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Managing Editor's Note

Dear Reader,
Welcome to the **August 2024** issue of the PAC Newsletter. We bring you updates on the major events and activities that occurred at the University during the month.

Enjoy
your reading!

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Meet the New DVC-AA, Prof. Diphus Chosefu Chemorion



Prof. Diphus Chosefu Chemorion is an Associate Professor of Old Testament Studies. He earned his PhD from Stellenbosch University, a Master of Theology from Emory University in the USA, a Bachelor of Divinity from St. Paul's University, and a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Nairobi. He also holds a Certificate in Biblical Hebrew from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel, and a Certificate in Strategic Leadership from the University of Illinois, USA.

He is an Old Testament Translations Consultant and a member of several professional bodies and research consortiums, including Equipping Christian Leadership in an Age of Science (ECLAS), the Evangelical Theological Society (ETS), the Africa Society of Evangelical Theology (ASET), the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI), and the Association for Faculty Enrichment in Learning and Teaching (AFELT).

He has taught at the undergraduate and postgraduate levels and successfully supervised over 50 dissertations and theses. He has also published widely in refereed journals and authored several books.

Prof. Chemorion has more than 25 years of experience in academia. He has served in various university administrative capacities, including Head of Department, Director of Postgraduate Studies, Dean of the Faculty of Theology, Principal of East African Christian College in Rwanda, and, most recently, Acting Deputy Vice-Chancellor for Academic Affairs.

Prof. Chemorion is an ordained minister of the Reformed Church of East Africa, where he currently serves as the Synod Professor of Theology and Moderator of Nairobi Presbytery.

He is married to Rev. Dr. Edith Chemorion of Moi University, and they are blessed with four adult children.



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Senate and Management Board Members Hold a One-Day Prayer Retreat



On August 2, the University's Senate and Management Board members convened for a full-day prayer retreat at the BTL Conference Center in Ruiru. They took time to thank God for the wonderful things He has done for the University and to pray for various matters for which they trust Him. They also discussed important matters concerning the University's well-being and got updates on various critical matters. The team was led by the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dionysious Kiambi.

University Library Adds a New Feather to its Cap

The University Librarian, Ms. Josleen Rutere, led her team in hosting a senior management delegation from EBSCO, a leading provider of research databases, e-books, e-journals, and library technologies, on August 22. The visiting team included Colleen Mills (Vice President of Sales), Bronwyn Rassman (Director of SAAS Innovation), and Aggrey Sang (Regional Sales Manager, East and Central Africa). EBSCO Discovery Service (EDS) has become the latest platform in the Library, and it will provide researchers with a "one-stop" shop featuring a single search box to access all the resources they need in one go.



University Establishes a Resource Mobilization Framework



Members of the University's Resource Mobilization Committee met at the Windsor Golf Hotel on August 13, where they firmed up critical aspects of the resource mobilization framework, such as policy, strategy, and implementation. In addition, the committee, which is made up of various departmental heads, was taken through the Terms of Reference (TORs) by the Vice Chancellor, who chaired the meeting.



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Dr. Jane Chiroma Attends The EACE Conference in Arusha



The Director of the Center for Online Teaching and Learning, Dr. Jane Chiroma, attended the East Africa Community Education Conference in Arusha, Tanzania, on August 12–15, where she presented her paper successfully. The paper, which garnered significant attention from various stakeholders in the education sector, was titled "Harnessing Educational Technology and Online Learning to Educate an African Fit for the 21st Century: A Literature Review on Collective Action for Quality, Inclusive Learning." Her presentation highlighted the critical need for East African nations to integrate educational technology (EdTech) and online learning into their curricula to foster 21st-century competencies.

Dr. Jane Kinuthia Attends the 2024 EARIMA Conference

The Director of Research and Dean of the Graduate School, Dr. Jane Kinuthia, attended the Eastern Africa Research and Innovation Management Association's (EARIMA) annual conference in Zanzibar from August 17 to 19, 2024. She presented a paper titled "Effective Supervision as a Panacea for the Realities in Postgraduate Studies in African Universities," with the main focus on the numerous challenges that postgraduate students face due to institutional, individual, and environmental factors. Dr. Kinuthia emphasized that academics should consider appropriate supervision approaches that will ensure higher education gains its rightful place of honour in society.



