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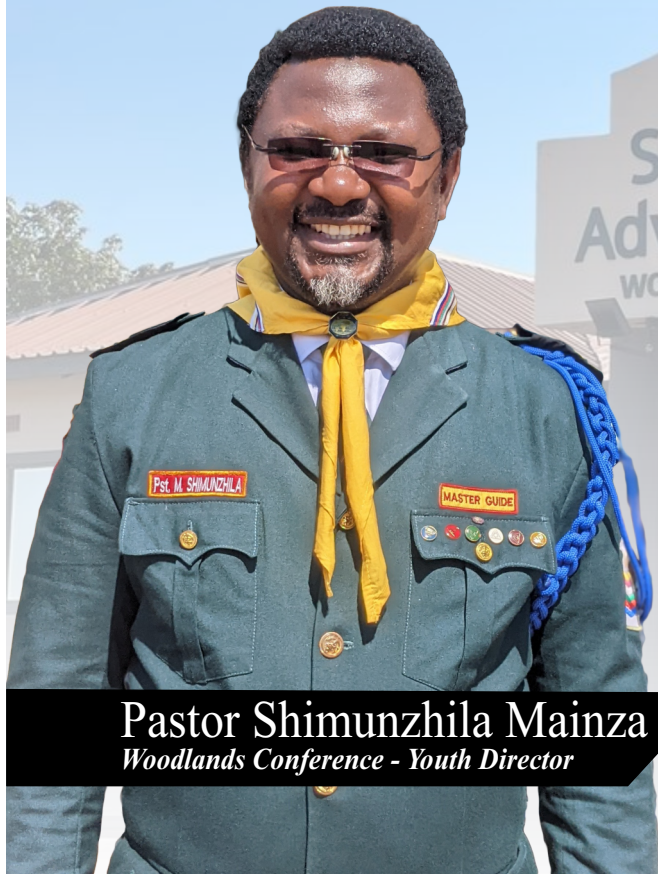
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**SET APART**

# MESSAGE FROM THE WC - YOUTH DIRECTOR

## Set Apart for **WORSHIP**



**Pastor Shimunzhila Mainza**  
*Woodlands Conference - Youth Director*

**A**dventist Youth Ministries is dedicated to fostering a deep connection with God through prayer, recognizing Him as the ultimate confidant for youths. Prayer serves as a pathway to uplift our hearts and bring us closer to Him, rather than expecting Him to come down to us (White: SC 63). Whether through communal gatherings or personal supplication, prayer empowers individuals to withstand temptations and fortifies their trust in God. As emphasized by White, 'do not neglect secret prayer, for it is the soul of religion' (White: IT 163).

Woodlands Conference endeavors to draw youths nearer to God through various means such as preaching His word, personal testimonies, prayer circles, youth chorales, online outreach, home visits, and artistic expressions, all conducted with utmost reverence

for the divine."

"An intriguing aspect of youth ministry worship is the complete surrender to activities such as singing, preaching, prayer, home visits, online Christian sharing, group witnessing, and one-on-one evangelism. Each of these endeavors is approached with care and love, leaving nothing to chance in worshiping God. This intentional engagement ensures spiritual growth.

True worship leads individuals closer to God, facilitated by the work of the Holy Spirit. Through these activities, youths are transformed and purified in mind and heart, cultivating a genuine love for God and unwavering obedience to His commandments. Such individuals are the ones sought by God, and through prayer, He reveals Himself to them, fostering personal growth and bringing glory to His name."

Recognizing that Youth Ministries is an integral part of the larger Seventh-day Adventist Church, which operates as an organized body (Romans 12:4-5), there's a paramount importance placed on orderly worship. Worship has its roots in the Old Testament (1 & 2 Chronicles), where God appointed the Levites to lead His people—a concept reiterated throughout the Bible. Acts 6:1-7 underscores the role of organized church leaders in

resolving conflicts and fostering unity among worshippers.

Woodlands Conference youth ministries strives to emulate this biblical model by implementing leadership structures among youths to guide them in worship, ultimately aiming for the salvation of young souls.

Ellen White emphasizes that true Christianity involves active engagement with others, as every member of the church plays a vital role in personal and collective growth. When believers gather, it invites the presence of God's angels into their midst. 'White admonishes against withdrawing into oneself, highlighting the interconnectedness of humanity and the importance of spiritual fellowship. She urges worshippers to enter religious gatherings with a heightened awareness of God's presence, asking for purification of heart and bringing only that which can be blessed by Him' (White: 6T 362).

Lastly, it's crucial to empower youth to lead their peers in worship, providing them with opportunities to guide themselves and others towards God. They should actively participate in singing, preaching, prayer, and visiting each other for witnessing. Involvement in all church activities should be encouraged, ultimately glorifying God. This engagement will inspire other youths to seek Jesus.

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# SEND OFF CEREMONY FOR MG. KENNEDY NANKAMBULA

By Elizabeth Muchape

On December 23rd, 2023, a heart-wrenching piece of news reached the church, the District, the conference, and the family of Brother Kennedy Nankambula. It was with great sadness that they learned of his untimely death in a tragic accident in the foreign country of Congo.

Kennedy Nankambula contributed significantly to our church community, serving in roles such as Youth Presidency, Projects, and Education. A cherished member of Golf View District, Kamloops Church.

The church, in an effort to bid farewell to Brother Kennedy, organized a solemn send-off ceremony at Kamloops. The purpose of this gathering was to provide comfort and solace to his grieving family through the power of music. A fellowship was arranged, bringing together numerous youths from different churches, as well as elders and mothers, to sing and pray for Brother Kennedy's eternal peace and salvation.

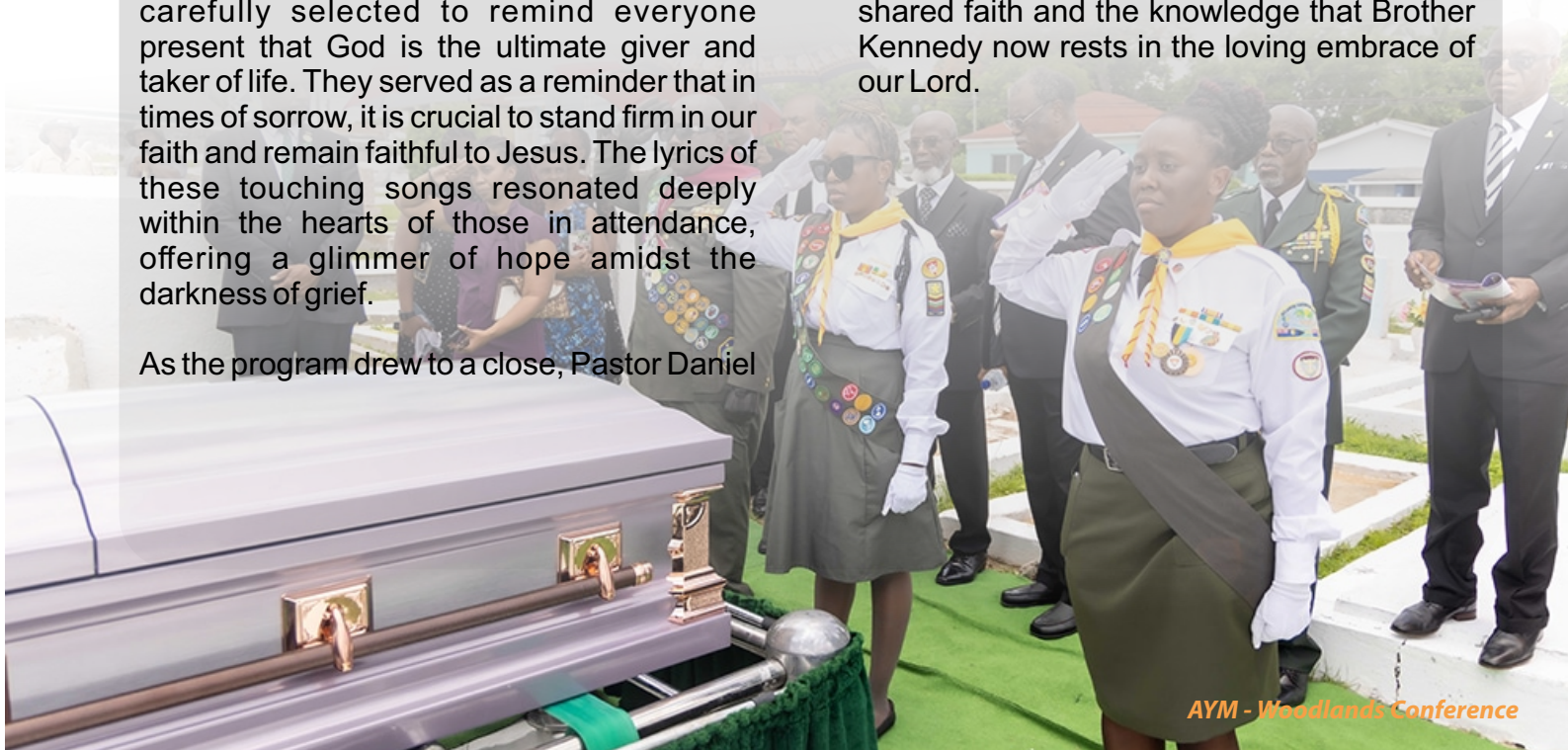
The songs chosen for this occasion were carefully selected to remind everyone present that God is the ultimate giver and taker of life. They served as a reminder that in times of sorrow, it is crucial to stand firm in our faith and remain faithful to Jesus. The lyrics of these touching songs resonated deeply within the hearts of those in attendance, offering a glimmer of hope amidst the darkness of grief.

