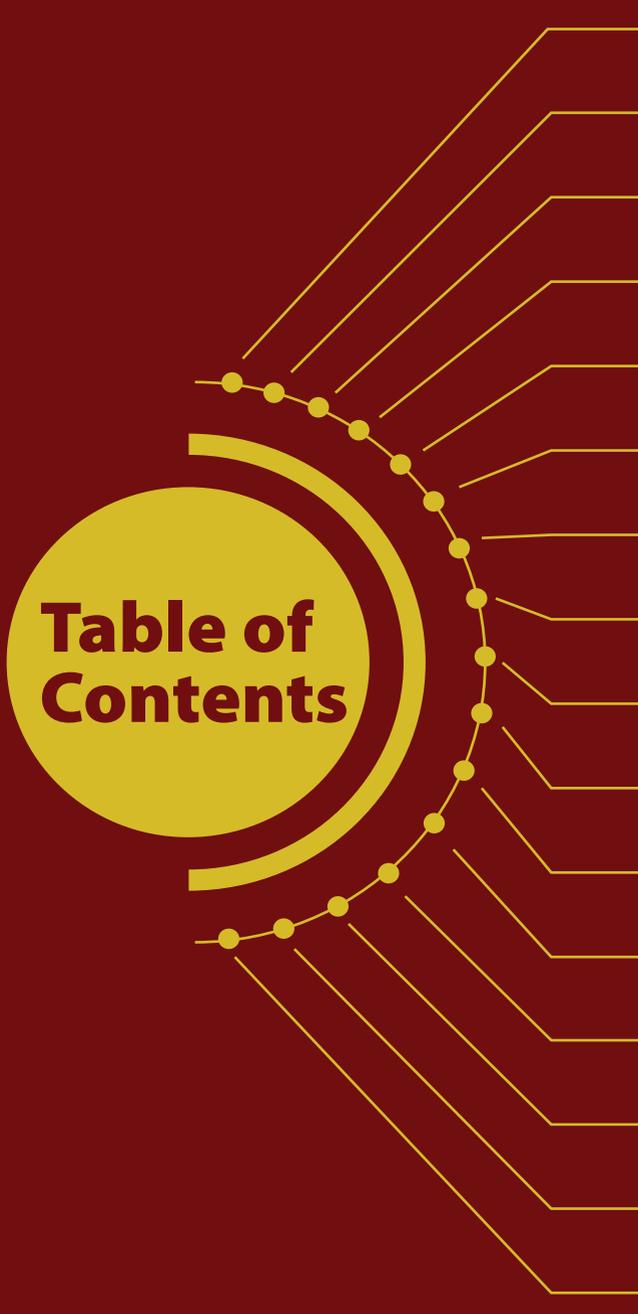


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“Africa is at a tipping point”

Youth leadership development



Kigali - Rwanda

The African continent is home to over 1.2 billion people, over 60% of whom are below the age of 25. But as Africa's youthful population continues to rise, there is uncertainty over the continent's preparedness to tap this resource for economic growth. All around there is widespread frustration and agitation by and among young people over limited economic opportunities, growing corruption, rising unemployment, and limited opportunities for political participation. With such a frustrated youthful population, Africa is at a 'tipping point'. What our leaders do going forward will ultimately decide the future of the continent.



Against this background and in response to the summons of the 3rd Universal Apostolic Preference that calls Jesuits and collaborators to accompany the young to a hope-filled future, the Jesuits in Africa are committed to the empowerment and development of young people. At the beginning of this year, the Jesuit Justice and Ecology Network of Africa (JENA) mooted a youth empowerment and leadership development (YELD) programme, one of whose outputs was the Lead+ Magis Youth Leadership Development Conference.

This was a three-day programme held at the Jesuit Centre Christus in Kigali between the 12th and 14th October 2019. It was organized by the JENA in collaboration with Oxfam Rwanda.

The aim of the Conference was to develop social agency in the participants as a way of developing a generation of young people in Africa capable of initiating and leading change.

Running under the theme, “What must change inside the mind of a young person or an adult to accomplish







innovation in the outside world”, the Conference was premised on the spirituality-leadership nexus, change agency and the critical and practical role of mentorship in the training and formation of young leaders.

The Conference was implemented through a vibrant programme that incorporated both principles and evidence-based for the 21st Century leadership development, namely:

- *Personal Development and self-leadership*
- *Social responsibility and*
- *Global Citizenship*

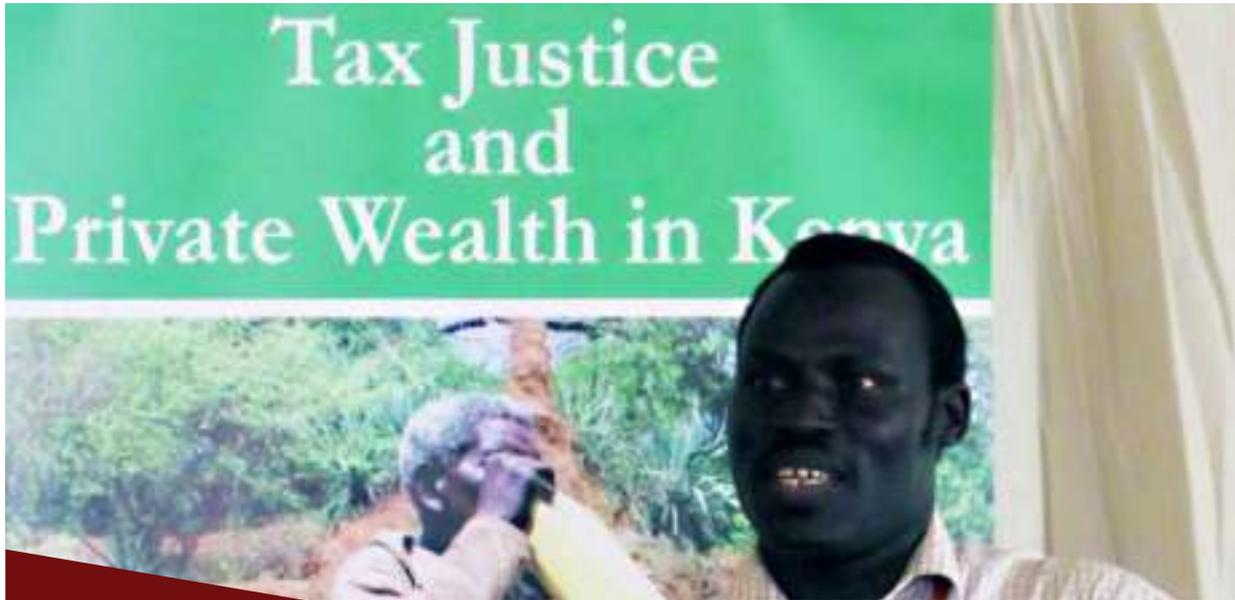
The programme included expert lecturers, group work activities, youth led panel discussions, spiritual activities such as shared and quiet prayer and entertainment activities that involved culture exchanges and displays.