Rev. Ewagata Speaks at Three CITAM Assemblies



On August 10, the Director of Youth Development, Rev. David Ewagata, spoke at CITAM Mombasa's School of Ministry and Leadership Development (SMLD) class on engaging children and youth, challenging the over 70 leaders in attendance to think strategically about reaching the next generation. In the afternoon, he talked about relationships and dating to over a hundred young people from various churches in Nyali, Mombasa. **On August 24**, he shared God's word with youths and their families at CITAM Ruiru during a joint event of all the assembly's ministries, which marked the culmination of CITAM Youth Month. He expounded on the theme, "Ablaze for Christ," emphasizing that in their context, it was more about lifestyle transformation than the proliferation of tongues; it was about the Fruit of the Spirit rather than spiritual noise. **On August 25**, Rev. Ewagata preached at CITAM Embakasi, where he shared the subject "I know whom I have believed" during both services, which were hosted by the Church's youth.



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School of Theology Holds a Chaplaincy Training for Prisons Staff



The School of Theology co-hosted a 4-day retooling training for teachers from the State Department for Correctional Services (Prisons) from 20th to 24th August at CITAM Valley Road. This was done in collaboration with the CITAM Chaplaincy Department, The Tree of Life and the State Department for Correctional Services. Dr. Joshua Rutere, a faculty member at the School, represented the University in organizing and facilitating the training. The Vice Chancellor officially opened the training at a ceremony attended by Bishop Jesse Mugambi, Deputy Presiding Bishop of CITAM, and representatives from the State Department of Correctional Services.

Delegation from FOCUS Kenya Visit the University

The National Director of FOCUS Kenya, Rev. Simon Kande, led a delegation to the Thika Road campus on August 16 to meet with the Vice Chancellor and the Chaplaincy Department. They discussed various matters, including potential partnership opportunities in areas of mutual interest, such as research and training.



They also discussed the issue of seconding FOCUS interns to the University to strengthen the collaboration. Mr. Kande donated a book to the University that provides a detailed historical account of FOCUS Kenya since its inception.

Anne Mwende Delivers a Talk on Cybersecurity at NIBS College



The Deputy ICT Manager and Systems Administrator, Ms. Anne Mwende Kisaumbi, was hosted by the Nairobi Institute of Business Studies, Nairobi campus, on August 14, when she delivered a talk on technological advancement in cybercrime and cyber security. She discussed cybercrimes in the contemporary world and cybersecurity measures that can be utilized to combat them. Following the discussion, students expressed a strong interest in the topic, and plans are underway for another session soon.



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MTM Program Goes to the Coast



The Marketing Through Ministry (MTM) program took to the coastal town of Mombasa on August 11, when various staff members, led by the Vice Chancellor, joined congregants at CITAM Mombasa for the Sunday service. Prof. Kiambi delivered a sermon titled "The Holy Spirit is Our Teacher". The marketing team engaged the congregation on various educational matters, such as the programs offered at the University, career advice, and campus life, among others.

Dr. Thuo Mburu Speaks in Two Major Conferences

The University Chaplain, Rev. Dr. Thuo Mburu, participated in the Africa Gospel Church Missions Leaders Conference from **August 19th to 23rd** in Kericho. He spoke on the need for high-calibre church leaders who value cross-cultural missions so much that, contrary to popular belief, they send the most competent members from among their ranks. The conference was attended by about 120 missionaries and mission leaders from Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania. Dr. Mburu was also the main speaker at the Mid-eastern United Brethren Evangelistic Team's (MUBET) Annual Convention held in Meru from **August 16th to 24th**. In an expository series titled "Approved: Pursuing Steadfastness in Ministry," he delved into the treasures of God's Word in 2nd Timothy to glean foundational apostolic principles and practices to help the enthusiastic group of about 80 university students in building their sense of calling into the fruitful gospel ministry.



Dr. Chiroma Completes Training on Digital Skills for Universities' Transformation



Dr. Chiroma, completed an extensive training program titled Digital Skills for Universities' Transformation Towards Quality Education Experience, which was offered by Strathmore University in partnership with Win Global, IUCEA, Dskills, and GIZ, between July 1 and August 11. It was designed to enhance the digital competencies of the university staff across eight East African Community (EAC) countries. They were equipped with the necessary digital skills to transform university education and improve the quality of education experiences. Congratulations to her.



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Dr. Nancy Kun'gu Attends Three Major Events



On **August 19**, Dr. Nancy Kungu, a faculty member of the Department of Communication, Languages, and Linguistics, attended the groundbreaking event of the Afrofeminist Internet Scorecard in Kenya, which was organized by the Association of Media Women in Kenya (AMWIK) in collaboration with Policy. The Afrofeminist Internet Scorecard is a new tool designed to assess and address the impact of the digital divide through a gender lens. On **August 22**, she attended the launch of the 2024 Global Report on Food Crises by the International Authority on Development (IGAD)- Eastern Africa. She was part of the discussion, which focused on the dissemination of the report and how the respective states should respond to this humanitarian crisis. On **August 23**, Dr. Kungu also attended the Freedom Café, which was hosted by AMWIK in collaboration with the Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom (FNF)-Kenya. Freedom Café aims to evaluate the fast-tracking of the two-thirds gender rule, identify strategies to overcome legislative hurdles, and enhance the role of media in advocating for gender parity.