As the program drew to a close, Pastor Daniel

Sicheka took the opportunity to address the congregation. He emphasized the importance of living our lives for Christ, especially in a world filled with uncertainties and tragedies. Pastor Daniel reminded everyone that Jesus is currently preparing a place for each and every one of us in heaven. It is through our unwavering devotion to Him that we can find solace and comfort, knowing that Brother Kennedy has found eternal peace in the arms of our Savior.

However, the presence of the church community provided a sense of unity and support for Brother Kennedy's family. The fellowship that ensued after the formal program allowed for shared memories, prayers, and words of encouragement to be exchanged among the attendees.

In times of tragedy, it is essential to lean on one another for strength and support. The church, the District, the conference, and the family of Brother Kennedy Nankambula came together on that fateful day to mourn his loss and celebrate his life. Through the power of music and prayer, they found solace in their shared faith and the knowledge that Brother Kennedy now rests in the loving embrace of our Lord.



# THE SIGNIFICANCE OF ADVENTIST YOUTHS MARRYING WITHIN THE CHURCH:

## *Strengthening Ministry bonds and Advancing Gods work*

Sharon Akufuna is a devout member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, passionate about exploring the intersection of faith and relationships within the Adventist community. She advocates for the spiritual growth and unity of Adventist youths through her insightful exploration of the benefits of marrying within the Seventh-day Adventist Church".

**W**ithin the Seventh-day Adventist Church, there is a strong emphasis on finding a life partner who shares the same faith and beliefs. For Adventist youths, marrying within the church holds great importance, as it not only strengthens personal spiritual growth but also facilitates serving in ministry together. By unitedly practicing and promoting the church's principles, couples can actively contribute to the advancement of God's work in both their personal lives and the broader Adventist community.

### **1** A SHARED SPIRITUAL FOUNDATION:

Marrying within the Seventh-day Adventist Church ensures a shared spiritual foundation between partners. This common ground fosters mutual understanding, enhances communication, and promotes spiritual harmony within the marriage. When both spouses are committed to their Christian faith, they can support and challenge each other to grow spiritually, leading to a deeper connection with God and a stronger bond in their relationship.

### **2** MINISTRY AS A TEAM EFFORT:

When Adventist couples marry within the church, they have the wonderful opportunity to engage in ministry together as a united team. They can combine their individual gifts, talents, and passions to serve God and the church in various capacities. Whether it's volunteering, teaching, leading worship, organizing outreach programs, or participating in mission trips, working hand in hand amplifies their impact and allows them to complement each other's strengths.

### **3** SYNERGY IN RAISING GODLY FAMILIES:

Adventist youths who marry within the church have an innate advantage in fostering a God-centered family. They share the same spiritual values, enabling them to provide a consistent and cohesive religious upbringing for their children. With a united front, they can teach their offspring about the principles and beliefs upheld by the church, imparting spiritual guidance from a position of unity, clarity, and lived examples.

### **4** DEEPENED COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS:

Marriage within the Adventist Church extends beyond the couple itself. It weaves them into a broader community of believers, providing a supportive network of like-minded individuals. Such connections offer opportunities for mentorship, guidance, and fellowship, enriching the couple's spiritual journey and creating lifelong friendships. By staying interconnected with the church community, couples can tap into a vast resource of wisdom, encouragement, and shared experiences.

### **5** STRENGTHENED COMMITMENT TO GOD'S WORK:

Marrying within the church cultivates a shared commitment to God's work and the mission of the church.

By Sharon AKUFUNA





# YOU CAN RUN YOUTH PROGRAMS WITHOUT CHURCH SUBSIDY

By Mutale CHIMBA

**Mutale Chimba, WC Youth Ministries Treasurer**, shares insightful strategies for financing youth programs without relying on church subsidies, emphasizing the importance of creativity, innovation, and effective financial management in ensuring the success and sustainability of youth initiatives.

MANY times youth activities have failed to take place as per the time management and the common excuses which have always been given are that, "the church have said there is no money in the coffers." And once youth leaders hear these words from the church treasurers they will even hate the innocent treasurer and a sort of names will be given to that treasurer.

Nowadays it is a sad thing to learn that youths no longer have money in the church account, and this shows that the dependence on the local church budget by the departments inclusive of youths is on a high.

Most of them time a number of programs are not done simply because there is no money to run the those programs, and even when the programs of the youths are cancelled, very few leaders don't know that this may discourage the youths and the performance of the club at large.

*I want to mention that in this 21st Century the youth ministries requires leaders who are creative and innovative to ensure that all the planned programs are to be implemented without fail, and for this to be achieved, then leaders should be able to put their heads together as they strategies for the effectiveness of the ministries.*

The youth leadership should never put their dependence on the church where finances are concerned, instead as leaders should be able come up with ways and means of ensuring that funds required to run the programs are mobilised without fail. True

leadership requires ensuring that all the resources needed for the smooth operations of the organisation are secured.

From my experience I believe that the youth ministries department is able to raise funds for its activities without even depend on the local church budget as it has been the tradition. At the same time the youth ministries department can also contribute to the coffers of the church.

The question is, are there ways youth ministries leaders can use to raise funds for their programs? The answer is YES!

If the youth leaders can implement the following ways in raising funds, then they will never cancel any program because there will be enough money.

## SUGGESTED SOURCES OF FINANCE FOR YOUTH MINISTRIES

### ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE

This is source which has been used by the youths more especially when preparing for induction and renewing membership by the members and it is usually done once in a year. However, this can be adjusted so that it is not only done once a year, for instance, leaders can come up with an annual membership amount which can be paid monthly. Once this is done by leaders, it will mean that every month the youth coffers will be receiving something in form of membership fees. A practical example can where each member is to pay K120 per year, and inform your members to be paying K10 every month without fail.

Some sanctions has to be agreed for those who will fail to bring a K10 every month. So if you have thirty youths in a particular club and all bring a K10 every month, then it means that you will always receive K300 per month and by the end of the year you would have received K3,600 just from Annual membership fees. A monthly deadline has to be put so that everyone is aware and the treasurers have to be constant in reminding the members about the same.

### CLUB OFFERINGS

This is another source of finance youths can use if they are to have funds for their operations. A number of youth ministries in our congregations no longer use this important source. When I joined the Seventh Adventist Church I found this source very active where I used to congregate. The youth leaders at my former church never got tired to reminding youths to always carry offerings each time we met during departmental meetings on Sabbaths, Sundays and Wednesdays. This was not tolerated for everyone was required to bring offering whenever we met, and this really helped to generate income for the youths. Now you need to know that this can only take place and be effective once you have devotions before any activity. It is sad that during our meetings in our churches even devotions have been put aside. I therefore, appeal to the youth leaders of respective clubs to re-introduce the devotions during departmental meetings and also start collecting the offerings.

## SPECIAL PROJECTS

This type of the source of finance is supposed to be embraced by the youth ministries more especially that the government of the Republic of Zambia is ready to give Constituency Development Fund (CDF) even government grants. This money is meant to empower the young people who may come up with the projects. I want to also state that for this happen creative and innovative leaders will be needed. Why is it difficult for SDA members to run projects when other denominations are managing and even benefiting from the CDF? I want to encourage our youth leaders to come up with viable projects which can help them to generate income for youth activities. It must also be clear that if projects are identified and implemented will not only benefit the youth ministries, instead these projects can also empower the youths by creating employment for the same youths. Some of the projects which youths can do include;

o **POULTRY FARMING**—this is possible only if leaders have a vision and plan very well. There are a lot of people who rent out their chicken houses and I believe youths can fail to rent one or two. When this is managed properly and prudently, it boost the financial resources of the youth ministries and change the economic status of the youths because a lot of them maybe employed in the same project.

o **CAR WASH**—this can be planned and held strategically, for example quarterly during church boards and business meetings. If this is conducted quarterly, then the youth coffers will always receive something. Let's say you wash 20 cars at K50 minimum charge, this will be able to bring K1,000 into the coffers.

o **RESTAURANT**—this project is the easiest to start and may not require a lot of capital when starting, it only require commitment, dedication and teamwork if you are to see positive outcomes.

