



# "A Journey of Faith: The History of Masinde Muliro University Seventh- day Adventist Church"



**A message to the dying world in  
the light of present truth.**

By Elder. Amos Nyabuto





# about

## MMUSDA

Established to cater to the spiritual needs of students, faculty, and the surrounding community, MMUSDA Church has become a cornerstone for worship, fellowship, and service.

The church is committed to fostering spiritual growth through regular Sabbath services, Bible studies, and prayer meetings. It places a strong emphasis on holistic development, encouraging members to engage in community outreach, health initiatives, and educational programs. This dedication reflects the Seventh-day Adventist Church's global mission of sharing hope and promoting well-being.

MMUSDA Church also serves as a nurturing ground for leadership, providing opportunities for members to develop and utilize their talents in various capacities. Through music, youth activities, and evangelistic efforts, the church aims to make a positive impact both within the university and the broader Kakamega community.

In all its endeavors, Masinde Muliro University Seventh-day Adventist Church strives to uphold the values of faith, love, and service, guiding individuals towards a deeper relationship with God and a meaningful connection with others.



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The Masinde Muliro University Seventh-day Adventist Church (MMUSDA) is a vibrant spiritual community located within the Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology (MMUST) in Kakamega, Kenya. As a beacon of faith, fellowship, and service, MMUSDA serves students, staff, and the surrounding community, fostering spiritual growth, academic excellence, and holistic development.

The church traces its roots to the early 2000s when a group of Seventh-day Adventist students and staff at MMUST felt the need for a spiritual haven within the university. Through their dedication and the support of university administration, MMUSDA was officially recognized in 2007. Since then, the church has grown exponentially, becoming a cornerstone of spiritual life on campus.



# Registration of MMUSDA

The Masinde Muliro University Seventh-day Adventist (MMUSDA) Church was officially registered as a recognized student organization within Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology (MMUST) following compliance with Article 7 of the university's Rules and Regulations Governing the Conduct and Discipline of Students.

The registration approval was granted by the Deputy Vice Chancellor, Academic Affairs, Professor A.J. Sigot, on November 23, 2007, under Reference Number **MMU/DOS/11/VOL2/143**. This milestone marked the church's formal recognition, allowing it to conduct religious and spiritual activities within the university in accordance with its approved constitution and the university's regulations for clubs and societies.



# Certificate Of Registration

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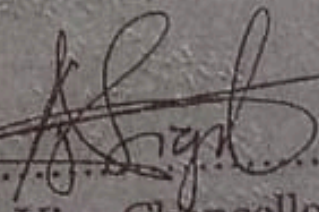


## MASINDE MULIRO UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

### Certificate of Registration

This is to certify that *Masinde Muliro Seventh Day*.....  
*Adventist Group - MMUSBA*  
is registered as an Association/Club/Society of Masinde Muliro University  
of Science and Technology.

Registered on the .... *22<sup>nd</sup>* day of ..... *November* ..... 20*07*.....

Signed .....  .....  
Deputy Vice Chancellor (AA)

*23/11/2007*  
Date



## Mission and Vision

MMUSDA is committed to nurturing a Christ-centered community that upholds the principles of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

### Our mission is to:

Proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ through worship, evangelism, and discipleship.

Support the holistic development of our members by integrating faith, education, and service.

Serve the university community and beyond through outreach programs, health initiatives, and community development projects.



## Current Leadership 2024/2025

Under the guidance of dedicated leaders, MMUSDA continues to thrive and fulfill its mission:

- Pastor Opanda Wamalika: The current pastor of MMUSDA, providing spiritual leadership, mentorship, and direction to the church.
- Dr. Angwenyi David has been an invaluable and supportive patron to MMUSDA, consistently offering guidance and assistance.
- Elder Amos Nyabuto: The current MMUSDA chairperson, overseeing the church's operations and ensuring its mission is carried out effectively.

## OTHER CHAIRPERSONS

1. Elder Collins Rao
2. Elder Rooney Walwenda
3. Elder Boaz Munge
4. Elder Mike Omollo
5. Elder Tukiko Anyona
6. Elder Moses Jabuya
7. Sis Miriam Mukuhi -Chairlady
8. Hezekiah Diang'a -Treasurer
9. Titus Odongo -Church Clerk

## Activities and Programs

MMUSDA is known for its dynamic programs and activities, which cater to the diverse needs of its members. These include:

- **Weekly Worship Services:** Held every Sabbath (Saturday), featuring uplifting music, sermons, and fellowship.
- **Prayer Meetings and Bible Studies:** Regular midweek gatherings for spiritual enrichment and communal prayer.
- **Health and Wellness Initiatives:** Promoting healthy living through seminars, medical camps, and lifestyle education.
- **Outreach and Evangelism:** Engaging in mission work, both within the university and in the surrounding communities, to share the love of Christ.

