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A world where Justice and Human Dignity is a reality for all.

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Section I

A Word from the President



Mrs. Anne Muhairwe (Counsel)

1.0.Introduction:

Since 30th October 2020, the members of Uganda Christian Lawyers' Fraternity entrusted me with the responsibility of serving as President and at the same time the Chairperson of the Board of Directors. I thank the members for this privilege and for the opportunity for me and the entire Board of Directors to direct the affairs of UCLF and in serving the needs for Justice by the vulnerable persons. My work as President would not be possible without the hard work and perseverance of the Board, the staff and volunteers of UCLF, all of whom have contributed their time and skills to improve and sustain our organization.

The UCLF Board is dynamic, energetic and enthusiastic and commits to continue serving UCLF. We are excited about this endeavor and the potential to move the dial for our society, increase engagement relationship with the UCLF members, continue to further develop and mentor the youth and dispensing legal aid to the vulnerable communities.

2.0.Strategic Operations of UCLF:

On the strategic Operations, I am proud to report that our Fraternity continues to thrive and achieve its goals of informing and educating people (especially those who have no access to legal information), about the law and their rights. Our offices across the country continue to operate and provide legal aid services to the vulnerable members of the public to meet their needs of justice, although with a few challenges as will later be presented by the CEO in his operational report.

In the effort to continue pursuing our objects, we have been able to revamp and revive the UCLF office in Kayunga to dispense legal aid to the indigent communities around the District. We accordingly have engaged advocates, paralegals and social workers to provide legal, paralegal and awareness services to the Kayunga communities. This has been made possible through secured funding from the Partnership between UCLF and the Legal Aid Service Providers Network (LASPNET) with support from the European Union.

The District of Kayunga offered to support UCLF in extending cost effective legal aid to Kayunga District by providing us with an office space within their district administration premises and also pledged funding for legal aid activities through its local government budgets. With these opportunities available, I encourage members of UCLF to continue participating in these activities particularly in providing pro bono opportunities for legal services and community mobilization.

3.0. Building Partnership and Networking:

UCLF- continues to build synergies for partnership in legal Aid, where we have had a number of engagements and outreaches aiming at increasing the opportunity for legal aid to the vulnerable persons in our Society.

In bid to provide advice to the vulnerable youth UCLF, entered into Partnership with the office of the First Lady of Uganda, represented by Uganda Youth Forum. The collaboration aims at inculcating values of integrity and ethics among Uganda's youths. UCLF also hopes to maximise this opportunity to share Christ with the youth in effort to raise a generation of God fearing youth in Uganda.

The collaboration birth the first inaugural virtual youth convention on ethics, integrity and leadership held on 5th August, 2021 at Kololo independence grounds, kampala. The convention drew more than one thousand five hundred participants both virtuealy and physically.

The purpose of the convention is to holistically train, mentor and skill the youths in Godly virtues, and teach them to follow the right principles of life to be better citizens and future leaders for a better Uganda. The partnership will continue to be hold the convention on a quarterly basis with

the next taking place next month (November, 2021). I call upon all of us to support and participate in these youth conventions.

The board and the staff of UCLF also had initial partnership meetings with the embassy of Korea with the aim of developing a partnership on human rights issues. We shall continue to pursue opportunities for such partnerships.

4.0.UCLF fellowships:

The UCLF fellowships have further thrived during our tenure; we have seen online fellowships bringing together over 300 lawyer members online. Furthermore UCLF has been able to attract formidable speakers for the fellowships. We are thankful to the Lord for the privilege to host Hon. Justice James Ogoola (Principal Judge emeritus), Hon. Justice Mike Chibita (Patron UCLF), Hon. Nobert Mao (DP President), Ap. Dr. Joseph Serwadda (Presiding Apostle Born Again Faith), Her Worship Sarah Langa Siu (Chief Registrar), Hon. Lady Justice Hellen Obura, Ms. Pamela Nimusiima Kansiime (Secretary Board UBOS), Mrs. Joyce Birimumaso Nalunga (Commission Member, Leadership Code Tribunal), Ms. Christine Kaahwa (Commissioner, MJCA), Rev. Onesmus Asiimwe (Chaplain, St Francis Makerere University) and Ms. Jane Bako Patricia among the so many others that ministered in our fellowships in the year 2020/2021.