The Conference ended with a planning session that articulated takeaways for future engagement and action. The participants developed plans for local

programs that would utilize the knowledge acquired during the Conference to tackle the various emerging problems in their countries and local areas. The envisaged outcomes of the Lead+ conference are to create platforms for a larger number of youths to learn through and engage in the JENA-driven youth empowerment and leadership development (YELD) programs in Africa.

The core strategy for promoting youth development in Africa is to continue to develop a network of youth service clubs, societies, movements, etc. within schools, faith groups, universities and in various youth spaces throughout Africa that are geared towards equipping and enabling young people as responsible global citizens and empowered young leaders. At the end of the conference, participants committed to the service of humanity as global citizens via a pledge.

Fr. Charles Chilufya SJ
JENA Director



The author warms to his subject

Advocating against poverty and inequality through tax justice.



Nairobi - Kenya

Poverty and inequality are endemic problems in Africa. Though the share of Africans who are poor according to the latest World Bank Africa poverty report fell from 56% in 1990 to 43% in 2012, the number of people living in extreme poverty has grown substantially since 1990 to about 330 million in 2012, up from about 280 million in 1990. Many African countries' statistics show increased economic growth annually; but who is really growing? And why is there persistent poverty and a growing inequality gap? Why are the benefits of this growth not reflected in the lives of the ordinary citizens? As the population increases, problems of unemployment, increasing debt burden, poor basic services, are on the increase. The benefits



of the impressive economic growth figures in Africa have disproportionately gone to a small minority of the population.

The Jesuit Justice and Ecology Network Africa (JENA) under the aegis of the Jesuit Ecology Office (JEO) examined these problems through joint research undertaken from 2010-2018 by the *Jesuitenmission* (Germany), the Jesuit Hakimani Centre (Kenya) and the Jesuit Centre for Theological Reflection (JCTR) (Zambia). The research advocated for better taxation policies involving:

- *a review of the blanket incentives companies get and often abuse*
- *better policies for resource exploitation and use*
- *restoration of stolen resources and tax haven free zones*
- *transparency in taxation.*

It also incorporated ethical discussions about these issues and the need for such policy reform, based on Catholic Social Teaching. These issues have a link with the Universal Apostolic Preferences (UAPs) aimed at ending all forms of poverty and reducing inequalities. This Jesuit initiative grew from the need Jesuit institutions in Africa and Europe felt to collaborate and advocate on issues that “have effective practical benefits for society and the environment” and to “serve the poor” (35th General Congregation, Decree 3, No.35).

From the 12th-14th March 2019, JENA spearheaded an international conference held in Nairobi. The conference was supported by the *Jesuitenmission*, the



Fr Charles Chilufya makes his point in presenting tax justice proposals to the European Union in December 2019

Global Financial Integrity and *Miserior*. It was attended by representatives from academia, civil society organisations and government institutions from Kenya, United States of America, Australia and some neighbouring African countries. The conference theme was “Improving Domestic Resource Mobilization and stemming Illicit Financial Flows”. With expert presentations, whole group discussions and break-out sessions, the conference aimed to influence policy at national and international levels, and to sensitize a wider audience to engage in resource mobilization, allocation and use, in morally acceptable ways.

Andebo Pax Pascal
JENA Research and Advocacy Officer



Students of St Francis School welcome their visitors

Stewards of all that
is entrusted.

Jesuit Treasurers at work



Lagos - Nigeria

There is a fairly common perception among even close friends of ours who know us as Jesuit priests that somehow our preoccupations on a daily basis must be with the celebration of mass and the delivery of the sacraments. Of course, both of those things are important parts of who we are as Jesuits but whether working as teachers or retreat givers, or with refugees or in social centres every Jesuit is constantly aware of being called upon to do so much more from the time of the novitiate forwards.



The same is twice as true for Jesuit Treasurers! Yes, they do have to have a keen awareness for matters of finance, but the Society of Jesus asks much more of them than this. They are to be stewards of all that is entrusted to their individual regions or provinces; they are to be financial planners – some might say magicians; they are to be educators of others about the administration of the Society’s temporal goods; they are to remember with gratitude the intentions of all of our benefactors; and they are in the words of Matthew 10:6 to be as shrewd as snakes and yet as innocent as doves, perhaps not the most complimentary of descriptions of those who practice the craft of the treasury, but I am sure you get the sense.

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This year the Treasurers of the Conference met in Lagos generously hosted by the ANW Province. Among the major sharings which took place was a fairly serious beginning of an examination of how we are to provide for the healthcare costs of the growing number of Jesuits within the Conference and of the cost of an increasing number of older members. We welcomed from Europe the Treasurer of the Jesuit Conference who showed in wonderful graphics that even in a part of the world where financial resources might be more abundant there can nevertheless be significant challenges all of which a Treasurer is supposed to be prepared to advise upon and help prepare for.

But more than anything else the Treasurers meet to enjoy one another’s company and as their meetings move around the Conference – 2020 is Kigali – they come face to face with the marvellous variety of works which the Society does across Africa and Madagascar.

Lagos was a wonderful experience: its generators sing a pretty constant hum; its traffic flow defies most of the laws of physics and occasionally of gravity; but the energy and politeness of the students at St Francis school, or the warmth of the welcome from the Jesuit community at Surulere, - these are the memories that make long days behind office desks more than worthwhile.

Thank you ANW!

Fr. Paul Hamill SJ
JCAM Treasurer



Novice Directors visit the construction of Africama

Drinking from the same well.



Nairobi - Kenya

The safeguarding training workshop for Jesuit Conference of Africa ad Madagascar (JCAM) Novice Directors in Nairobi that took place on April 1-3, 2019 was a milestone in the Conference's proactive agenda to create a culture of safeguarding in all Jesuit ministries. The workshop was in response to the recommendations of the Conference's baseline survey which, among others, called on all Jesuits to pay attention to gaps in policies and protocols; formation, training and awareness; and the need to create a culturally sensitive and contextually relevant safeguarding environment to ensure a generation free from abuse.



