



Africa University is embracing a new era in the evolution of its mission as a connectional ministry of The United Methodist Church. The generous investment and prayerful affirmation of United Methodist congregations, agencies and individuals, as well as the contributions of charitable organizations and development partners around the world, have resulted in a ministry effective in making and equipping disciples of Jesus Christ.

For 23 years, Africa University has delivered groundbreaking and significant instruction, research and community service programs. These labors are the foundation for a United Methodist-related, pan-African higher education experience that develops principled leaders with the networks, skills, values and personal attributes to serve and transform their communities.

Faithful connectional support from The United Methodist Church has built first-rate campus infrastructure comprised of 45 buildings—all debt-free—and a permanent endowment of more than \$64 million, due to significant contributions from the Africa University Development Office and investments in the Africa University Fund apportionment and World Service Special Gifts. Through Africa University, the denomination holds true to its Wesleyan values and tradition and is actively reaching out to love God's people in word and deed.

Annual full-time enrollment at Africa University stands at 1,500 students. Students choose among undergraduate and graduate degree programs in theology, agriculture and natural resources, education, health sciences, humanities and social sciences, and management and administration. These areas reflect crucial skills gaps in the worldwide church, as well as in the public and business sectors of students' home countries.

With the installation of Professor Munashe Furusa as the university's fourth vice chancellor in March 2015, the institution is focused on increasing its relevance and impact. The Africa University Board of Directors

continues its strong leadership role, and the directors with Furusa's guidance intend to champion key institutional priorities in the 2017-2020 quadrennium. These include enhancing student quality of life; instituting robust academic program review and development; increasing fiscal accountability to incorporate cost-cutting/right-sizing; and increasing the focus on African donors for resource mobilization.

The peace, education and leadership formation initiatives of Africa University's flagship Institute of Peace, Leadership and Governance are recognized as important contributions to social stability in sub-Saharan Africa. As graduates return home or serve elsewhere, African nations thrive as graduates contribute to the achievement of education, food security, public health, poverty alleviation and governance goals.

Africa University's alumni now number more than 6,200. Graduates are at work in at least 29 African countries, Australia, Asia, Europe, Latin America and North America. Many serve The United Methodist Church and their nations in senior and strategic roles within and beyond Africa. Africa University increasingly functions as an essential feeder institution, nurturing and sending forth leaders for new institutions and initiatives that expand the mission of our denomination in Africa. Africa University alumni include:

- A Liberian graduate, **Alfred Zigbuo** is a Global Ministries-supported missionary and administrator in the East Congo Episcopal Area. He brings experience as the country director of Operation Classroom and expertise in post-conflict healing/institution building in Liberia to his new mission field, a recently formed and conflict-ravaged annual conference.
- **Clare Paidamoyo Katiyo**, a young mother who earned a degree in health services management with United Methodist scholarship support, is now the district administrator overseeing a network of four large hospitals and 37 health



centers in rural Zimbabwe. Her skills and commitment put her on the frontline of an ongoing national effort to improve health and save lives.

- **Ilda Guambe** was born in a remote rural village in Mozambique. She is the first woman in a family of nine to earn a degree. Her 2014 speech to the U.S. Africa Summit in Washington, D.C., was a powerful and moving invitation for African and American leaders to work together in reducing the number of early marriages and improving access to education for African girls. She continues to mentor and inspire young people in her country to stay in school to realize their God-given potential and their dreams.
- In the Democratic Republic of Congo, **Pastor Mujinga Mwamba Kora** serves as a lecturer and registrar of Kabongo Methodist University, while the **Rev. Dr. Kimba Kyakutala Evariste** is the president of Kabongo Methodist University and also lectures at Kamina Methodist University. They are both two-time graduates of Africa University and represent a growing number of alumni who lead United Methodist higher education institutions on the continent of Africa.

The United Methodist Church benefits greatly from the leadership of Africa University graduates at the general church level and within the General Conference delegations from the African central conferences. These leaders include:

- The **Rev. Manuel João André** of West Angola and the **Rev. Daniel Mhone** of Malawi, who serve as board members of the United Methodist Boards of Church and Society and Global Ministries, respectively; the **Rev. Dr. Laishi Bwalya** of the Congo Central Conference, who serves on the Connectional

Table; and the **Rev. Dr. Kimba Kyakutala Evariste** of North Katanga, who is the secretary of the Standing Committee on Central Conference Matters.

- In the wider Methodist fellowship, the **Rev. Olga Choto Ranchaze** of Mozambique, serves on the World Methodist Council's Standing Committee on Education.

Increased and steadfast support for the Africa University Fund apportionment and investment through World Service Special Gifts over the next quadrennium are vital to Africa University's development and sustainability.

Together with The United Methodist Church, Africa University celebrates its progress as a world-class university for ethical and transformational leadership development. Africa University is changing Africa in exciting ways as its students and graduates learn here, live here, lead here and serve God, all the time and everywhere.