5.0.Information Education and Communication:

In the event of improving the opportunities to share information regarding the business of UCLF and educating our society on legal and ethical matters, UCLF has launched UCLF Journal to provide opportunity to our members to share their knowledge and experience with the rest of the lawyers fraternity and the society at large. This will augment other programs like radio and TV talkshows, articles in newspapers, flyers, handbills etc.

6.0.Corporate Governance Principles and Practices:

6.1. UCLF Policy and Strategic Plan

The most of our Policies and strategic plan are due for review. The Board have therefore initiated the process of reviewing these Policies (i.e Human Resource, Finance, Procurement etc,) and Resource Mobilization Strategy and Strategic plan to meet the vision for growth and addressing the challenges that UCLF is currently facing including those presented by the Covid 19 pandemic like reduction on financial support from our partners, amidst increased needs for legal aid in the

society.

6.2.Audit function:

Among the good corporate governance principles and practices is Audit functions. UCLF, continue to carry out annual Audit of the organization to provide strategic advise on the corporate governance principle of accountability and transparency. The CEO will present the details of the annual audit report for this financial year.

6.3. Human Resource:

We continue to have challenges of attracting the human resources we need to fill up our staffing gaps because of the financial challenges. Currently the fraternity is need of some senior staff like Director Programs and Director Finance and Administration, however, we can not recruit these staff because we can not afford to pay them in the current financial stress that the organization is facing. The CEO will give us the details of the Human Resource status.

6.4. Financial Status:

Currently the organization is experiencing financial stress, the revenues have dwindles from our partners due to the effect of covid 19 and also our membership contributions are not forthcoming. We therefore need to develop a new resource and financial mobilization strategy that can ensure financial sustainability. This we intend to address in the new resource mobilization strategy being reviewed. The CEO will give us details of the financial position of UCLF.

7.0. Conclusion:

In conclusion the last one year (2020-2021) has been characterized by opportunities and challenges; Opportunities are that there is more demand for the UCLF services in our community today than before, as more and more People require legal aid services since many people in our society can not afford legal fees due to financial challenges brought about by covid 19 effects. On the other hand the challenges are that as UCLF, we currently can not meet these demand for our services because we have a thin staff and are limited on financial and physical resources.

Going onward, as the Board we look forward to continuing to work with the fraternity to derive methods for dealing with the current challenges and to take advantage of the opportunities we have. We need to put more emphasis on sustainable resource mobilization strategies, membership fees may need to be looked into and other opportunities that may generate revenues. We however, can not engage in business or revenue generation activities like consultancy and providing paid

legal services that could bring in money because we are registered as a non-for profit entity but UCLF could create a profit making entity that could be able to run business. For example we have opportunities to run legal consultancy services that could bring money to UCLF on a sustainable manner. These and many like strategies needs to be developed to sort out the financial situation of UCLF as we can no longer continue to rely on donations from partners since covid 19 have affected financial status of many organizations world over.

On the behalf of the board and on my own behalf, I wish the AGM a fruitful deliberation.

I therefor take this opportunity to declare the AGM open.

Thank you all

For God and My Country.

Section II:

Remarks by the Chief Executive Officer



Ap. John Osapiri (LL.M, M.Th)

We are thankful to the Lord who has led us through the year. We thank Him for the gift of life and his grace that he has lavished on us exceedingly to be able to serve the Uganda Christian Lawyers' Fraternity especially in this times.

