

UCA Activities and Grants for In-Service Training

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A Day for Uganda has now become a regular feature of the April calendar. For April 7th this year, in addition to a variety of information being shared by some of those currently involved in different kinds of work in Uganda, we are very much looking forward to receiving insights from two distinguished journalists. Ruth Alexander of the BBC will share something of the experience of South Sudanese refugees in Uganda and Uganda's welcome of them while Mr Ben Oluka, a Ugandan journalist, will talk about the Current Political Situation in Uganda.

During the past year we have been able to make the following grants in response to requests for financial help: (in each case we have provided only part of the funds required, with other funding coming from within Uganda).

- We have helped to support more work organised by Revd Richard Rukundo, the Church of Uganda's Provincial Children's Ministry Co-ordinator. Our support has been divided between funding for conferences for the in-service training of School Chaplains and the work of Mothers' Union members and School Matrons towards 'Creating a Safe School Environment for the Girl Child'.
- We made a grant to the Diocese of Kinkiizi, for a residential Law Course for clergy and diocesan administrative staff. As part of their pastoral ministry clergy are often involved in issues relating to land.
- As reported in Bishop Nsubuga's article in this Newsletter, we have been able to support seminars for Lay Readers from Luweero Diocese and also a Diocesan Youth Conference.
- (Revd Kenneth Karyaija from Kampala Diocese was not able to progress beyond the first year of his course, so we no longer have that financial commitment.)

As reported in last year's Newsletter, we are keen to encourage Dioceses that want to develop suitable in-service training and we currently have some funds available to help support such in-service training. We are therefore ***inviting Church of Uganda Dioceses to apply for grants to help them run short-term in-service training courses***. These courses could be for clergy or lay readers or both.

We are not in a position to help every Diocese but we will give serious consideration to any Diocesan application for support for such a course. The amount of funding we might be able to provide to a Diocese for this purpose would probably be in the range of £1,000 - £2,000. We would expect a Diocese, as part of its application, to give us a brief summary of the proposed course, and details of a realistic budget. We would also expect the Diocese to be able to provide part of the funding itself. After the course we

would wish to receive a short report on the course that we could include in an edition of this Newsletter. Requests should be sent by email to the Secretary (details on the inside front cover of this Newsletter).

We are always glad to receive articles suitable for publication in this Newsletter, both from within Uganda and from others who in different ways are involved in the life of the Church and in development in Uganda. Copy for the next Newsletter can be sent to the Secretary at any time but should be received no later than December 2018.

Finally we wish to draw your attention to the ***changes in the email addresses of our officers***. This will bring us into line with best practice and should also both lessen the danger of our emails going into spam folders and also facilitate continuity when there is a change of officers. The new email addresses can be found on the inside front cover of this Newsletter: please note these changes now.

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