## Impact on the MMUST Community

MMUSDA has played a pivotal role in shaping the spiritual and social fabric of Masinde Muliro University. It has provided a supportive environment for students and staff to grow in their faith, excel academically, and develop leadership skills. The church's emphasis on service has also made a significant impact on the wider community, with initiatives such as:

- **Community Service Projects:** Including clean-up drives, tree planting, and support for vulnerable groups.
- **Educational Support:** Offering mentorship and scholarships to needy students.
- **Health Outreach:** Organizing free medical camps and health education programs.



## MEMBERSHIP

Membership Growth Since 2004, MMUSDA's membership has expanded rapidly. Initially, the church had fewer than 10 members, but as of 2025, the average membership stands between 1,200 and 1,500. A significant portion of this membership comprises first-year students, making them the largest demographic in the congregation.

In addition to student members, MMUSDA also accommodates faculty members, alumni, associates, and other staff, further diversifying the church community.

MMUSDA's journey from a small worshiping group to a fully established church with a large and vibrant congregation is a testament to God's faithfulness and the dedication of its members. The church continues to grow spiritually and numerically, fostering a strong sense of community and service. As it moves forward, MMUSDA remains committed to its mission of spreading the gospel and nurturing the faith of its members.





## Sabbath worship service at MPH

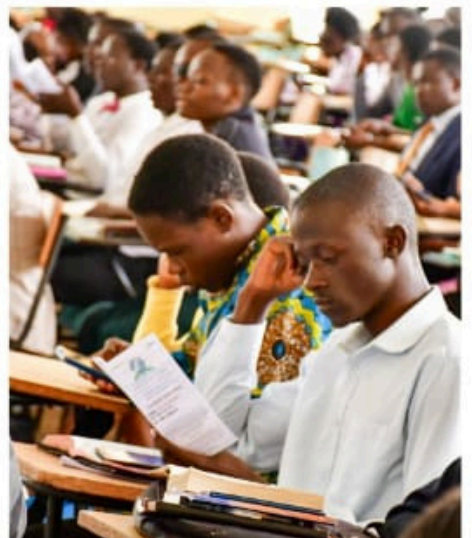
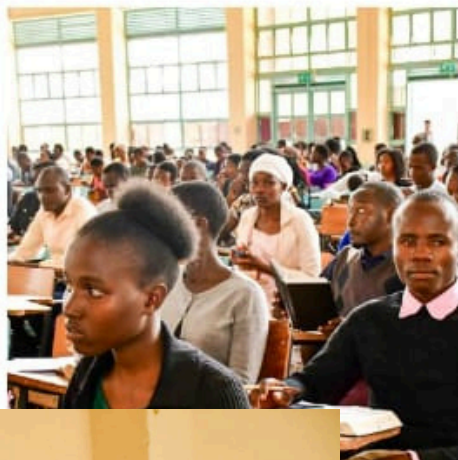


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CONGREGANTS ON SABBATH







Choristers on duty



# LEADERSHIP SINCE INCEPTION

Academic Year	Chairperson	Contact	Patrons	Pastor/Chaplain
2006/2007	Edward Kiplang'at			
2007/2008	Simon Mayaka	0728576925		Pr. Peter Muchenche
2008/2009	Bethuel Momanyi			
2009/2010	Elder Shadrach Serem		Dr. Ronald Michieka	
2010/2011	Elder Gilbert Were			
2011/2012	Elder Joseph Abuto	0720360161		Pr. Samwel Mbayi
2012/2013	Elder Joseph Abuto			
2013/2014	Elder Edwin Ooko			
2014/2015	Elder Fredrick Obade			
2015/2016	Elder Kimutai		Dr. Angwenyi David Ass. Dr. Samwel Apima	