The seven Directors of Novices from across Africa and Madagascar, representing a total of 163 future Jesuits, with numbers expected to be higher after the new intakes, sat in the same room drinking from the same wells of resources to enhance safeguarding in their respective novitiates. After a *mis en place* welcome and remarks by the President of JCAM Fr. Agbonkhianmeghe E. Orobator SJ, the participants settled down to business. Led by Fr. Mike Lewis who has vast knowledge and experience in the area, the presenters comprised of Ms. Beatrice Mumbi who is a child protection expert and the Safeguarding Coordinator for JCAM, Fr. John Guiney SJ who is the Child Protection Project coordinator for the Society of Jesus, Fr Noel Nwadike SJ who is a member of the JCAM Safeguarding Commission, and two co-chairs of the JCAM Child Protection and Safeguarding commission Fr. Lawrence Daka SJ and Fr. Joachim Zoundi SJ. The presentations included definitions and types of abuse, abuse in the family, school, public space and society, and how to handle abuse. Critical for this stage of formation were the psycho-spiritual and psycho-sexual presentations underlining some signs and symptoms of abuse, content, context, and process of Safeguarding. Case studies were brought at the table for discussion as well as ways of preventing abuse.

The Directors then ran a test for a safeguarding training kit developed by the Conference for use in the different apostolates. The module is an introductory and concise course. It comes with a power point presentation and the facilitator's guidelines. It is meant

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to help Directors as well as all other Child Protection Officers (CPOs) in the whole Conference. The implementation component of the workshop ended with each Director conceptualizing and presenting their plan of action as they returned to their novitiates. The presentations clearly indicated that it will no longer be 'business as usual' when they go back home. Overall, the workshop achieved its objective to equip the Novice Directors, as the first port of call for all Jesuits, with the necessary knowledge, attitudes, and practices of safeguarding as a human problem. There was no doubt in the mind of each participant that they were going back with a very long list of things to do, and also a lot of questions and challenges to be attended to.

Fr. Lawrence Daka SJ
Co-Chair Safeguarding Commission



Fr General meets students of Centre Munzehirwa, Kinshasa

“We are pilgrims
and we have just
begun our journey
together.”



Kinshasa - DR Congo

With more than 16,000 Jesuits across the world, spread across hundreds of apostolates that involve millions of people, it's no wonder that the Society of Jesus needs an organizational structure that allows regions to respond quickly to the needs of its people. One of those structures are the 'Conferences', groupings of Provinces created to allow those Provinces to share resources and strategies for ministry. Recently, the Jesuit Conference of Africa and Madagascar gathered and Fr. José Minaku, from the Central Africa Province (ACE) shared his experience with us.



The 58th Plenary of the Major Superiors of the Jesuit Conference of Africa and Madagascar (JCAM) took place in Kinshasa, from 23rd to 26th April 2019. For the President of the Conference, Father Orobator, the eight Provincial and Regional Superiors, the two Assistants and Father General, this assembly was a moment of happy reunion, especially since it was in 1989, quite some time ago, that the Central African Province (ACE) last hosted a JCAM plenary meeting. That long hiatus was for good reason: the instability experienced by the DRC and Angola has marginalized the Central African

Province for several decades. This year, the Jesuits of Central Africa were ready and eager: no detail was left to chance for the success of this meeting. This JCAM plenary meeting was above all an opportunity to share experiences. Thus, the first day was essentially one of recollection during which we asked the Lord for the grace to live this assembly in an attitude of prayer, discernment and the spirit of spiritual conversation, in order to approach the Universal Apostolic Preferences and other topics with generosity and joy. It was a time of great communion and mutual support for the African Society.

The subject that dominated these discussions was, of course, the recent promulgation of the Universal Apostolic Preferences (UAP's). Father General's address on the subject was the highlight of these days. In summary, the Universal Apostolic Preferences are not a to-do list, but rather they are a spirituality, a way of being that requires depth, collaboration, networking and a



Br. Mwata Félicien Ganzosi greets Fr General

constant call to conversion. A strong image punctuated Fr. General's presentation: we are pilgrims and we have just begun our journey together. Another important topic during these meetings was the continuation of reflection and discernment on the restructuring of the Provinces. This is an imperative triggered by the configuration of the Society's mission today in Africa. This discernment has only just begun. On the margins of these various subjects, the companions shared their apprehensions and prejudices about the Province of Central Africa, and particularly about the Democratic Republic of Congo. The efforts made in this country, despite a difficult context, are a sign of hope and a testimony of courage.

Fr. José Minaku SJ
Provincial Superior of ACE



The wisdom of the collected Socii

Enhancing cooperation within the Conference of Africa and Madagascar.



Nairobi - Kenya

It is customary for Provincials and Socii in the Society of Jesus to undergo a training programme shortly after they are appointed to office. This formation organised by the Curia in Rome gathers together new appointees, usually according to language groups and helps them understand the procedures and responsibilities of their offices.

As concerns the Socii in the Jesuit Conference of Africa and Madagascar, apart from this Roman formation, meetings to share experiences and grow together have been few and far between. In one such meeting in 2017, the desire was expressed to meet more formally in alternate years and this was validated by JCAM Provincials. And so, a meeting was scheduled



for 2019 in Nairobi. It was also agreed that the meeting would dwell on some of the main elements of the formation of Socii, given that in the interval since 2017, almost all of those who attended the previous meeting had moved to other responsibilities.

Held in Nairobi from the 2nd - 7th of May 2019, on the heels of the JCAM plenary in Kinshasa, all the Socii of the conference were present as well as the Secretary of the Assistency for Africa and Madagascar, Fr. Barnabé Ramahatradiabe, and the incoming Socius of ANW, Fr. John Ghansah. To accompany them was Fr. Antoine Kerhuel, the Secretary of the Society, Fr. Benoit Malvaux, the Postulator General of the Society, Fr. Fratern Masawe, General Counsellor and Assistant for Africa and Madagascar and finally Fr. Agbonkhianmeghe Orobator, the JCAM President.

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Participants dwelt on the major documents of the Society as pertains to the function of the Socius. The exchanges were enriching and helped them to greater familiarity with these documents and more importantly update current practices in the light of recent modifications within the Society. Also crucial to the practice of the Socius is the use of the curia website, particularly the *Ad Usam Nostrorum* section. They were helped to access the site and profit from the services that it provides. On another note, in light of the promulgation of the Universal Apostolic Preferences (UAPs), it was important for Socii to look at developing communication strategies to help companions better understand and assimilate the vision.

Outcomes of the meeting included a commitment to facilitate a full participation by provinces in the upcoming meeting on archiving in March 2020; praying with and engaging companions on the UAPs; accompanying Child Protection Officers (CPOs) in the implementation of safeguarding strategies within provinces; improve communication within the Conference; paying attention to the health of Socii and other companions; and in the long run, exploring ways of developing a unified catalogue.

As the primary collaborators of provincials, the meeting of Socii adds to the improvement of co-operation within the Conference of Africa and Madagascar and will enhance a better integration and harmonisation of apostolic planning.