We thank God that the year 2020/2021, UCLF has grown in terms of its membership and in fellowship attendance. Members have further showed empathy and have been able to stand with the several members that required their support. UCLF has achieved its objective of bringing lawyers together for fellowship, as a result we have become closer and indeed we have become that organization that wins together.

Our visibility as UCLF has grown through the year and we have been able to build stronger partnerships aimed at fostering collaborations for achievement of UCLF's mission. We were able to connect with the Office of the First Lady of Uganda, where we jointly implemented and hosted the Inaugural Virtual Youth Convention on ethics and integrity in Partnership with Uganda Youth Forum. About 5000 youths in Uganda did attended the convention online. We were also graced to connect with the embassy of South Korea in Uganda and Oxfam International. We further thank God for the new partnerships between the Inter Religious Council of Uganda and the Network for Public Interest Lawyers. We are confident we shall leverage on the partnerships opportunities to speak up for others, stand against injustice, develop the capacity of our members and staff, guarantee religious liberty and freedoms as we work together with these

institutions.

The Year 2020/2021 has been a year to reckon with due to the several challenges that hampered the work of our organization, such challenges emanating from the COVID 19 effects. We saw a reduction in our funding base especially with regard to our International development partners. However we thank the Baptist Mission Society, the UCLF Members and Lawyers' Christian Fellowship of UK for supporting UCLF during the tough times. Surely we cannot repay your kindness but God will. In the year 2020 from July to December 2021, BMS our biggest donor could not remit financial support to UCLF because of the effects of COVID 19 in the UK, yet our legal response continued to be imperative in the communities.

I am indebted to the UCLF staff and volunteers for working tirelessly, exemplifying great dedication towards their work at UCLF and giving in their time to serve UCLF. Through their continued commitment, we were able to accomplish the following;

- Through UCLF's interventions 997 people gave their lives to Christ.
- In consultation with the Board of Directors, we adopted a new Organogram for the Organization, this enabled us to refocus the organizations' human resource and also strengthened the reporting function of the organization.
- Staff satisfaction; Regularized Staff contracts for those who did not have contracts, ensured volunteers with the organization are remunerated, had several meetings with staff members and heads of department.
- Secured access to Uganda Prisons and Uganda Police Units respectively, amidst the COVID 19 restrictions. We thank the Uganda Police and the Uganda Prisons Service for granting access letters to UCLF to the prisons and police units.
- Ensured compliance with organizational statutory requirements that is; we ensured that returns were filed, extended filing times were necessary and also ensured returns were filed.
- Followed up with the Law Council to ensure that UCLF is accredited to offer CLE Trainings for lawyers in the year 2021. We further engaged with the Law Council to have UCLF's accreditation as a Legal Aid Service Provider renewed.
- We were able to meet our obligations with Post Office Uganda, to have our box number revived; we are thankful that through these efforts we obtained an E-Box number 103180.
- Partnered with Several Organizations to dispense legal aid; some of the open legal aid days include where UCLF was involved was; the Katanga Zone Awareness, MUK Legal Aid

day in Partnership with PILAC, Makerere Redeemed Church, Legal Aid Day, LDC Open Legal Aid Day, Legal outreach to asylum seekers and refugees in Partnership with Nakawa Chief Magistrate Court and Tororo District open legal aid day in Partnership with Justice Centers and ULS.