The youth clubs can choose any of the above projects and implement. It must also be clear that when leaders have a vision then the movement always progresses.

## SPONSORSHIP BY CHURCH MEMBERS

This method have not been used in the raising of funds for the youth ministries maybe because it has not been properly understood by many youth leaders.

Church members sponsorship is where youth leaders identifies members in the church who have interest in the activities of the youths and are able to fund the activities

Once the leaders identifies the sponsors among church members, they are supposed to provide them with the annual time management so that they can know the activities to sponsor. The time management will also help the sponsors to plan their contributions. The names and other details of the sponsors should be kept by the youth ministries secretariat.

This is type of source of finance requires leaders working together among the among the youths, and even the elder-in charge of youth have come in to help in identifying church members who sponsor youth activities. I want to challenge youth leaders to stop asking for help from church members in

an organized manner. This system of following members so that they can top-up on your budget or shortfalls is a disorganized way of doing things, and it also shows that the leader(s) who planned for that event is or are disorganized and they also live a much disorganized life.

## CHURCH SUBSIDY

This source of income is where the church allocates some amount of money in the annual budget. We need to also note that the church subsidy will never meet all your budget requirements, probably from your budget as youth ministries the church can only allocate five percent. For this reason leaders needs not put their dependence on church budget otherwise none of the planned activities may be implemented in that particular year.

## Conclusion

In conclusion, I want to state that it is possible to have all the planned programs done without asking the church to fund them. And I can that in the year 2017 when I was a youth leader at my local church we did manage to run the youth ministries without any financial assistance from the church basket. This was achieved through team, for we worked together as a team. I want also to emphasis that creativity and innovation should be embraced by youth leaders. Lastly, as youth leaders we must dare to be exceptional in whatever we do and when given any assignment, and that will always make you unique.

# Possibility Ministry Made Possible

*Heather Hanene explores the strides made by Youth Ministries under the Woodlands Conference towards inclusivity, highlighting the introduction of a special class for individuals living with disabilities in alignment with national values and principles, fostering a sense of belonging and celebration of identity within the conference community.*

By Heather Hanene



**Y**outh Ministries under woodlands conference have embraced the national values and Principles in totality by ensuring that no one is left behind when it comes to church heritage examinations by introducing a special class for the people living with disability.

The constitution amendments act no 2 of 2016 part two article 8 outlines national values and Principles and one such value is non-discrimination. It is based on this premise that a special class was introduced. It is

worth noting that woodlands conference is also known as modern conference as such modernity demands that there is inclusivity in all that the conference does.

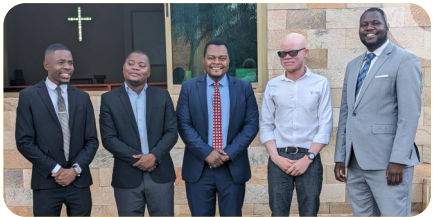
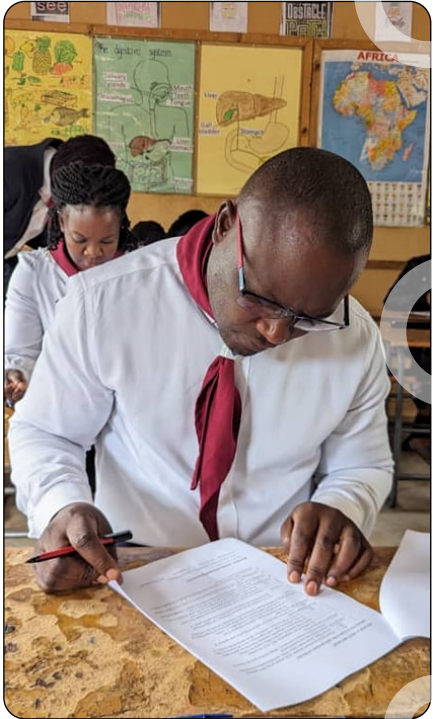
It is interesting to note that some youths had left youth Ministries as they felt that they were not included. Selected youths spoken to expressed happiness that the conference had developed a special class meant for them.

As a leader of youth Ministries business in the conference I am

delightful that in the Southern Indian Ocean Division we are the first conference to not only embrace inclusivity but also ensure that national values and Principles are respected and applied.

As woodlands conference we are an inclusive such that our young people feel welcome,









# EMBARKING ON AN ADVENTURE:

## GolfView Mission District Youth Camp's Epic Journey

"The GolfView Mission District Youth Camp Committee shares the remarkable tale of their epic end-of-year escapade, highlighting the transformative experiences, cultural immersion, and inspirational moments that shaped their unforgettable journey from Lusaka to Livingstone".



**I**n a tale of exploration and discovery, the GolfView Mission District Youth Camp ventured all the way from Lusaka to Livingstone for an unforgettable end-of-year escapade. This remarkable journey unfolded from the 23rd of December 2023 to the 30th of December 2023, encapsulating a week filled with cultural immersion, inspirational dialogues, and encounters with the grandeur of nature.

### **Connecting with Our Roots: A Cultural Expedition**

Our expedition commenced with a deep dive into our cultural heritage. From Chief Mukuni's palace to the Livingstone Museum, participants were transported through time, unraveling the threads of our shared history. This experience fostered a sense of identity and appreciation for the diverse narratives that define us.

### **Inspiration Unleashed: Pastor T Malunga's Impactful Words.**

The camp reached new heights with the presence of Pastor T Malunga, whose powerful words went beyond mere motivation. His address served as a call to action, urging participants to aspire for greatness in every aspect of their lives. The collective sense of purpose and determination that ensued was truly inspiring.



## Nature's Spectacle: Victoria Falls Unveiled

The camp took a breathtaking turn as we stood in awe of Victoria Falls. Amidst the mist and roar, the

falls became a humbling reminder of our planet's wonders. Participants reflected on their place in the world, stirred by the forces that shape our existence.

### Success Echoing Beyond: Impact on the GolfView Community

As the camp concluded, its success echoed through the participants, leaving them with a renewed sense of purpose and self-belief. Beyond personal transformations, the impact extended to the entire

GolfView community. It became a catalyst for unity and growth, creating ripples that will resonate within our community for years to come.

With heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed to this endeavor, the GolfView Mission District Youth Camp has etched its mark in our collective narrative. The memories created and lessons learned during this extraordinary week have paved the way for a brighter and more empowered future.

By  
*The GolfView Mission District Youth Camp Committee*

# RUFUNSA MISSION DISTRICT

## "Empowering Bible Congress: Unveiling the Power of Prophecy"

By Chipo Mainza - *Guides through the transformative End-of-Year Camp*

Rufunsa Mission District orchestrated a youth Bible congress end-of-year camp at Rufunsa Primary School, focusing on the profound theme of "Tell it to the World." With spiritual growth and prophetic understanding at the forefront, 87 enthusiastic campers immersed themselves in an enriching experience guided by Pastor Mainza Shimuzhila as the main speaker.

### THE CAMP AIMED TO:

**1. Foster Spiritual Awakening:** Through daily devotions, prayer sessions, and worship services, campers were encouraged to develop a personal relationship with God, freely expressing their thoughts and questions. This nurturing environment allowed them to find answers to their spiritual struggles and grow in faith.

**2. Equip with Prophetic**

**Knowledge and Skills:** Workshops and seminars delved into various aspects of prophecy, including interpretation and teaching. Campers learned effective communication methods such as storytelling, visual aids, and interactive discussions. Confidence in sharing the prophetic message grew, enabling them to articulate their understanding with clarity and conviction.

**3. Emphasize the Urgency of Gospel Preaching:** Reminding campers of the great commission, they were inspired to actively engage in evangelism. Practical training on effective communication, engaging conversations, and addressing objections equipped them to become ambassadors of Christ, spreading the message of hope and redemption.

At the camp's culmination, 67 youths undertook honor exams,

achieving a remarkable 98% success rate. This demonstrated not only their dedication to learning but also the application of critical thinking skills. The camp not only imparted knowledge but also empowered campers to creatively address challenges in understanding and teaching prophecy.

Chipo Mainza takes us through the transformative journey of Rufunsa Mission District's end-of-year camp, where prophecy became a powerful tool for spiritual growth, equipping the youth to boldly share the message of God's love with the world.