Fr. John the Baptist Anyeh SJ
JCAM Socius



JEDOAM participants at Centre Christus

... more genius
laypeople.



Kigali - Rwanda

The JEDOAM meetings for me have been points of learning and training. From the first meeting that I attended in 2015, there has been a transformative effect both in content and complexion of the meetings. There are more genius lay people now working in different portfolios in the Development Offices. At the time I attended the first meeting in Ivory Coast, I was the only genius African Lay person while many of the Lay people present were volunteers from Ireland, Germany and the U.K.



The emergence of genius lay people working in the Development Offices brings a lot of opportunities and hope for the future engagement with the Society of Jesus. Lay people can guarantee sustainability and growth of the Development Offices in various Provinces and Regions because we bring to our work different skills and professionalism that are vital towards attainment of the strategic goals.

The JEDOAM Meetings have been the source of training. The series of trainings conducted over a circle of three years with Dr. John Chikati and the flagship workshops and training from the office of the Assistant Treasurer for Development Resources Fr. Jorge Serrano SJ were major milestones for most development offices. These programmes helped us to truly understand what the Development Office's mandate is and the way of proceeding in our duties.

Over the years I have witnessed growth and depth in the JEDOAM meetings. At our Province level for instance, the Development office has experienced tremendous growth and transformation, ranging from internal processes, procedures and work plans for the office, to increased and effective collaboration between

Jesuits and the office and lay people through the Jesuit Collaborators Network (JCN). Further, the office has seen growing donor relationships through accountability and reporting in a timely manner. Visits from different donors to the Province have also cemented these relationships.

The aspect of improved communication, having a specific person to perform our communication functions via the online media platforms, has helped to create more awareness about the works of the Society of Jesus both at the Province and universal levels. Information flow has become easier as well.

The gains from the JEDOAM meetings have been great. The many learning platforms that we have been undergone have yielded so much fruit. For example at the 2019 JEODAM meeting, Fr. Serrano introduced us to the modules of the Change Game Academy an online training tool kit with different modules ranging from communication to business and fundraising which for me were very helpful in planning especially for our local fundraising events. The 2019 meeting also helped me to appreciate the areas of collaboration between different Development Offices.

Nobert Tembo

Development Officer Zambia-Malawi Province



Some of the Conference delegates with Mgr. Antoine Kambanda

... questions that challenge the very essence of the meaning of Church.



Kigali - Rwanda

In 2019, Rwanda commemorated twenty-five years since the genocide against the Tutsi. The Jesuits of Rwanda, in solidarity with the entire national community and in remembrance of their own members who perished at the very beginning of the genocide, therefore, organized an international conference to reflect on the journey made so far both by the church and society and to investigate creative as well as constructive ways of reimagining, reinventing what it means to be the Church of Christ and reclaiming humanity in the land of a Thousand Hills

Reflections on Rwanda's tragic past cannot be restricted to a local enquiry. The Church as a whole, in as much



as it endorses responsibility in Rwandan history, needs to reflect on its engagement and envisage a broader perspective for its renewal. Indeed, the 1994 genocide and its aftermath have raised questions that challenge the very essence of the meaning of Church, theology in its multiple dimensions, the missionary enterprise, the mission of the Church, and the place of human dignity in our faith.

In his meeting with the woman at the well in Samaria (Jn 4:1-42), Jesus affirms that the 'way' he teaches accords no significance to a person's race or ethnicity or culture or country. The 'way' Jesus teaches announces God's exclusive power and desire to create and name us all as God's own sons and daughters. If theology is to assist the Church in preaching this message of inclusive love, it must therefore reinvent itself in post-genocide Rwanda.

The task of rethinking what it means to be a church and restoring our fraternal identity as Christians in post-genocide Rwanda is thus crucial if theology is to make sense again. This is particularly imperative in as much as theology is compelled to reflect upon the very evils that have disfigured the Church's image and people's identity, namely the evils of sin, suffering, the indifference of bystanders, the increasing number of genocide deniers, the complexity of memory, the lack of credible and prophetic leadership that question our faith and invite a new way of theologizing. In brief, to re-imagine humanity, Church, and society in Rwanda are the critical issues that need to be re-examined in light of the memory of the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

The conference brought together bishops, world-renowned theologians, and multi-disciplinary experienced researchers who helped us reflect in depth how we can restore fundamental peace and rebuild lasting reconciliation as a church. Attending this conference was therefore an opportunity to meet different people who share the same dream and vision, challenges and hopes for a better future of Rwanda.

This initiative drew its inspiration from Pope Francis' exhortation to the Rwandan Bishops in particular, and the Rwandan faithful at large, to rebuild the bonds of national and ecclesial unity. It was also a response to the newly proclaimed Society of Jesus' Universal Apostolic Preferences, which call Jesuits and their collaborators around the world "to walk with the poor, the outcasts of the world, those whose dignity has been violated, in a mission of reconciliation and justice."

We are deeply grateful to our sponsors: Rwanda - Burundi Region (RWB) of the Society of Jesus (Jesuits), different entities of Boston College, the Jesuit Conference of Canada and the United States, and the Jesuit Conference of Africa and Madagascar. We hope this conference offered an opportunity to foster the ministry of reconciliation in which we are engaged for "all our brothers and sisters for whom Christ died" (1 Cor 8:11). In addition, it is an occasion for the intellectual apostolate of the Society of Jesus to bring its resources to the service of the church of Rwanda.

"Ever to Love and Serve" - St. Ignatius of Loyola

Fr. Marcel Uwineza SJ
Rwanda-Burundi Region



Celebrating companionship on a cold August day

“Fires that kindle others”.



Nairobi - Kenya

11 lay people, 17 Jesuits and a religious sister, from the Jesuit provinces and regions of Africa and Madagascar (JCAM) met in Nairobi from 16th – 18th August for a workshop on Discernment and Leadership for Youth, the first meeting of its kind to be held at conference level. The fruits of the three days of intense meeting can be summed up by the phrase “Go set the world on fire”, taken from the Gospel of the closing Mass. Indeed, the JCAM President, Fr. Agbonkhanmeghe Orobator SJ, in his opening remarks at the beginning of the workshop invited the participants to “be fires that kindle other



fires”, by being ambassadors, champions, catalysts, and leaders, charged with the zeal to accompany young people in discerning concrete life situations.

The journey to the Nairobi conference began with the mandate that the 36th General Congregation of the Society of Jesus gave to Fr. General, Arturo Sosa, and his counsellors to lead the Society of Jesus in discerning in common its apostolic preferences with the emphasis on making this a more spiritual, prayerful, inclusive and collaborative process, beginning at the individual and community level and extending to all of our areas of apostolic engagement.