University Plans to Partner with the Yale Divinity School

The University is currently working on a partnership with the Yale Divinity School to develop content for African Christianity and other related areas. Under the agreement, the PAC University Library will provide a platform where other Christian libraries can plug in. To this end, several meetings have been held, and on August 23, the University Librarian, Ms. Josleen Rutere, facilitated a Christian Librarians meeting at the Catholic University of Eastern Africa (CUEA). Its purpose was to discuss a needs assessment survey to establish a fully functional archive for each participating institution.



University Partners with CBF to Offer Business Training

The University, in collaboration with the CITAM Business Forum (CBF), has developed a four-week training program for the business community to enhance their skills and competencies for business growth and sustainability. The program, which will feature diverse topics like finance and accounting, sales and marketing, and entrepreneurship, will be open to micro, small, and medium enterprises. It will run from September 15 to October 15, 2024. The program builds on the University's recent MOU with CBF, whose primary goal is to build the Church's business community for success.



Short Professional Courses

Pan Africa Christian University Corporate Business Leadership Center (CBLC) (NITA/TRN/216)

Professional Certificate in Resource Mobilization

● Online Module

Learn about:

- Resource Mobilization Strategies
- Proposal Writing
- Identifying and Submitting Proposals to Possible Donors
- Proposal Report Writing
- And much more!*



CHARGES
Ksh **25,000**

9th September-4th October, 2024
(Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays)
5:00 pm-8:00 pm

For bookings and inquiries, please contact Moses at +254702178856

Pan Africa Christian University Corporate Business Leadership Center (CBLC) (NITA/TRN/216)

Professional Certificate in Finance For Non-Finance Professionals

● Online Module

Learn about:

- Interpreting and Analyzing Financial Statements
- Financial Risk Management
- Applying Financial Metrics
- Presenting Financial Data and Insights
- And much more!*



CHARGES
Ksh **25,000**

30th September to 25th October, 2024
(Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays)
5:00 pm-8:00 pm

For bookings and inquiries, please contact Moses at +254702178856

Pan Africa Christian University Corporate Business Leadership Center (CBLC) (NITA/TRN/216)

Professional Certificate in Child Protection and Safeguarding (Level 1)

● Online Module

Learn about:

- Assessing and identifying children in need of safeguarding and protection
- Safeguarding and protecting children in various settings
- Advocating and lobbying for children's welfare
- The child protection system
- And much more!*



CHARGES
Ksh **20,000**

16th September to 11th October, 2024
(Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, 5-8 pm)
5:00 pm-8:00 pm

For bookings and inquiries, please contact Moses at +254702178856

Pan Africa Christian University Corporate Business Leadership Center (CBLC) (NITA/TRN/216)

Professional Certificate in Corporate Governance

● Online Module

Learn about:

- Concepts in Leadership and Governance
- Models and Mechanisms of Leadership and Corporate Governance
- Corporate Governance Principles
- Leadership Skills
- Board Committees and Their Roles in Organizational Success
- A Free Leadership Testing Tool
- And much more!*



CHARGES
Ksh **25,000**

3rd to 29th November, 2024
(Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays)
2:00 pm-5:00 pm

For bookings and inquiries, please contact Moses at +254702178856

Pan Africa Christian University Corporate Business Leadership Center (CBLC) (NITA/TRN/216)

Professional Certificate in Management Consultancy

● Online Module

Learn about:

- Professional Consulting
- Pitching your Business
- Strategic Frameworks for the Consulting Process
- Operational Diagnostic Tools
- Presenting Recommendations
- And much more!*



CHARGES
Ksh **25,000**

23rd September to 18th October, 2024
(Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays)
5:00 pm-8:00 pm

For bookings and inquiries, please contact Moses at +254702178856

Pan Africa Christian University Corporate Business Leadership Center (CBLC) (NITA/TRN/216)

Professional Certificate in Monitoring and Evaluation

● Online Module

Learn about:

- Principles and Practices of M&E
- Designing and Implementing Effective M&E Frameworks
- Creating and Managing Performance Indicators
- Analyzing and Interpreting Data
- And much more!*



CHARGES
Ksh **25,000**

28th October to 21st November 2024
(Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays)
5:00 pm-8:00 pm

For bookings and inquiries, please contact Moses at +254702178856