- Launched the Cost effective Legal aid Scheme in Omoro District in partnership with LASPNET and Moslem Center for Law and Justice.
- Sustained Development Partners through Quarterly and Bi Annual reporting, ensuring continued communication and participation in activities organized by donor partners.
- Developed viable partnerships with the Office of the First Lady and the Uganda Youth Forum. Together we successfully organized the Virtual Youth Convention where 5000 youths were equipped on Integrity, ethics and leadership. UCLF was further invited to State House to attend the celebrations for the National Curriculum day.
- We further signed Memorandums of Understanding with the Inter Religious Council of Uganda and the Network for Public Interest Network to build synergies for protection of religious liberties and dispensing of continuous Legal Education Trainings respectively. We further established relations with the Embassy of South Korea in Uganda for the Protection of Human Rights.
- Revamped and commenced operations at the UCLF Kayunga Office with support from LASPNET through the European Union. UCLF is implementing a Gender Based Violence program in Kayunga. We further built synergies with the Kayunga District Local Government to implement our programs. The District offered UCLF a free office space that currently accommodates the 5 UCLF staff in Kayunga.
- We have been able to attract Funding from Oxfam International, and we shall be commencing operations with respect to dispensing access to Justice Services to Refugees and host communities.
- UCLF has continued engaged in Community Legal Awareness Programs through building Partnerships with Radio and Television Stations for free programs. We accordingly have had free airtime on Kingdom FM, Smart 24 Tv, Baba Tv, and Mama FM amongst others.
- We secured additional Funding from the Baptist Mission Society to implement the COVID 19 awareness and vaccine advocacy related programs in Kampala, Kayunga, Gulu, Masaka and Kaseses.
- Specifically we have achieved the following;
 - I. 635 law students benefited from the UCLF Student and Resource Center Program.

- II. 5000 youths across Uganda participated in the leaders, ethics and integrity Virtual Youth Convention.
- III. 104 indigent persons were represented under the Kampala Access to Justice and Legal Aid Department.
- IV. 6,357 suspects received Paralegal Advisory Services in Police stations and Courts in Kampala.
- V. 157 persons were represented and advised on matters of access to Justice and Legal Aid in Masaka.
- VI. 102 persons were either advised, their cases followed up or were represented on Child Protection issues in Gulu.
- VII. 615 suspects and other indigent clients benefited from Paralegal Services in Gulu.
- VIII. 597 persons were either represented or advised on matters of Access to Justice and Legal Aid.
- IX. 508 persons received legal aid and access to justice services in Kasese.
- X. 500 members of the community were informed about environmental rights.
- XI. Over 2,000,000 people benefited from the UCLF Legal, Human Rights and COVID 19 rights awareness and sensitization programs in Kampala, Kasese, Gulu, Masaka and Kayunga.

We have great challenges and great opportunities, and with your help, we will meet them and make the next financial year the best year in our history.

God bless you all

Section III

ABOUT UCLF

Uganda Christian Lawyers' Fraternity (UCLF) is a membership based Non-Governmental Organisation seeking justice for all in Uganda through the provision of legal aid, legal education and research and policy advocacy on behalf of vulnerable people. The UCLF was founded in 1987 by Christian law students at Makerere University. In 2005 was registered as a Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO).

The UCLF is comprised of over 400 member Advocates, Lawyers, Judges and Law Students across the different Universities of Uganda, with established Legal Aid Clinics and offices spread across the Northern, Western and Central regions of Uganda. The UCLF seeks to utilize skills endowed in its members and associates to impact the most vulnerable in society, irrespective of age, gender, religion or ethnicity following a Biblical mandate to defend the rights of the poor and needy.

VISION

As an association of Christian Lawyers, we seek to share Christ through fellowship, in outreach to the lost, and in seeking justice for all our society, in a spirit of love and compassion.

MISSION

Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy. (Proverbs 31:9).

CORE VALUES AND DISTINCTIVE IDENTITY

We are committed to upholding the Christian faith and its principles of;

a. Christian ethics and integrity

UCLF shall demonstrate the highest standards of spiritual, ethical and professional integrity and practice in its operations and to develop Godly character among the members and staff, by being the salt and light in the legal profession and society as a whole. (Proverbs 13:6; John 14:23)

b. Justice

UCLF believes that while primarily the message of the Gospel is one of forgiveness of sins and divine reconciliation, God's people are to reflect his character in their attitudes and

relationships. As God revealed himself to Israel and then fully and perfectly through Christ he established his character of justice at the heart of Christian living. This will necessarily relate to five essential components of;