2016/2017	Elder Narkisho Wayogah	0700937299	Dr. Partrick Ojeira	
2017/2018	Elder Emmanuel Juma			
2018/2019	Elder Timothy Agwata	0715077476	Ronald michieka	
2019/2020	Elder Gabriel Akim			
2020/2021	Elder Sammy Mumar	0710287395		Pr. Partrick Musoma
2021/2022	Elder Don Clinton	072468589	Dr. Angwenyi David	
2022/2023	Elder Don Clinton			Pr. Opanda Wamalika
2023/2024	Elder Phelix Nyaoke	0790911444		
2024/2025	Elder Amos Nyabuto	0745114260	Dr. Angwenyi David Ass. Dr Margret Iyaya	Pr. Opanda Wamalika



MMUSDA has had strong leadership over the years, undergoing different transitions as various leaders took up responsibilities in guiding the church. Each leadership team has contributed in different ways, ensuring spiritual growth, organizational stability, and continuity in church activities.

The transitions have seen different chairpersons, patrons, and pastors/chaplains, each playing a significant role in shaping the church's mission, outreach, and administration. Some leaders have served multiple terms, while others have been part of key moments of change and progress.



**Pr. Opanda  
Wamalika**



**Dr. Angwenyi  
David**





## *AIMS AND ASPIRATIONS*

The Aims and Objectives of MMUSDA focus on three key areas: Evangelism, Discipleship, and Worship.

1. **Evangelism:** MMUSDA seeks to spread the gospel within Masinde Muliro University and beyond. This includes inviting students and faculty to accept Jesus Christ, conducting public evangelistic campaigns, and engaging in charitable activities to demonstrate Christian love in action.
2. **Discipleship:** The church provides mentorship in faith development, entrepreneurship, and social relationships. It also promotes the integration of faith with academic learning, offers counseling services, supports health reform, and trains members for outreach, mission work, and community service.
3. **Worship:** MMUSDA emphasizes creating opportunities for Christian fellowship through public worship services, music ministry, and acts of giving. Worship sessions serve as a space for spiritual growth and collective praise.



## ACHIEVEMENTS

Masinde Muliro University Seventh-day Adventist (MMUSDA) church has made significant strides in evangelism and community service over the years. The church has actively engaged in spreading the gospel through annual missions, leading to numerous baptisms and the establishment of new Sabbath schools. Additionally, MMUSDA has been involved in social outreach programs such as visiting correctional facilities. Below are some of the key achievements:

### Annual Missions and Evangelism

2024

1. Mmusda Chaanga Sabbath School – 13 souls baptized
2. Kimalewa Bungoma Mission – 5 souls baptized
3. Inungo Siaya Mission – 17 souls baptized

2023

1. Kalenda (Lumani) Mission – 41 souls baptized
2. Makunga Mission (Bungoma) – 12 souls baptized

- 020
- No recorded mission due to prevailing circumstances

• 2019

3. Katwaa Sabbath School (Kola, Makueni) – New Sabbath school established

4. Mackalda Mission (Migori) – Evangelistic efforts conducted

• 2018

5. Kopere Mission (Muhoroni) – Successful mission outreach



## Community Outreach

- Visiting Kakamega Prison – MMUSDA engaged in prison ministry, providing spiritual nourishment and support to inmates.
- Conducting charity events – Outreach programs to children's homes such as Kakamega School Orphanage.
- Conducting Health Expos – Organizing health education and wellness programs for the community.
- Open-air evangelistic campaigns – Held in G-Square at an interval of one year to reach more people.
- Baptism of new members – Conducted every year as a result of evangelistic efforts.
- Visiting the sick – Regular visits to Lumino Hospital to offer prayers, encouragement, and support.

Through these dedicated efforts, MMUSDA continues to fulfill its mission of evangelism and service, transforming lives and expanding the reach of the gospel.