# INTERNATIONAL Youth Day

*“Woodlands Conference Youth Ministries Takes Center Stage on National Youth Day”*

**By Bruno Nyambe**

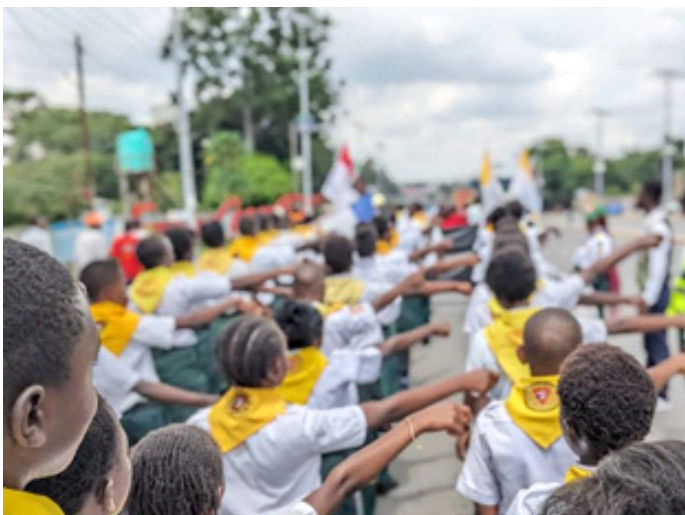
In a resounding demonstration of commitment, Woodlands Conference Youth Ministries proudly takes center stage at the grand National Youth Day celebration at Lusaka Showgrounds. Embraced by the presence of Her Honor, the Republican Vice President W.K. Mutale Nalumango, our dynamic leadership, led by Director Pastor Mainza Shimunzhila, passionately participates in the Pathfinder Parade, adding a burst of energy to this national spectacle.

Amidst the festivities, our presence symbolizes the dedication of the Seventh-day Adventist Church to collaborate with the government in fostering impactful change. The theme "Zambia at 60, be the change" resonates as a testament to our commitment to positively impact our daily lives and contribute to the nation's growth.

From cultural showcases to meaningful discussions, we're actively engaging in every facet of this momentous occasion, embodying the spirit of unity and empowerment. Stay tuned for more updates as Woodlands Conference Youth Ministries continues to play a vital role in shaping the narrative of National Youth Day.

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# CAREER DAY *Sparks Dreams*



## Chilenje's Adventurers Soar - Career Day Sparks Dreams and Fuels Futures!

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By Rosina Kimberly Moomba

Chilenje Mission District recently played host to a transformative event that left young minds buzzing with excitement and inspiration. On February 25, 2024, the Adventurer Club held its much-anticipated Career Day, welcoming a lineup of esteemed professionals from various fields to share their insights and experiences with over 100 eager children.

The event featured an impressive array of speakers, each offering a unique perspective on their respective careers. From Brigadier General Kennedy Sialoombe, who serves as the General Education Director, to Snr Assistant Commissioner Rae Hamoonga, a distinguished Public Relations Officer, the stage was set for an enlightening and engaging day.

Lieutenant Luyando Sianyeuka, a skilled pilot, took to the podium to share tales of adventure from the skies, while State Counsel Coleen Nkombo Muyakwa shed light on the world of law and advocacy. Veterinary Surgeon Chalumba Simukoko and Midwife Gladys Muchape delved into the realm of healthcare, captivating the audience with stories of compassion and resilience.

Leading Fire Fighter Henry Nyirongo shared insights into the challenges and rewards of firefighting, while Farmer Evelyn Moomba and Engineer Sydney Ngoma painted vivid pictures of life in agriculture and engineering, respectively.

The impact of these presentations was profound, igniting sparks of curiosity and ambition in the hearts of the Adventurers. As they listened intently to each speaker, their imaginations soared, envisioning futures filled with possibility and purpose.

Brigadier General Sialoombe and Lieutenant Sianyeuka inspired dreams of serving one's country and taking to the skies, while State Counsel Nkombo Muyakwa planted seeds of legal advocacy and social justice. Veterinary Surgeon Simukoko and Midwife Muchape opened doors to the world of healing and caregiving, while Leading Fire Fighter Nyirongo instilled a sense of duty and bravery.

For Farmer Moomba and Engineer Ngoma, the message was one of innovation and stewardship, encouraging the Adventurers to harness their talents and passions to shape a better world.

As the day drew to a close, the air was filled with a palpable sense of excitement and possibility. The Adventurers departed with newfound knowledge and inspiration, their dreams emboldened and their spirits lifted.

Indeed, Chilenje's Adventurers had soared to new heights on this unforgettable Career Day, their futures illuminated by the wisdom and guidance of those who had come before them.

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# EMPOWERING FUTURES

“Chipapa Mission District Youth Congress Leaves Lasting Impacts”.

By: Astridah Sikwalulwa

The Chipapa Mission District Adventist Youth Ministries, in collaboration with Kafue Mission and Estates Mission Districts, orchestrated a transformative end-of-year Youth Congress from December 24th to 31st, 2023, at Chikupi Secondary School. Under the theme "It's About Time," the Congress aimed to impart valuable lessons and engage the youth in meaningful activities, leaving an indelible mark on the participants.

The Congress covered a diverse array of topics relevant to the youth's lives, including sessions on depression, suicide, temperaments, Christian health relations, and in-depth studies of Bible books such as Revelations and Hebrews. Renowned pastors, including Pastor Daniel Sicheka, Pastor Tembo, Pastor Chiyala Hylos, Pastor Kavwana, and Pastor Patrick, facilitated these sessions, providing expert guidance and insights. Participants gained a deeper understanding of these subjects and learned to apply the teachings to their daily lives.

To ensure a well-rounded experience, the Congress incorporated enjoyable activities such as Chilailai, debates, poetry, cultural heritage showcases,

quizzes, ball games, athletics, spelling bees, and opportunities for social interactions. These activities not only entertained but also helped the youth develop confidence in public speaking and acquire valuable life skills, fostering a sense of comradeship and unity.

The impact of the Youth Congress was profound, resonating deeply with many participants. The supportive atmosphere created during the event allowed youth to openly discuss and address their burdens. Dedicated counseling sessions provided solace and release from emotional struggles, forming lasting relationships and support networks among the participants.

The leadership of Chipapa Mission District encourages young individuals not to shy away from such activities. Programs like the Youth Congress play a vital role in fostering spiritual, mental, and physical growth among the youth. The lessons learned and the connections made during such events have a lasting impact on their lives. The call is for the youth to actively engage in these opportunities for personal development and spiritual growth, ensuring an empowered future.



# Inclusive Journey

## Master Guide Class for All Abilities

By MG. Sharon AKUFUNA

**W**oodlands Conference youth ministries proudly introduces a groundbreaking Master Guide class, specially crafted for individuals who are deaf, blind, or physically disabled. Dive into an inclusive learning environment, guided by experienced instructors, where the richness of diversity is celebrated.

Our commitment extends beyond mere accessibility; it's about creating an atmosphere where everyone, irrespective of physical abilities, can actively participate. With dedicated sign language interpreters, tailored exams, and accessible resources like Braille materials, we're breaking barriers to ensure every participant thrives.

Rooted in the teachings of Christ, our initiative mirrors love, acceptance, and the celebration of diversity. Galatians 3:28 serves as our guiding light, emphasizing the unity and equality we strive for within our youth ministry.

Join us on this inclusive journey—where passion knows no bounds, and faith knows no limitations. Let's embrace diversity, foster inclusion, and grow together in our faith. Welcome to the Inclusive Master Guide Class.our Lord.

By MG. Sharon  
AKUFUNA



# SHOW UP IN THE CITIES



By Rosina Kimberly Moomba

*“Rosina Kimberly Moomba chronicles the inspiring community efforts of Woodlands Conference Youth Ministries in their city clean-up and charitable initiatives, showcasing the transformative power of youth-led service and compassion in building stronger, more caring communities.”*

Woodlands Conference Youth Ministries recently demonstrated an inspiring community spirit by undertaking city clean-up efforts and donating assorted items like cleaning materials, bins, and foodstuffs in various districts. Equipped with brooms, trash bags, and an unwavering commitment to service, these youths embarked on a mission to beautify their surroundings and positively impact the lives of market vendors and visitors.

On March 3, 2024, The Modern Conference, in collaboration with the union and the influential office of the SID Adventist Youth Ministries Director, joined in cleaning Cairo Road in the City of Lusaka to commemorate this year's Global Youth Day.

Led by passionate youths from various districts, the initiative aimed to not only address visible litter and debris but also instill pride and ownership among markets and other places that were cleaned. Recognizing the importance of a clean and hygienic environment, the youths devoted themselves to removing unwanted grass, clearing garbage, and organizing recycling stations.