- i. **Holiness:** Straight and righteous living, a commitment to God's holy moral order in both private and public life.
- ii. **Procedural justice:** Truth is part of justice therefore an appropriate forum for the truth to be told is essential. This also mandates the need for universal access to justice.
- iii. **Substantive justice:** Punishment and compensation should be correctly directed in a proportional manner.
- iv. **Human rights:** God made people in his own image therefore conveying basic dignity. Human dignity is most clearly protected in human rights and therefore UCLF claims a Biblical preference for the upholding of human rights. Biblical human rights is best embodied by Kingdom principles which will inevitably seek for the restoration of the whole person, including their freedom, their access to basic amenities, the imputed influence of their gender, their bodily and spiritual well-being.
- v. **Community relationships:** Justice can only be understood within the context of right living within a series of inter-personal relations, therefore UCLF values relationships over and above projects as being demonstrative of God's character of justice.

OBJECTIVES OF UCLF

- a) To **inform** and **educate** people from whatever section of society, and especially those who have no access to legal information, about the law and their **rights**.
- b) To advocate for, represent and **advise** the voiceless and disadvantaged.
- c) To **advocate** for the enactment and implementation of **fair laws and policies** that are in harmony with Christian principles.
- d) To encourage member participation in ethical legal practice and community involvement by providing pro-bono services.

STATEMENT OF FAITH

UCLF aims within its Christian context to demonstrate the highest standards of spiritual, ethical and professional integrity and practice in its operations and life. It is assumed and expected that all members, employees and volunteers of the UCLF will exhibit this ethos and aspiration in their personal, public, and private conduct and discourse. The UCLF statement of faith as provided for in the Schedule of its Constitution is to help the members, staff and volunteers to develop a Godly character, exhibit professional integrity to the glory of Christ and His Kingdom. Briefly UCLF believes in;

A The Bible

The Bible is God's Word, written by men divinely inspired, and the supreme infallible authority in all matters of faith and conduct. Man's customs, traditions and opinions should not supersede the authority of the Bible (John 1:1-3, 2 Timothy 3:16).

B The Triune God

We believe in one God, eternally existing in three persons: God the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit (I Timothy 1:17, John 1:14, John 4:24).

- (i) We believe in God the Father, perfect in holiness, infinite in wisdom and measureless in power. We rejoice that He hears and answers prayer, and that He saves us from sin all who come to him through Jesus Christ (Leviticus 11:44; Psalm 39; Psalm 50:1).
- (ii) We believe in Jesus Christ, the eternal and only begotten Son of God who was conceived of the Holy Spirit by virgin birth, who was sinless in His life and who through His death made atonement for the sins of the world. We believe in His resurrection, His ascension, His role as our Mediator before God and His future return to the world (John 3:16, Luke. 31-32, John. 1:14, Acts 8:37, John. 14:3).
- (iii) We believe in the person of the Holy Spirit, whose ministry is to glorify Christ, to convince the world of sin, and to regenerate, indwell, sanctify, comfort, encourage and empower those who believe in Christ (John. 6:62, 15:26, 16:7-14, John.5:1, Romans. 8:9, Romans. 13:16, I Peter 1:2, I Corinthians. 12:7-11).

C Salvation and Forgiveness

We believe that all people by nature and by choice are lost sinners and can only be saved by accepting Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour, through faith and not only by works. We believe in the resurrection from the dead of the believer to everlasting life and the blessedness and joy with the Lord in heaven, and of the unbeliever to everlasting punishment and separation from God in Hell (John 3:16, 5:28-29, Romans 5:8-12, John 17:3, Ephesians 2:1-9, Titus 3:5, Revelation 20:11-15).

D The Church

We believe in the Church as a living spiritual body of which Christ is the head and of which all regenerated people are members (Colossians 1:18). The transformation of believers and social improvement are inevitable by-products of the Gospel and discipleship.