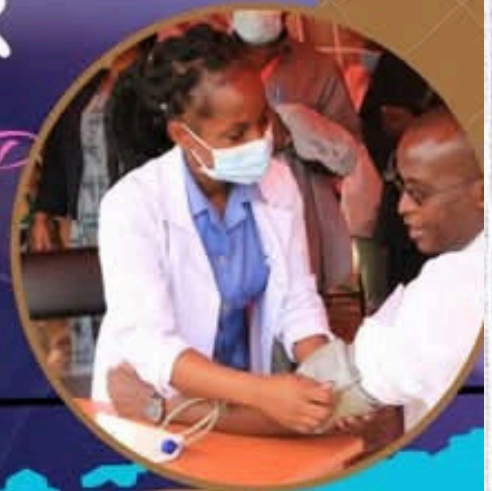


**MASINDE MULIRO UNIVERSITY SEVENTH DAY  
ADVENTIST (MMUSDA)**



# *welcomes you* **TWO WEEKS REVIVAL SEMINAR**

*FREE MEDICAL CAMP*



**EV. FELIX ODERA**  
BIBLE STUDY



**EV. DANIEL KÍTHÚMBÍ**  
HEALTH



**EV. FREDRICK NDEGE**  
PROPHECY

**VENUE : G-SQUARE**

**THEME: WHAT HAS THOU  
DONE FOR ME?**

**KEY TEXT : LUKE 19:10**

**KEY SONG : NZK 098**

**4:00PM TO 8:00PM**

**20TH JANUARY TO 10TH FEBRUARY 2024**





# Baptism by Pr. Opanda at River Isikhu



Mission at Kimalewa Bungoma 2024/2025



The MMUSDA church is a vibrant institution, aiming to cater to the spiritual, emotional, and physical needs of students and the surrounding community. However, like many other church groups, it faces several challenges that hinder its growth and operational effectiveness.

### 1. Change of Venues Without Prior Information

One of the most pressing issues the MMUSDA church faces is the frequent and sudden change of venues without prior information. As a church that doesn't have a permanent place of worship, services are held in different classrooms across the university. While flexibility may seem like an advantage, it comes with logistical difficulties, particularly in ensuring that the congregation is informed on time. The lack of permanent and dedicated space means that worship services are disrupted, and members, particularly newcomers, may struggle to find the venue or arrive late. The unpredictability of venue locations makes it hard for members to plan, and this could lead to a disengaged congregation.



## 2. Lack of a Permanent Church Facility

The absence of a permanent church facility is one of the church's major obstacles. Since the congregation uses university classrooms for all its services, it is at the mercy of the university's scheduling. This means that there is no guaranteed space for weekly services or special events. In the long run, this can demotivate the members and reduce their sense of belonging, as the lack of a permanent facility may limit the church's activities to mere weekend gatherings. Additionally, the inability to decorate or personalize the space to suit the worship needs of the congregation results in a lack of identity for the church.

## 3. High Dependency on the Church Due to Student Needs

Many of the members of MMUSDA church are students, and a significant portion of them face financial challenges. This creates a high dependency on the church, especially in terms of meeting their physical and emotional needs. The church has become a support system for many students, offering food, transport, and other basic necessities. While it's commendable that the church is fulfilling its mission to serve its members, this dependency puts a strain on the church's limited resources. With no steady income source or a church facility that could generate funds (such as through events, rental services, or partnerships), it becomes difficult to cater to all needs.



#### 4. Lack of Adequate Support from University Administration

The church's relationship with the university administration also presents significant challenges. The lack of adequate support from the administration hinders the church's activities and access to necessary resources. For example, MMUSDA church faces challenges when trying to bring church items onto the campus. The process of entering the school with church items can be frustrating, especially when it is met with unnecessary restrictions or delays. Furthermore, there is often a lack of administrative backing when the church needs to advocate for the space and resources required for its programs. Additionally, the church sometimes experiences restricted access to the church office premises, a vital space for storing materials and conducting administrative work. This prevents the church from operating smoothly and fulfilling its mission effectively. The administration's lack of understanding or cooperation makes it harder to plan and execute church programs.



## 5. Limited Recognition and Resources for Church Activities

Another problem MMUSDA church faces is the limited recognition and support for its activities. As a student-run organization, the church struggles to gain recognition from both the student body and the administration. Without strong institutional support, the church lacks adequate funding for its activities, making it reliant on small-scale donations and internal fundraising efforts. This often leads to limited programming and activities that fail to address the full spiritual, emotional, and social needs of the congregation.

The church's reliance on university facilities for its programs also means that it has limited control over event timing, space, and resources. This lack of autonomy inhibits the ability of church leaders to plan long-term programs that address the needs of their members.



## 6. Frustration and Limited Access to Facilities

Accessing the necessary church facilities is often a source of frustration for members. Whether it's setting up for services, storing equipment, or meeting for administrative functions, the church encounters barriers that hinder smooth operations. On occasions, the church has been denied access to its office premises, creating difficulties in handling sensitive materials, organizing events, or even storing donated items for those in need. Without access to a centralized and secure space, the church struggles to maintain an organized and functional system, which is essential for growing a community of faith.