Their benevolent deeds extended further as SID Youth Director Irvine Gwatiringa, alongside Zambian Woodlands Conference Youth Director Mainza Shimunzila, donated items worth **K125,000** to the Ministry of Health to combat the recent cholera outbreak in Zambia. This proactive gesture aimed to support health initiatives and mitigate the crisis's impact. Additionally, the Church commits to collaborating with local authorities in central business district clean-up and participating in Global Youth Day activities focused on community well-being, reflecting its dedication to humanitarian causes and partnership with government agencies.



The initiative not only provided practical solutions for sanitation but also fostered camaraderie and solidarity among youth participants and the communities. Through community service and outreach, these volunteers exemplified compassion, empathy, and collective action.

Their efforts not only cleaned cities but also touched hearts and lives, leaving a lasting impression of goodwill and hope for a brighter, more caring future. They remind us that small acts of kindness can inspire others to join in building stronger, more compassionate communities.



# SHOW UP

IN THE CITIES



**PICTORIAL**

# Avondale's Thrilling Pathfinder End-of-Year Camp:

## Unleashing Courage and Unity



By Abel Mbalazi

**A**vondale Mission District recently hosted a remarkable end-of-year camp for their Pathfinders in Palabana, centered around the empowering theme, "Courage to Stand." From December 10th to 17th, 2023, the camp unfolded as a captivating event, leaving an indelible mark on the Palabana area. Led by dedicated instructors, the Pathfinders demonstrated remarkable courage and determination in the face of challenges such as lightning, snakes, and the obstacles brought about by the rainy season.

With over 100 enthusiastic participants, the camp featured a spectrum of activities including drills, football, netball, volleyball, and the traditional chilai lai. Esteemed instructors enriched the experience by imparting various honors, covering topics from cultural diversity to life in the Bible, CPR, brain behavior, peace-making, Christian citizenship, and disaster response. The camp not only served as a platform for valuable lessons but also encouraged the development of talents, self-control, and overcoming addiction.

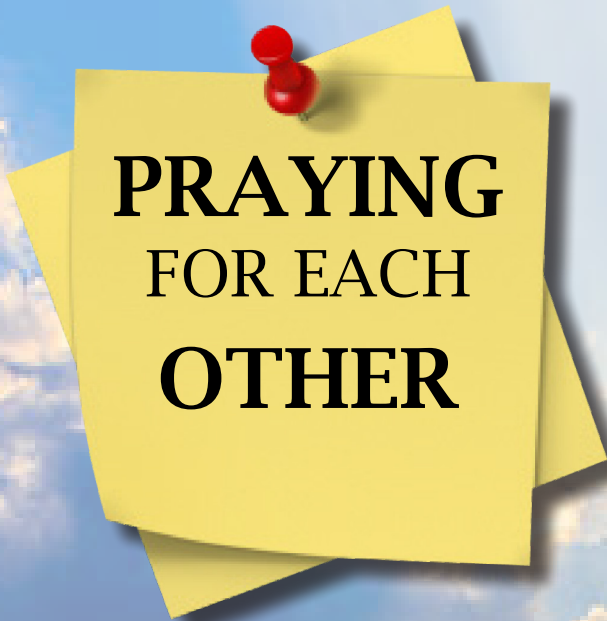
The well-trained and dedicated instructors left no stone unturned in ensuring the holistic development of the campers. Cautionary advice against engaging in illicit activities was coupled with a focus on nurturing faith and overall well-being. Pathfinders expressed their joy and satisfaction with the transformative experience, challenging their peers to join the club and partake in the Pathfinder program's empowering journey.

Gratitude was extended to parents for their support, with organizers emphasizing the pivotal role continued parental backing plays in the success of such camps. The spirited display by the Pathfinders in spreading the gospel and showcasing their physical prowess, especially during drills, left the residents of Palabana delighted. Calls were made for district leaders to leverage the site for more camps, recognizing the positive impact it can have on the community.

*Abel Mbalazi Takes Us Through the Unforgettable Journey at Palabana*



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# PRAYING FOR EACH OTHER

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**Written By: Arnold M. Ng'anzwe**

**W**e may not know each other personally, but we share a mission and ministry. We need one another's prayers more than anything else.

Our prayers allow us to join Him in His activity and plans. And in certain ways in this great controversy, He has limited Himself from doing some things unless we ask in prayer. "It is part of God's plan to grant us, in answer to the prayer of faith, that which He would not bestow did we not thus ask." (The Great Controversy, p. 525). "Yet you do not have because you do not ask." (James 4:2, NKJV).

In this issue you're invited to pray especially for the Growth of our church and our Church Building project. This Church will represent countless gifts and gracious ministry to those around us (Our Neighbours). Someday you will get acquainted with them in heaven and will realize you prayed for very special friends you didn't even know about, how wonderful will that be!!!



# A PERCULIAR PEOPLE

*in a Peculiar world.*

By: Dalisto Kanchemba

Highlands Mission District held a spiritual revival end-of-year camp at SZBUC Seminary under the theme "A Peculiar People in a Peculiar World." With 50 participants and Pastor Andrew Mkandawire as the main speaker, the camp aimed to inspire and mentor young people into a serving relationship with Jesus Christ.

The camp instructors prepared various lessons, including Entrepreneurship and Self-Actualization, Mental Health and Addictions, Spiritual Growth, Christian Behavior, Leadership and Mission, and Prayer. Each lesson was designed to equip the youth with the necessary skills and knowledge to navigate the challenges of the modern world while staying true to their Christian faith.

The overarching goal of the camp was to highlight the importance of a close relationship with Jesus Christ. The organizers wanted to

remind the youth to return to the basics of true Christianity and to

love and hope, and living a life that reflected the teachings of Jesus.



True discipleship was a key focus of the camp. The youth were taught the importance of following Jesus' example of servant leadership. They learned that being a leader meant putting others before themselves and using their gifts and talents to serve the community. Through practical exercises and discussions, the participants were able to

raise a true standard of behavior among them. They believed that by equipping every young person with the tools to get involved in the work of the Lord, they could create a generation of dedicated and passionate disciples.

understand the true meaning of leadership and how it could be applied in their daily lives.

Throughout the camp, the participants were motivated and encouraged to prepare themselves for the work ahead. They were reminded that being a disciple of Jesus Christ meant more than just attending church on Sundays. It required a commitment to serving others, spreading the message of

The camp was a resounding success. The youth left feeling empowered and ready to serve. They had gained valuable knowledge and skills that would enable them to make a positive impact in their communities. The camp had not only equipped them for service but had also deepened their spiritual connection with Jesus Christ.

# Peculiar People



# BRENTWOOD PATHFINDER CAMPOREE 2023

## EMPOWERING JOURNEYS & Celebrating Achievements

**By Jacob Njovu**

In a remarkable event on December 16th, 2023, Brentwood Pathfinder hosted a Camporee at Baobab College, marking a memorable day where 75 Pathfinders were invested by the Woodlands Conference Youth Director, Mainza Shimunzhila. The investiture covered 12 honors and the General Conference curriculum for progressive classes, symbolizing a significant step in the Pathfinders' journey.

Adding to the significance of the day, on December 15th, ten Pathfinders were baptized during the Camporee, a powerful testament to their spiritual commitment and growth.

The Camporee welcomed esteemed guests, including the SID Youth Director, Pastor Irvine Gwatiringa, and the Zambia National Service Commander, Elder Maliti Solochi, who graced the event as the guest of honor. The Pathfinders mounted a guard of honor, impressively inspected by Elder Maliti Solochi.

Distinguished speakers, Pastor Dingani Mfuno from Central Malawi Conference and Pastor Mazuba Mwanamuchende from Horizon Church, delivered impactful messages under the theme "Empowered To Go." Their words resonated with the youth, inspiring them to embrace empowerment and purpose.

Pastor Joed Shangala of Brentwood Drive Church expressed gratitude and joy as he interacted with and embraced the young participants throughout the Camporee. The event provided a platform for spiritual growth, skill development, and camaraderie, creating lasting memories for all involved.

This article captures the spirit of achievement, empowerment, and celebration that defined the Brentwood Pathfinder Camporee 2023.

*Njovu Jacob, Pathfinder Director, offers an insightful glimpse into the empowering journeys and celebratory achievements of the Brentwood Pathfinder Camporee 2023, highlighting the transformative impact of spiritual commitment, skill development, and camaraderie among youth participants.*

# EMBRACING THE OLD-TIME RELIGION

## *A Sabbath Celebration to Remember*

**Chimuka Bestings Mukonka** - shares a captivating account of the Arakan SDA Church youth's heartfelt Sabbath celebration, highlighting the enduring significance of embracing the timeless traditions of the Old-Time Religion in a world filled with hustle and bustle.