The Synod on Youth held in Rome in October 2018 had cited the importance of accompanying young people in various aspects of their lives: in vocational discernment; in marriage and sexuality; in discernment about mature life-patterns in today’s highly digitized environment; in discernment with regard to the promotion of justice and in the field of politics so as to build the common good. The Society of Jesus for its part promulgated its Universal Apostolic Preferences in 2019 (UAPS), with the third preference being to accompany young people in the creation of a hope-filled future.

At our Nairobi meeting it was widely agreed that young people in today’s Africa have a lot to deal with. There are issues of identity, sexuality, migration, abuses, wars, joblessness, marginalization, among a myriad of others. Underlying these, is the need of young persons to be listened to, to be accepted, to experience God’s liberating love and mercy, and to be provided with space where they can express themselves and explore

Underlying these, is the need of young persons to be listened to, to be accepted, to experience God’s liberating love and mercy, and to be provided with space where they can express themselves and explore their talents fully.

their talents fully. It follows then, that many young people feel the need to learn how to discern or to be accompanied in making decisions.

Ignatian spirituality invites us to indifference, freedom, generosity, and gratitude. Our Jesuit apostolates ought to be places where especially the young can feel welcomed, safe, and invited to embrace our spirituality. And so, there should be well-trained leaders to accompany the young people. As Pope Francis says “If you are to accompany others on this path, you must be the first to follow it, day in and day out” [Christus Vivit #298].

Participants were exposed to various themes and practical activities especially in the practice of discernment and in developing a culture of discernment. Among these was the use of the examen as a key and privileged time of discernment. Others included promoting the use of spiritual conversations



in groups and promoting discernment in common by applying the Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius Loyola. The participants were also taught creative ways of accompanying youth using coaching, prayer apps and websites on prayer and other important themes.

Going forward it was felt that participants go back to their provinces and regions and organize training programmes in their own contexts. Networking was encouraged in order to collate and share resources. It was also considered important for the provinces and

regions to evaluate how they carry out youth ministry, especially in Jesuit apostolates and all places where Jesuits work; and it was noted that there is more success in provinces and regions with a youth coordinator and office or secretariat. Also, given that youth is one of the preferences, the Jesuits and their collaborators should respond generously to the important call of accompanying young people in their search for God and search for meaning.

Perhaps these words of Pope Francis can inspire us to be full of life and give life to the young people:



Christ is alive! He is our hope, and in a wonderful way he brings youth to our world, and everything he touches becomes young, new, full of life. The very first words, then, that I would like to say to every young Christian are these: Christ is alive and he wants you to be alive!

[Christus Vivit #1].

Fr. Joseph Mboya SJ
AOR Province

Special Focus

A New Horizon:
Universal Apostolic Preferences of
the Society of Jesus







A new horizon for discernment in common, guidance and orientation for apostolic planning of the Society of Jesus' resources at all levels was ushered in on 19th February 2019 by Fr. Arturo Sosa's promulgation of the new Universal Apostolic Preferences (UAPs). These preferences are:

- *Promoting Discernment and the Spiritual Exercises*
- *Walking with the Excluded*
- *Journeying with Youth*
- *Caring for our Common Home*

These preferences come as a culmination of a two-year process that started when the 36th General Congregation asked Fr. Arturo Sosa to review the 2003 Apostolic Priorities outlined by the then Fr. General Peter-Hans Kolvenbach. In 2003, I had just taken first vows. These new UAP's come after many years of Jesuit formation and their projected ten-year span (2019-2029) touches me, and unquestionably many others, profoundly during the promising years of Jesuit life and ministry. The previous priorities had focused on particular areas - China, Africa, the Intellectual Apostolate, the Roman Houses, and Migrants and Refugees. These new ones are to can be aspects of all and every Jesuit apostolate.

After his election in 2016, Fr. Arturo Sosa started a process of discernment with his October 2017 letter inviting all Jesuits to join in a five-step discernment process. In the seven provinces and two regions of the Jesuit Conference of Africa and Madagascar, Jesuit communities began to discern together where they think the Lord is leading the Society of Jesus today

and what he demands of us. The guiding question was: "how and where should the Society of Jesus as a whole carry out its apostolic mission in the world today?"

Most of us will recall our Major Superiors' eight-day retreat in Zimbabwe after which the Jesuit Superiors from Africa and Madagascar started their discernment meeting to focus on Apostolic Preferences as a priority on their agenda. In January 2019, Fr. Arturo Sosa met with his extended General Council to reflect on the results received from all Conferences and international ministries before formulating its own ideas. Finally, Fr. General presented his own discernment to Pope Francis who then gave the Jesuits the four preferences we now have.

Why are they named "preferences?" We call them "apostolic preferences" because they mark a "priority of discernment" in which we acknowledge the Holy Spirit's invitation to us after reading the "signs of the times" of our era. They will guide each Province and Region to discover different ways where Jesus Christ is leading us together with many Jesuit collaborators in order to continue proclaiming the reign of God. They "narrow" our focus, which help us to make decisions about the mission of Jesuits in each province. They will orient Jesuit formation in the coming years, because they are a reflection of what Jesuits believe to be urgent in today's complex world. To this end, the Jesuit intellectual apostolate is a vital component and indeed Fr. Arturo Sosa writes: "At the same time, responding to the call of the universal apostolic preferences necessitates that we strive more than ever for the intellectual depth that our foundational





charism and tradition demand; such depth must always be accompanied by an attendant spiritual depth.”

The UAP’s are wholly in line with Pope Francis’ desire for Jesuits to be rooted in our Ignatian Spirituality and Jesuit heritage. These UAP’s join the Holy Father’s desire for a Church with and for the poor, with the passion to journey with youth as he did recently in Panama at the World Youth Day, and to seek an “integral care of our common home” as is urged in his encyclical *Laudato Si*.

During my two years in Cyangugu (Rwanda) as a novice, eighteen years ago, I was particularly struck by Jesus’ encounter with the Samaritan woman and that story still galvanizes my life. The story of the Samaritan woman illustrates what Jesuits desire to do: “walk with the poor, the outcasts of the world, those whose dignity has been violated, in a mission of reconciliation and justice.” In fact, many Jesuit works are deeply engaged in this mission; there are many examples and I highlight only a few: the ministry of Jesuits working in South Sudan; the work done by AJAN, accompanying people living with HIV/AIDS; the Jesuit Centre for Theological Reflection JCTR in Zambia; the Jesuit Hakimani Centre for Social Concern in Eastern Africa; Silveira House: Jesuit Social Justice and Development Centre in Zimbabwe and the ministry of accompaniment by the Jesuit Refugee Service, CERAP-Inades and L’Action Social Cheche.

