

'I was a UCA Bursar'

Revd Patrick Lumumba

In 2003, after my studies at UCU, I was appointed Diocesan Mission Co-ordinator for Northern Uganda Diocese. I served in this position for two years until 2005 when I was appointed Diocesan Planning and Development Officer. I held this position until 2013. This role meant that I was a team leader for implementing development activities in the Diocese both during and after the conflict in the north of Uganda. I combined this role with working as a school chaplain for the Anglican congregation in a Roman Catholic School: there were about 1200 on the pupil role with roughly equal numbers of Roman Catholics and Anglicans. We had a very powerful ecumenical programme of worshipping together as Christians.

My experience has given me helpful ideas on the role the Church can play to remain the voice of the voiceless and a source of hope to the hopeless in a conflict situation and even in a post conflict situation like in Northern Uganda.

I have been able to continue my studies, doing a Certificate in Administrative Law at Makerere University and, more recently, a Master's degree in Peace and Conflict Studies at Gulu University. If I get the chance I would like to study for a doctorate.

In 2014 I was appointed Diocesan Secretary of the Diocese of Northern Uganda, combining this role with helping as a curate in Bungatira Parish.

Revd Patrick Lumumba, a former UCA Bursar at UCU, is now the Diocesan Secretary of Northern Uganda Diocese