In a world filled with constant hustle and bustle, the timeless traditions of the Old-Time Religion offer a sanctuary of peace, reflection, and spiritual renewal. Recently, Youths of the Arakan Sda Church gathered to celebrate the Sabbath in a joyous and reverent occasion that paid homage to the sacred rhythms of faith. In what would be termed a prophetic vision, the Youths of Arakan pre planned for a full Sabbath even as worship was till 12:00hrs only as the nation was ravaged with the Cholera outbreak. Well, the Union Leadership announced by Friday noon the "return" of Lunch Fellowship and Bible study.

The Sabbath celebration unfolded against the backdrop of a quaint church, nestled amidst historic and towering trees of the Chikoleka forest adjacent to Zambia's first "State House" As the sun dipped below the horizon, casting a golden glow over the landscape, members of the congregation arrived with



hearts full of anticipation for a day of worship and fellowship.

The Sabbath service commenced with heartfelt prayers, hymns of praise, and readings from the Holy Scriptures. Led by a dedicated team of Youths and musicians, the congregation lifted their voices in unison, offering songs of adoration and thanksgiving to the Creator. The sanctuary echoed with the sounds of joy and reverence, as worshippers embraced the opportunity to draw closer to God in prayer and song.

Amidst the hustle and bustle of modern life, the Sabbath provided a sacred space for reflection and renewal. As the congregation listened to sermon given by Evangelist Chakulya that spoke to the timeless truths of faith, they were reminded of the importance of rest, restoration, and reconnecting with the divine whilst relieving the Old Time Religion In a world filled with distractions and noise, the Sabbath offered a precious opportunity to pause, reflect, and realign their hearts with God's purposes.



The Sabbath Worship was not only a time for individual spiritual nourishment but also a time for community and fellowship. Members of all ages gathered together, sharing stories, laughter, and words of encouragement as they dressed in the 80's 90's attire in line with the theme of the Day, "LIVING IN THE ANCIENT WAYS". From the youngest children to the eldest members of the congregation, there was a sense of belonging

and unity as they broke bread together and shared in the bonds of faith and friendship.

The Worship was spiced with nostalgic Music by Advent Spreaders and Abakale Old Ways..who sang with true zeal and elevated the Gospel further.

As the Sabbath celebration drew to a close, the congregation departed with hearts full of gratitude and spirits uplifted by the presence

of the divine. In a world that often seems chaotic and uncertain, the Old-Time Religion Sabbath provided a beacon of hope, reminding believers of the enduring truths of faith and the restorative power of worship. As they returned to their daily lives, they carried with them the timeless wisdom of the Sabbath, ready to face the challenges of the week ahead with renewed strength and steadfast faith.

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# Autism Awareness Month



*"Sharon Akufuna sheds light on the importance of embracing and supporting children with autism within the Seventh-Day Adventist movement, advocating for inclusivity, compassion, and spiritual growth for all members of the community".*

As we celebrate Autism Awareness Month, it is crucial to recognize the significance of incorporating children with autism into the Seventh-day Adventist (SDA) movement. The SDA church, with its emphasis on community, love, and acceptance, has a unique opportunity to create an inclusive environment for children with autism, such as Maluba, who seek to be involved in the SDA Youth department. By embracing and supporting these children, the church can demonstrate its commitment to inclusivity and compassion, while also providing a nurturing environment for their spiritual growth and development.

## UNDERSTANDING AUTISM

Autism, or autism spectrum disorder (ASD), is a complex neurodevelopmental condition that affects communication, social interaction, and behavior. It is a spectrum disorder, meaning that individuals with autism can exhibit a wide range of strengths and challenges. While each person with autism is unique, common characteristics may include difficulties with social communication, sensory sensitivities, repetitive behaviors, and specific interests.

## Incorporating Children with Autism in the SDA Movement

Incorporating children with autism into the SDA movement is essential for several reasons:

1. **Inclusivity and Acceptance:** The SDA church values inclusivity and acceptance, and by welcoming children with autism, the church can demonstrate its commitment to embracing individuals of all abilities. This inclusive approach fosters a sense of belonging and acceptance for children with autism, their families, and the broader church community.

2. **Spiritual Growth and Development:** Every child, including those with autism, has the right to spiritual growth and development. By providing opportunities for children with autism to participate in SDA Youth activities, such as Sabbath School, Pathfinder clubs, and other youth programs, the church can support their spiritual journey and help them develop a deeper connection with their faith.

3. **Education and Awareness:** Incorporating children with autism in the SDA movement can also serve as an educational opportunity for the church community. By raising awareness about autism and promoting

understanding and acceptance, the church can help dispel misconceptions and stereotypes surrounding autism, fostering a more inclusive and supportive environment for all members.

## Supporting Children with Autism in the SDA Youth Department

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*1. Training and Education: Equipping SDA Youth leaders and volunteers with training and education on autism awareness and best practices for supporting children with autism can help create an inclusive and supportive environment within the youth department.*

*2. Individualized Support: Recognizing that each child with autism has unique*

*strengths and challenges, it is important to provide individualized support to accommodate their specific needs. This may involve creating sensory-friendly spaces, offering visual schedules, and providing clear communication strategies to facilitate their participation in youth activities.*

*3. Collaboration with Families: Building strong partnerships with the families of children with autism is crucial. By working collaboratively with parents and caregivers, the SDA Youth department can gain valuable insights into the individual needs of each*

*child and ensure that they feel supported and included in the church community.*

*4. Promoting Understanding and Acceptance: Through educational initiatives, discussions, and awareness campaigns, the SDA Youth department can promote understanding and acceptance of autism among its members, fostering a culture of empathy, support, and inclusion.*

Incorporating children with autism in the SDA Youth department is not only a reflection of the church's commitment to inclusivity and compassion.

## A LIFE OF IMPACT AND INSPIRATION

### *Celebrating the Life and Legacy of Clement Mwiya N'gumbi, A Testament to Leadership and Love by Bruno Imate*



Amidst a poignant outpouring of grief, Clement Mwiya N'gumbi was laid to rest. Mourners from various corners

converged upon Chongwe town, their presence bringing business to a standstill as they solemnly accompanied Clement on his final journey. Within the confines of the overflowing church, pastors from Woodlands Conference and the soul-stirring voice of Jones Mwale offered comfort and solace to those grappling with the loss of a remarkable individual.

Clement's life was a tapestry woven with threads of unwavering professional integrity. Revered for his

exceptional character, he left an indelible mark on all who had the privilege of knowing him. He navigated through various management positions in professional circles, showcasing his leadership prowess and dedication to excellence. Moreover, Clement ascended to the pinnacle of youth leadership in Church circles, guiding and inspiring countless individuals along their spiritual journeys.

As an ordained Elder, Clement epitomized the principles of service and spiritual guidance, offering wisdom and support to those in need. His innate leadership abilities and genuine compassion endeared him to many, earning him the title of a born leader.

From distant lands and neighboring communities,

people gathered to honor Clement's memory and celebrate the legacy he leaves behind. His beloved wife and cherished 2-year-old child, symbols of his enduring love and devotion, stood amidst the sea of mourners, their grief tempered by the knowledge that Clement's impact will live on in the hearts of all who were touched by his presence.

As the sun set on this solemn day, Clement's memory remained etched in the collective consciousness, a beacon of hope and inspiration for generations to come. Though death may have separated him from this earthly realm, his influence will continue to resonate through the lives he touched.



# HONORING A LIFE OF FAITH AND SERVICE

*Mable Chitimbiti runs us through how Pastor Clement Imolo's poignant sermon at Harrison Mumba's funeral service resonated deeply with attendees, offering solace and celebrating a legacy of faith and service that touched many lives*

During a poignant funeral service at Kamloops Church for Harrison Mumba, Pastor Clement Imolo of the Golfview Mission District delivered a heartfelt sermon titled "From Death to the Master's Table." The service, held following Mumba's untimely passing on May 31, 2024, at Levy Mwanawasa Teaching Hospital in Lusaka, drew a diverse gathering of family, friends, and church members who came to honor his memory and legacy.

Reflecting on Revelation 21, Pastor Imolo began by acknowledging the transient nature of life on earth. "We have no abiding city here," he stated, expressing a shared sense of puzzlement about the mysteries of life and death. He fondly recalled the joyful occasion on April 24th when he ordained Mumba as a Deacon, noting Mumba's commitment to serving the church community in various capacities.

Iness Mulongo, speaking on behalf of the family, expressed deep sadness at the loss of Mumba. "Harrison was a pillar of strength and kindness," she shared. "His dedication to his faith and his service to others touched many lives."

Addressing the congregation, Pastor Imolo shared his reflections on the trials and joys of life. "Harrison's life reminds us of the fleeting nature of our earthly journey," he remarked. "He touched many lives through his service and dedication."