Walking with the excluded calls us to coordinate our efforts in the work of advocacy, in promoting cultures of transparency, fighting negative ethnicity

and anthropological poverty that one can also find among the rich, domestic violence, poor, unstable and undemocratic governance structures that have wounded many in Africa, challenging multi-national corporations that often exploit our people with no urgency to create Africa’s stable industries, and entering into serious dialogue with organizations that fix prices for Africa’s raw materials at the expense of farmers and miners. It also means equipping young Jesuits with adequate intellectual and spiritual formation to be ready for mission in today’s changing world and to dialogue with culture. The scourge of clerical sexual abuse of minors and women has wounded many victims who are the wounds of the Body of Christ. It would be unrealistic for anyone to deny that this is real. We need more than policies and apologies. We need a change of heart, transparency, fidelity to our evangelical promises and a fight against clericalism. We have been set apart but not above God’s people. While there may not be a one size fits all solution, walking with those “whose dignity has been violated” demands an acknowledgement and tackling of the problem.

To conclude, I am convinced that central to our “walk with the poor, the outcasts of the world, those whose dignity has been violated, in a mission of reconciliation and justice” is the fact that the human person is the question to which God is the answer. The human person is the articulate mystery of God and only God and nothing else can be our fulfilment, and nothing about who we are is outside our relationship with God. Any speech about God therefore makes no sense at all if our back is turned to the suffering of the powerless







and oppressed in our world. Fr. Agbonkhianmeghe Orobator wrote that: “theology in Africa cannot fall into mere abstractions with no connection to the contexts of our people.” This is so because the human person is not one thing among others at the material level, as one might think of one tilapia among other tilapias. No, the human person is the inconceivable being who is open upwards to the Mystery of God, made concrete through the experience of and the love of neighbour. And this love was made incarnate in Jesus Christ who reveals what God intends for humanity. As a result, we have no reason whatsoever to belittle anyone or ourselves—on the contrary, because in doing so we belittle God.

In Burundi, where I worked for some time, I met some women who were HIV positive and who had been excluded by relatives because of their HIV status and they frequently told me, “Father Marcel, if we had not met the Service Yezu Mwiza AIDS Project, we would now be turning in our graves.” Some of

those women contracted H.I.V. through rape, war or domestic violence, but their lives had completely changed because of access to anti-retroviral drugs through the Jesuit health centre. They are now living with great hopes of seeing their children go to school. As a Jesuit, I have experienced “the Lazarus effect” in working with people living with H.I.V. and AIDS. All this energizes us to be ministers of reconciliation, justice, and hope.

In the face of suffering, tears do not replace action. The UAP’s give us this challenge to go out and make God’s people *sentire* (feel) that everyone is loved: rich and poor, black and white, Jew and Arab, Palestinian and Israeli, Serb and Bosnian and or Albanian, Hutu and Tutsi, Pakistani and Indian—none are outside the purview of God’s love. Remember what Jesus said: “I, if I am lifted up, will draw all to me” (Jn 12:32). Not some, but all.

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Rwanda-Burundi Region



Show the way to God through the
Spiritual Exercises and discernment



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Nairobi - Kenya

AJCU-AM is the new network for Jesuit colleges and universities in Africa and Madagascar and its mission is to develop, support and promote Jesuit Higher Education by facilitating collaboration, networking, exchange of experience and exchange of best practice among institutions of higher education in Africa and Madagascar.

AJCU-AM aims to really help universities in Africa, collaborate, network, and of course maintain the standards of Jesuit Education throughout Africa. Africa has a very young population and so it is very important for the Society to make sure that we provide first rate education not only at secondary



school level but also at university level. This then was what we came to do in Nairobi and we were lucky enough because all the Jesuits who are leaders of higher education institutions across the continent were able to attend.

Already around the world Jesuits are very much involved in higher education and currently have more than 211 universities which are Jesuit founded, led or sponsored. In 2018 in Bilbao, Spain the Society launched the International Association of Jesuit Universities (IAJU) with the aim of using this umbrella association to help Jesuit higher education collaborate across the globe. The attraction of a global brand whereby Jesuits and students can work across the globe is clear, e.g. students from the USA going to work and study in Europe, Asia, Africa and of course in any and every other permutation of exchange. But to do so we need to know each other.

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In the Jesuit Conferences which serve Latin America, North America, Asia Pacific and Europe there are already associations at the tertiary level; until now Africa and Madagascar was the only Conference that did not have such a body and so we, indeed, can say that we took advantage of the momentum from the International Association of Jesuit Universities that was launched in 2018 to also launch the Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities in Africa and Madagascar (AJCU-AM). However, we want not to just imitate what is going on in other parts of the Society but to really do something unique in Africa and Madagascar, something with value added.

On the first day of the AJCU-AM inaugural meeting we adopted the by-laws and the statutes of the Association and elected a governing board. On the second and third day, discussions were centred on action plans including finances, collaboration, training and next steps to help AJCU-AM fulfil its mission which is to really foster collaboration, networking and solidarity within the network of Jesuit colleges and universities in Africa. Of special importance is to have training for administration, for the top leaders and also for medium level leaders of the universities in terms of formation and so on. We are tasked also to make the organization and association very dynamic ensuring that it does really add value to its members and that the time and energy which each gives is well invested.

Fr François Kaboré SJ
Chairman AJCU-AM



Child Protection Officers and their trainers



Our journey so far:

JCAM child protection and safeguarding programme



Nairobi - Kenya

It's been two busy years since the Child Protection and Safeguarding Programme was initiated. All the Provinces/Regions/Formation Centers in the Conference have appointed Child Protection Officers (CPOs) to oversee the implementation of protection activities in their areas of work. These officers are mostly Jesuits who are engaged in other work as well, while some provinces have embraced diversity and have engaged lay staff to work alongside the Jesuit CPOs.

At the same time, JCAM appointed a full time Child Protection and Safeguarding trainer was appointed to support the CPOs and the Programme.



The CPOs are charged with the task of training fellow Jesuits, staff, volunteers and the general society. Like in any other endeavor, one must be equipped with tools and knowledge in order to deliver the task effectively. To assist in this, JCAM has taken advantage of digital technology and the availability of internet in most parts of Africa by developing a mobile APP as a tool where CPOs can get training materials and other useful resources. The App introduced to the CPOs during a workshop in Nairobi in September 2019 will also enable the CPOs to learn and exchange ideas with each other through a common reporting platform.

An additional resource is a training Kit developed by Ms. Isabel de Bruin-Cardoso, a consultant who led the 2018 baseline survey, available in both English and French languages. The Kit is a living document as each user will adapt it to their local context in order to take into consideration the differences in culture and language.

To further build the capacity of the Programme, 10 (ten) CPOs are currently taking a child protection e-learning course offered by Harvard University under the sponsorship of JCAM. 3 (three) others had started earlier and completed it in the month of July 2019.