## 7. Member Disengagement and Uncertainty

All these challenges contribute to member disengagement. The lack of a permanent place of worship, frequent changes of venues, logistical hurdles, and insufficient support may create a sense of uncertainty among members. This uncertainty can make it difficult for members to feel connected to the church's mission and community. While many students may come to church looking for spiritual nourishment and community, the practical challenges may lead them to disengage or even seek other avenues for fulfillment.



- **Youth Engagement and Discipleship:** The church is largely made up of students, many of whom are young and still figuring out their spiritual identity. There is a significant need for mentorship, discipleship programs, and engaging activities that can strengthen their faith and empower them to serve others. However, the lack of resources and leadership capacity limits the church's ability to implement such programs effectively.
- **Leadership Burnout:** With many students involved in running the church's programs, there is often burnout among the leaders. These leaders, who are also students with academic commitments, juggle their academic work and the church's responsibilities. This dual role can be overwhelming, and without enough support, it can lead to a decline in enthusiasm and productivity.



# RECOMMENDATIONS

- Provide a Dedicated Church Space
- Recommendation: The university should allocate a permanent space for MMUSDA church to hold its worship services and other activities. This space should be dedicated solely to the church's needs, ensuring that services are not disrupted by frequent venue changes.
- Rationale: A permanent space would help build a sense of community and belonging for church members, reduce logistical challenges, and improve overall worship experiences.
- Improve Communication on Venue Changes
- Recommendation: The university administration should communicate any changes in venue with the church leadership in advance to ensure that members are informed in time.
- Rationale: Better communication would reduce confusion and frustration among church members, allowing them to plan accordingly and attend services regularly.



- Provide Administrative Support and Collaboration
- Recommendation: The university administration should offer more direct support to the church, such as access to the church office premises, storage space, and assistance with organizing church events.
- Rationale: Ensuring the church has access to necessary facilities and resources will make it easier for church leadership to carry out their administrative functions and organize meaningful programs for the students.
- Reduce Barriers to Bringing Church Items on Campus
- Recommendation: The university should ease restrictions on bringing church items onto campus, especially for worship services and other church events. Clear guidelines should be established to streamline this process.
- Rationale: Easing these restrictions will prevent unnecessary delays and frustrations, ensuring the smooth operation of church activities.



- Financial and Resource Allocation for Church Activities
- Recommendation: The university should consider allocating a portion of student union funds or providing grants to support the church's activities, especially in addressing the physical and emotional needs of students.
- Rationale: Providing financial assistance will help reduce the dependency of students on the church and allow for the planning of more sustainable programs and outreach initiatives.
- Facilitate Community Outreach and Evangelism Programs
- Recommendation: The university should collaborate with MMUSDA church to support and promote community outreach and evangelism programs, including hosting events, allowing for external community engagements, and providing logistical support.
- Rationale: Partnering with the church for outreach programs will benefit both the students and the local community, encouraging a stronger connection between the university and the surrounding areas.



# CONCLUSION

- As we reflect on the journey of MMUSDA Church, we are reminded of the unwavering faith, commitment, and resilience of its members. From humble beginnings, this vibrant community has grown, becoming a beacon of hope, spiritual nourishment, and fellowship for students at Masinde Muliro University. Despite the challenges, such as the lack of a permanent church facility, the need for better communication, and the dependence on the church for various support services, MMUSDA Church has remained steadfast in its mission to uplift and empower the student body.
- Through the dedication of its leaders and the collective spirit of its members, MMUSDA Church continues to be a place where students find solace, purpose, and a deep connection to God. It is a place where the light of faith shines brightly, guiding many through the struggles and triumphs of student life.



- We are deeply grateful for the unwavering support that the university administration has extended to the church thus far. Your cooperation, understanding, and partnership have allowed us to fulfill our mission and serve the spiritual needs of the student body. We look forward to continued collaboration, as we work together to create an even stronger, more vibrant community that fosters growth in both faith and academic life.
- Thank you, Masinde Muliro University, for being an integral part of this journey. We are excited about the future, confident that with your continued support, MMUSDA Church will thrive and make an even greater impact in the lives of students, the university, and the surrounding community.
- In faith, unity, and service, we continue to move forward—trusting in God's guidance for what lies ahead.