Among those in attendance was Pastor Mainza Shimunzhila, the Woodlands Conference Youth Director, who highlighted Mumba's impact on the youth in the community. "Harrison's passion for mentoring young people and leading them towards Christ was exemplary," Shimunzhila remarked. "He leaves behind a legacy of faith and dedication that will continue to inspire."

Turning to the story of Jesus and Lazarus in John 11:32-44, Pastor Imolo emphasized the hope found in Jesus Christ and the promise of eternal life. "In Christ, there is comfort and assurance," he reassured those gathered. "Even in moments of sorrow, we find strength in His promise of resurrection."

Concluding his sermon, Pastor Imolo offered words of comfort to the grieving congregation. "Let us cherish the memories we shared with Harrison and continue to uphold his legacy of faith and service," he encouraged, amidst heartfelt prayers and reflections.

Following the service, the funeral procession proceeded to Mutumbi Cemetery on June 2, 2024, for the burial. The large turnout underscored the deep impact Mumba had on his community, with friends, family, and fellow church members coming together to pay their final respects.



# PCM BIG Sabbath

*Elizabeth Muchape shares an unforgettable gathering, the PCM Big Sabbath brought together students from various universities and colleges, filling the atmosphere with unity and excitement. Through the soul-stirring music of Advent Spreaders and Davies Mulaya, along with heartfelt hymns, the event radiated joy and praise. Inspiring messages from Pastor Mazuba and Dumisani Ncube highlighted the importance of faith, hard work, and laughter, leaving a lasting impact on all attendees.*

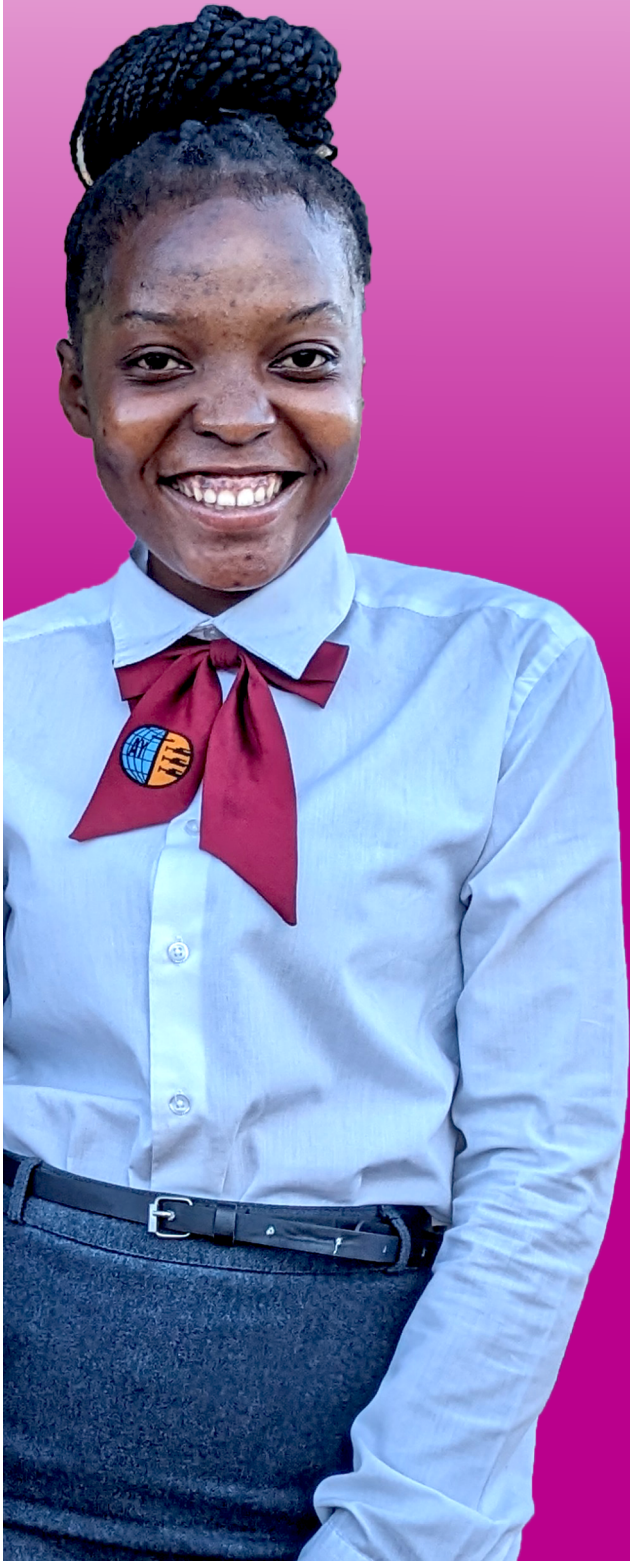
The PCM Big Sabbath was an event to remember, filled with laughter, music, and inspiring messages. As students from different universities and colleges gathered together, there was a sense of unity and excitement in the air.

The music by Advent spreaders and Davies Mulaya set the tone for the day, filling the room with joy and praise. The hymn songs brought everyone together in worship, creating a sense of community among the students.

Pastor Mazuba's sermon was a powerful reminder to always keep God at the center of our lives, especially as we navigate through the challenges of pursuing our careers. His words resonated with many of us, reminding us of the importance of faith and trust in God's plan for our lives.

But it was Dumisani Ncube's speech that truly stole the show. With his humorous anecdotes and witty remarks, he had the entire room in stitches. Despite the lighthearted tone, his message was clear - to always stay focused and work hard towards our goals, while never losing sight of our faith.

As the day came to a close, there was a sense of gratitude and inspiration among the students. The PCM Big Sabbath had not only brought us together as a community, but it had also reminded us of the importance of faith, hard work, and laughter in our lives.



# The interdenominational fellowship titled "Journey of Faith: Unity, Wisdom, and Redemption"

*Elizabeth Muchape highlights the interdenominational fellowship a resounding success, filled with soul-uplifting music and hymns that set a spiritually enriching tone. With inspiring lessons from Dumisani Ncube and powerful messages from Pastor Nathan Muyambango, the event fostered a profound sense of unity and spiritual growth among the attendees.*

The interdenominational fellowship was truly a success, filled with great music and soul-uplifting hymns that set the tone for a spiritually enriching experience. The talented musicians, Evangelistic Davies Mulaya, Rudo Acapella, and Little Lubomba, brought their unique styles and voices to the stage, creating an atmosphere of worship and praise.

The fellowship kicked off with a brass band and a march past, where literature was distributed to the attendees and the community. This was a great way to engage with the community and spread the message of faith and unity. The energy and enthusiasm of the participants were contagious, setting the stage for a memorable event.

One of the highlights of the fellowship was the inspiring lesson by Dumisani Ncube on the importance of developing character and focusing on key aspects of our lives. Mr. Ncube's concept of the Golden Five fingers resonated with the audience, reminding us to pay attention to different areas of our lives in order to grow spiritually and personally. His words were both humorous and thought-provoking, leaving a lasting impact on all who listened.

Pastor Nathan Muyambango delivered a powerful message, reminding us that God is the one who orchestrates our lives and has ultimate authority over every person, as He is the one who created and designed us. This aligns with Job 12:10, which emphasizes that "In his hand is the life of every creature and the breath of all mankind," highlighting God's sovereign control over our existence.

He emphasized that everything on earth, no matter how appealing or attractive it may seem, is ultimately vanity and means nothing without God. This echoes the sentiment of Ecclesiastes 1:12-14, where it is expressed that "all of them are meaningless, a chasing after the wind," emphasizing the pursuit of true meaning and

fulfillment in God.

Pastor Muyambango encouraged us to find contentment in what we have and gratitude for what we are blessed with, even in the face of temptations and challenges. This aligns with the call to seek wisdom and understanding in Ecclesiastes, acknowledging that true contentment comes from fearing God and keeping His commandments.

He also reminded us that just as the church keeps records of our spiritual standing, our secrets and actions will also be exposed before God's eyes. This underscores the accountability to God and the importance of seeking forgiveness and reconciliation, aligning with Colossians 1:16, which highlights that "all things have been created through him and for him," emphasizing Christ's redemptive work in restoring our relationship with God.

Pastor Muyambango urged us to regularly reconcile with God, acknowledging our shortcomings and seeking forgiveness. He emphasized that God is always knocking on the door of our hearts, seeking to settle in and guide us, reflecting the message of seeking God's strength and guidance in overcoming sin.

Finally, he encouraged us not to let the weight of sin and guilt burden us, but to pray to God for the power and strength to overcome sin in our lives. This aligns with the overarching message of the fellowship to live a life that honors God and reflects His love and grace, as emphasized in Pastor Muyambango's sermon.