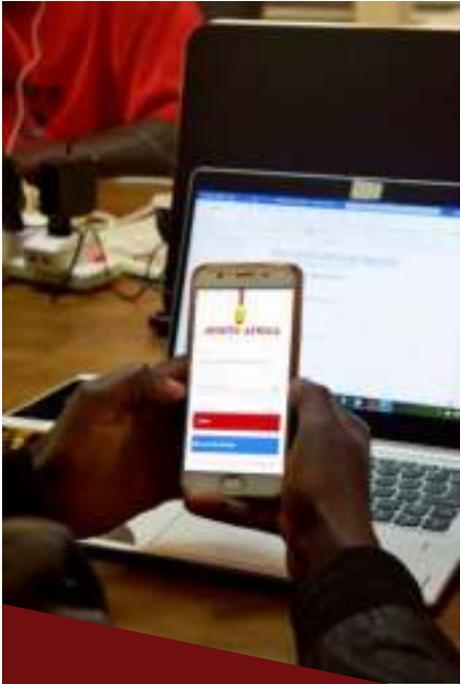
Another development is a pilot Child Protection academic programme in Hekima University College that started in the first semester of 2019-2020 academic year in collaboration with the Gregorian University Center for Child Protection. It is currently offered as a 2 credit Seminar with the expectation that it will eventually progress into a full course. Another is under development in ITCJ.

It is hoped that the increased number of trained Jesuits will have a ripple effect in the Provinces as more will now be available to carry forward the work towards the realization of JCAM's vision of a consistent culture of protection and safety for minors in the whole Conference.



To access and take advantage of the newly developed Child Protection App, download it for an Android device from Google Play Store, and for an iOS device download from the Apple Store.

The search key words are Jesuits or JCAM. You can also download the same for any Tablet or iPad.



Pour accéder et profiter des ressources nouvellement développées de la Conférence jésuite d'Afrique et de Madagascar (JCAM), téléchargez l'application, via un appareil Android sur google Play Store, et pour l'appareil apple télécharger depuis l'Apple Store.

Le Chemin Parcouru Jusqu'ici :

la protection des mineurs et le programme de sauvegarde



Nairobi - Kenya

Cela fait deux années bien remplies que le Programme de protection et de sauvegarde de l'enfant a été lancé. Toutes les provinces, régions ou centres de formation de la conférence ont nommé des responsables de la protection de l'enfance (CPO) pour superviser la mise en œuvre des activités de protection dans leurs apostolats. Ces responsables sont pour la plupart des jésuites qui ont d'autres missions. Pour pallier à cela, certaines provinces ont adopté la diversité et ont engagé des personnels laïcs pour travailler aux côtés des CPO jésuites.



En même temps, le JCAM a nommé un formateur à plein temps pour la protection et la sauvegarde des enfants, afin de soutenir les CPO et le programme.

Les CPO sont chargés de la formation de leurs confrères jésuites, le personnel des œuvres jésuites, les bénévoles et la société en général. Comme dans toute autre entreprise, il faut se doter d'outils et de connaissances pour mener à bien la tâche. Pour aider à cela, le JCAM a mis la technique numérique au service de la mission en développant une application mobile comme outil permettant aux CPO d'obtenir du matériel de formation et d'autres ressources utiles. La disponibilité d'Internet dans la plupart des régions d'Afrique est d'une grande aide à cet égard.

L'application présentée aux CPO lors d'un atelier à Nairobi en septembre 2019 permettra également aux CPO d'apprendre et d'échanger des idées via une plateforme de reporting commun. Une ressource supplémentaire est un kit de formation disponible en anglais et en français développé par Mme Isabel de Bruin-Cardoso, consultante qui a dirigé en 2018 l'enquête de référence. Le Kit est un document vivant car chaque utilisateur l'adaptera à son contexte local afin de prendre en compte les différences de culture et de langue.

Pour renforcer davantage les capacités du programme, 10 (dix) CPO suivent actuellement un cours de formation en ligne sur la protection des enfants offert par l'Université d'Harvard sous le parrainage de JCAM. 3 (trois) autres avaient commencé plus tôt et l'avaient achevé au mois de juillet 2019.

Un autre développement est un programme académique pilote sur la protection de l'enfance organisé à Hekima University College qui a débuté au premier semestre de l'année scolaire 2019-2020 en collaboration avec le Centre universitaire pour la protection des enfants de l'Université grégorienne. Il est actuellement offert sous forme de séminaire de 2 crédits dans l'espoir qu'il évoluera vers un cours complet. Un autre module est en cours de préparation au sein de l'ITCJ.

Il est à espérer que le nombre accru de jésuites formés aura un effet d'entraînement dans les Provinces, car il y en aura désormais plus pour faire avancer le travail vers la réalisation de la vision du JCAM d'une culture cohérente de protection et de sécurité des mineurs dans l'ensemble de la Conférence.

Beatrice Mumbi

JCAM Safeguarding Coordinator

French translation by JCAM Socius



ITCJ welcomes the JCAM Research Network

Providing collaborative mentoring opportunities for up-coming researchers.



Abidjan - Cote d'Ivoire

The inaugural workshop of the JCAM Research Network took place at Hekima University College, Nairobi, in November 2018. There were thirteen participants from all the formation centres of JCAM Conference. The 2019 meeting took place in November at ITCJ, Abidjan with our numbers increasing to twenty-one participants.

The aim of the research network is to create a platform for joint and collaborative research, scholarship and publication among the five formation institutions in the Conference. It provides mentoring opportunities for the up-coming researchers in various fields from



more established researchers. And a further objective is the publication of the research materials presented at the workshop in forms of books, articles, monographs, patents, and lecturing materials.

In this year's workshop the theme "Ecology and Violence in Africa" was chosen to bring together most of the researchers working on this topic from the five institutions, and other related issues. Participants had prepared papers on a variety of subjects including the vulnerability of children and women; the relationship of theology and history; on healing a broken-hearted people; on mineral exploration and regulation; and some which considered the relationship between music

and ecology and ecology and philosophy; and the art of living a philosophy. (A full list of the presenters and the extensive range of titles of their papers is available from the author.)

The success of the workshop will be measured by the calibre of book projects, papers, monographs and patents presented and published. In this workshop, there were really many viable projects.

In conclusion, the participants of the workshop were very grateful for the opportunity to present their ongoing researches to the group. They appreciated the intellectual, academic and professional relationships, collaborations that were created between the researchers. One main challenge during the workshop was the question of languages. Each presenter used the most convenient language for his or her presentation between English and French, and translators were assigned to summarize the main points of the presentations. There were very clever presenters who presented their Power Point or handout in one language while speaking in another language! These innovative solutions made the presentations and interactions very engaging and also encouraged the interest of the participants to learn another language for easy communication and comprehension. The next edition of the workshop will be held at Arrupe Jesuit University around November 2020.