As the fellowship came to a close, the message of hope and redemption lingered in the air. The call to overcome sin and seek God's strength and guidance resonated with all who were present, reminding us that we are never alone in our journey of faith. The event left a lasting impact on the attendees, fostering a sense of unity and spiritual growth within the community.



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## TO CONSIDER FOR 2025 PATHFINDER INDUCTION CEREMONY SUCCESS!

The annual Pathfinder Club Induction Ceremony, hosted by Seventh-Day Adventist Church Youth Ministries, marks the beginning of the year and welcomes new members to the ministry. While “creativity” has at times overshadowed its purpose, the ceremony remains significant for fostering fellowship and friendship within the Pathfinder Ministry.

Rooted in a history inspired by early scouts' initiation practices, the ceremony includes elements like reciting pledges, candle lighting, and vows of commitment. Although not strictly adhered to, the ritualistic approach underscores the fundamental principle of welcoming new members through a ceremonial event.

To ensure a vibrant and meaningful ceremony, consider these five key principles:

**1** **Preserve Originality:** the Induction Ceremony is unique to the Pathfinder Club, and unnecessary elements like candles for senior youth should be avoided. While other ministries can explore creative welcomes, senior youth should refrain from replicating procedures meant for Pathfinders.

**2** **Induct Only New Members:** Distinguish between returning and new members. Returning members can participate in program elements, but induction should exclusively focus on registering, ceremonially uniforming, and welcoming new members.

**3** **Engage Parents Actively:** From enrollment to the induction ceremony, involve parents in supporting their children. Ensure their participation in vow recitals during induction, recognizing the importance of parental engagement, as the ministry is for minors within the 10-15 age range.

**4** **Craft a Concise and Engaging Script:** Maintain the solemnity of the occasion by adhering to proper procedures. Avoid unnecessary dramatics and jokes, focusing instead on conveying the significance of the Pathfinder Ministry through correct protocols for saluting, handling candles, flags, and other associated materials.

**5** **Let the Pathfinder Leadership Lead:** Entrust the Pathfinder Director and associates with full control of the ceremony. Eliminate outdated and redundant roles like "Induction officer" in favor of the director, who, by Church appointment, holds the authority to execute duties outlined in the Pathfinder Club Administrative Manual.

In essence, the Pathfinder Ministry Induction Ceremony is supposed to be a memorable event reinforcing commitment to the mission through vows, symbolizing the welcoming of new members into the ministry. Make the start of 2024 a memorable one.



# UNLOCKING PERSONAL CAPACITY

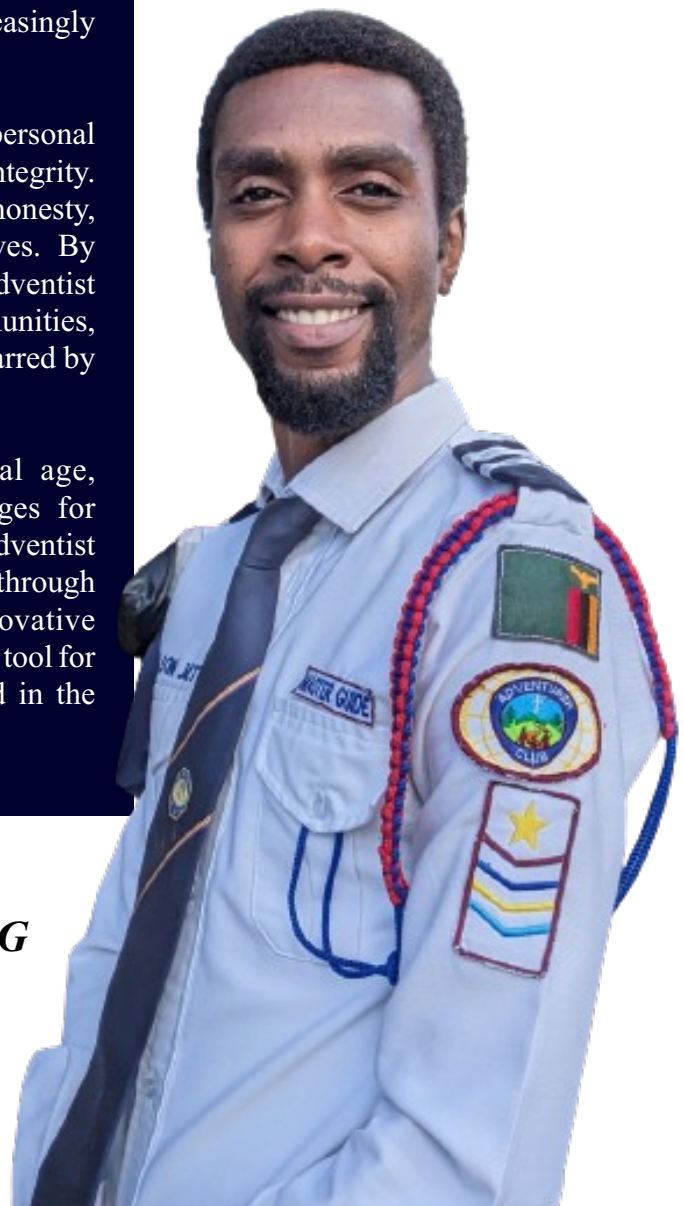
## Building Value as an Adventist Youth in the 21st Century

In a world characterized by rapid change and evolving challenges, the role of Adventist youth has never been more crucial. As ambassadors of faith and stewards of their communities, Adventist youth have the opportunity to create significant impact and lasting value in the 21st century. However, to fulfill this potential, it's essential for Adventist youth to focus on personal capacity building – the process of enhancing skills, knowledge, and character traits to become effective leaders and contributors in their spheres of influence.

1. Embracing Lifelong Learning: In today's dynamic world, knowledge quickly becomes outdated. Therefore, Adventist youth must embrace a mindset of lifelong learning. This involves actively seeking out opportunities to expand their understanding of Scripture, theology, and the principles of their faith. Additionally, Adventist youth should pursue secular education and professional development to equip themselves with the skills and expertise needed to navigate an increasingly complex world.

2. Cultivating Character and Integrity: Integral to personal capacity building is the cultivation of character and integrity. Adventist youths must strive to embody the values of honesty, compassion, and humility in all aspects of their lives. By demonstrating integrity in their words and actions, Adventist youth can build trust and credibility within their communities, serving as beacons of light and hope in a world often marred by moral ambiguity.

3. Harnessing Technology for Good: In the digital age, technology presents both opportunities and challenges for Adventist youths. By harnessing technology for good, Adventist youth can amplify their impact and reach. Whether through social media advocacy, digital evangelism, or innovative solutions to societal issues, technology can be a powerful tool for spreading the message of love, truth, and hope found in the Adventist faith.



Elder Paulson Tembo - *MG*

# UNLOCKING PERSONAL CAPACITY

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4. Engaging in Service and Mission: Service and mission lie at the heart of Adventist identity. Adventist youths have a unique opportunity to engage in service projects, humanitarian initiatives, and mission trips that address pressing social needs and share the Gospel message. By actively participating in acts of service and mission outreach, Adventist youths can demonstrate God's love in tangible ways and make a meaningful difference in the lives of others.

5. Building Collaborative Networks: No individual operates in isolation. Adventist youths must proactively seek out opportunities to collaborate with peers, mentors, and community leaders. By building collaborative networks, Adventist youths can leverage the collective wisdom, resources, and support of like-minded individuals to advance shared goals and initiatives.

6. Embracing Diversity and Inclusion: In an increasingly diverse world, Adventist youths must embrace the beauty of diversity and champion inclusivity in all their endeavors. By fostering environments that celebrate differences and honor the dignity of every individual, Adventist youths can build bridges of understanding and unity, reflecting the principles of love and acceptance taught by Jesus Christ.

In conclusion, as Adventist youths navigate the complexities of the 21st century, personal capacity building emerges as a foundational principle for creating value and making a difference. By embracing lifelong learning, cultivating character and integrity, harnessing technology for good, engaging in service and mission, building collaborative networks, and embracing diversity and inclusion, Adventist youths can fulfill their calling as agents of positive change and ambassadors of hope in a world in need of healing and redemption.

Strive to improve yourself academically so that you are marketable in the secular world. Creating value for yourself on the employment market. Adventist Youth is quiet rich in its curricula but needs to be complimented by having the right qualifications that will connect you to the real world. Push yourself to have a Diploma, Degree, Masters and other Certifications that different careers have to offer. Capacity building is necessary and important in the 21st Century, be marketable and relevant in the community and world at large.

## **AS PER THE DISCUSSION, ADD THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION**

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# Pathfinder Camporee

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