Some of the papers considered subjects including vulnerability of children and women; the relationship of theology and history; on healing a broken-hearted people; and even the relationship between music and ecology

Fr. Evaristus Ekwueme SJ
Arrupe Jesuit University



From every level of formation and every part of the Conference

New wine,
new wineskins.



Nairobi - Kenya

The Formation Assembly of the Jesuit Conference of Africa and Madagascar held in Nairobi from the 8 to 14 December 2019 brought together participants engaged in all levels of formation. This important event provided a platform for Major Superiors, formators, delegates of formation, brothers and scholastics, as well as lay collaborators, to discuss the current implementation of formation across the Conference and changes required for the future. We were blessed to have with us the Regional Assistant of Father General for Africa (Fr Fratern Masawe SJ), as well as Father General's Counsellor for



The Arrupe Jesuit University group

Formation (Fr Mark Ravizza SJ). This diverse gathering delivered a broad range of input into the formation process.

The schedule drafted by the Planning Committee enabled us to delve deeply into the different dimensions of formation. There were presentations in the morning sessions, which allowed us to explore certain topics with thought-provoking input from dynamic speakers. The afternoon sessions were dedicated to spiritual

conversation in small groups, prayerfully discussing the input of the morning and its relevance for our formators and Jesuits in formation.

The morning sessions dealt with such topics as the current context of formation and the challenges ahead, in the light of the Universal Apostolic Preferences; identity and mission of formators and Jesuits in formation; and exploring creative ways of fulfilling the mission of formation in late-modern society. We also



had input from lay collaborators on themes such as the challenges to formation provided by certain economic philosophies, and the laity's expectations of Jesuits in formation.

The afternoon sessions were animated by a spirit of communal discernment, listening to what the Spirit was saying to the group, and these enabled us to assimilate prayerfully the implications of the week's discussions for formation. At the end of every afternoon, the feedback from the groups was presented in plenary session, giving us a deeper idea of how the Spirit had been moving in every group.

The following major themes emerged from the process: a personalized formation for each Jesuit, as he explores his vocation and responds to God's invitation in the Society of Jesus; the collaboration between the Provinces/Regions of the Conference, as well as the input of lay collaborators into the formation process, are essential; making houses of formation conducive to formators, who need to receive the necessary training for their mission; those in formation need to deepen their sense of Jesuit identity as they proceed with their probation, understood as a process of transformation and conversion for mission, guided by the Universal Apostolic Preferences. In addition, other suggestions focused on inculturating simplicity of life in Jesuits, providing psychological support in formation and

for formators, as well as encouraging peer support in formation houses. The week culminated in generating a series of orientations for different aspects of formation.

This meeting was a moment of grace for JCAM, its formators and its formation programmes. The momentum created by the meeting needs now to be maintained. To this end, the JCAM President has mandated the Planning Committee, led by Fr. John the Baptist Anyeh-Zamcho SJ, to further discern the pertinent orientations and outcomes of the Assembly in order to design a concrete plan and a creative process to successfully implement the necessary renewal and changes to our formation programme. For this task they will be joined by two long-term collaborators, Mrs. Catherine Waiyaki (Secretary of World CLC/CVX based in Kenya) and Dr. David Kaulem (Professor of Philosophy at Arrupe Jesuit University, Harare, Zimbabwe).

We thank all those whose hard work and generosity made the Formation Assembly a success and an experience of renewal for the participants.

Fr. Agbonkhanmeghe Orobator SJ
JCAM President





H.E. Cardinal John Njue leads the celebration of blessing

A beautiful Chapel
of the Suscipe to
nourish the soul.



Nairobi - Kenya

Since work began on the construction of the new Administrative centre for JCAM within the grounds of the old Africama House in March 2018 a sense of expectation has grown as the months passed; one group after another of Jesuit visitors came and wondered what the final building would be like; patience levels were tested on occasion; weather delays occurred; but as scripture says about those who remain faithful to the end the rewards will come.



On 3rd January 2020, on the Solemnity of the Holy Name of Jesus, John Cardinal Njue, Archbishop of Nairobi, joined the St Ignatius Jesuit community and Africama work force, visiting Jesuits from AOR Province and the contractor and architects' team to celebrate the blessing of the new building. A *Te Deum* was said in thanksgiving; and this was certainly not the first *Te Deum* to be offered. In October 2019 a service of thanksgiving had taken place for the builders and engineers who had contributed to the handing over of the building; in November a second *Te Deum* was offered when JCAM's professional partners gathered; and in December 2019 the Major Superiors of JCAM were the first resident visitors in the new facility and they too joined in a *Te Deum* led by the JCAM President, Fr Orobator.

So now JCAM has its own administrative centre; the staff who had previously been based in the Riara Rd campus of Hekima University College and the staff of the African Jesuit Aids Network (AJAN) relocated from Kangemi so that now all of JCAM comes under one roof.

The building is a place of light and glass; it generates its own electricity from solar power; it harvests and recycles its own waste-water for irrigation and flushing systems; and it now draws its own fresh water from deep underground. There are two Conference Rooms, office space for about 20, archives and dining and a beautiful Chapel of the Suscipe to nourish the soul; and for those of a dualist outlook it even has its own separate little gym to exercise the body as well. There is *en-suite* accommodation for 12 guests and a well laid out lawned garden as well a wild nature area.



Were four *Te Deums* sufficient? Certainly not and so all of our major benefactors are remembered on a tablet in the Chapel and are prayed for frequently as the community and staff come together for the Eucharist. And does that suffice for a list of thank-you's? Again, certainly not! But the complete list would be so long as

to run off this page and onto another one. Suffice to say that in the task of building it is often the case that one person dreams, another builds and yet more enjoy the fruit of the labour. And so, let the generations to come remember those who have gone ahead of them, lay and Jesuit together.

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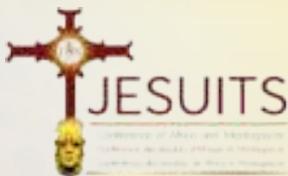
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Prayer for the Church around the world is of course a most valuable thing; however, alongside prayer is what was once called almsgiving and is sometimes now spoken of in other terms – partnering in mission, as planned giving, as solidarity with those in need.

If you are at all able to share something of what you have in support of the Mission of the Society of Jesus in Africa and Madagascar you can make a gift online in the currency of your choice at www.jesuitsdevelopment.africa/donate/ or www.jesuits.africa . You can also donate via bank transfer by contacting **Fr Paul Hamill SJ**, treasurer@jesuits.africa

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