E The Relationship between Church and State

We believe that all Christians should be faithful citizens and obedient to the State, in upholding and maintaining its laws. Governments are ordained by God. We believe that every human being is responsible to God alone in all matters of faith. At the same time every church must cooperate with, uphold and implement the civil laws of Government, seeing that they are for the good of the people. (Matthew 2:21, Acts 6:1-7, Romans. 13:1-7, 14: 7-12, Titus 3:1, I Peter 2:13-14).

UCLF STRUCTURE

UCLF has four main organs, the Annual General Assembly, the Board of Directors, Select Committees and the Secretariat. The General Assembly is the supreme authority of the Organization and is mandated to elect the members of the Board of Directors every two years. Whereas the Board is responsible for the policy formulation and strategic direction of the organization, the Select Committees handle specific issues in the Organization and the Secretariat is responsible for the day-to-day affairs of the Organization.

REGISTRATION STATUS

Uganda Christian Lawyers' Fraternity (UCLF) is a professional faith based registered Non-Government Organization (NGO), S.5914/5536. UCLF was granted with a permit to operate as an NGO from 05th of February 2019 for the next 60 months. We were also issued with a Certificate of approval of legal chambers by Uganda Law Council for the year 2020/2021.

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Kayunga Office

Kayunga District Headquarters

SECTION IV

4.1 UCLF DEPARTMENTS & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The Uganda Christian Lawyers Fraternity (UCLF) Constitution provides that the Secretariat shall be responsible for the day-to-day affairs of the Organization. UCLF had eight program areas implemented in 2020/2021 that is Legal Education, Criminal Public defense, Paralegal Advisory Services, Juvenile Justice and Child Protection, Civil Legal Aid, Students and Library Department, Environmental Justice and Counselling. The programs are implemented in the UCLF offices in Kampala, Kayunga, Masaka, Kasese and Gulu. The programs are grouped into departments and these include;

Access to Justice Civil Legal Aid and Legal Aid Department:

The department offers both Civil and Criminal legal aid and it is headed by Project Officer, Access to Justice and Legal Aid.

1. **Civil Litigation:** The Department engages in Client advisory or counselling, offers mediation services, free legal representation on civil matters, trains prisoners and clients on self-representation, engages in policy advocacy, research and Public Interest Litigation.
2. **Criminal Public Defense:** The Department further engages in offering free Criminal representation to prisoners, assists in Bail applications and bond for suspects and prisoners respectively, implements a plea bargain programs in Kayunga, educates prisoners on court processes and advocates for the rights of prisoners. Our focus is to comprehensively increase representation with the availability of funds.
3. **Community Legal Education:** The department as well engages with UCLF partners including the District Local Governments, Local Councils, the Uganda Police Force, Uganda Prisons Service and Churches to educate communities on their duties and obligations as Citizens, create awareness on Human Rights and encourage citizens to be law abiding. UCLF is soon commencing a program on sensitizing communities on COVID 19 Causes, Prevention, and treatment and engage in advocacy for access to Vaccines for everyone. Community sensitizations are coordinated by social Workers and Paralegals.
4. **Paralegal Advisory Services:** The Department also supervises the provision of Paralegal Advisory Services Project. The Objective of the project is to contribute to the reduction in case backlog in justice delivery institutions. The Paralegals offer first legal aid to suspects in police custody and to prisoners through linking Suspects to their families, lawyers and

Sureties. Educating suspects and prisoners on Court processes, following up on the police files for suspects, mediating cases with the purpose of channeling them from the criminal to civil Justice System, prepare suspects in police custody for court, and sensitize suspects on self-representation. Paralegal Services are offered at CPS, Wandegaya Police Station, Kasese Police Station, Gulu Police Station, Buganda Road Court, and LDC Court.

5. **Environmental Justice Program:** The department also oversees environmental Justice Response. UCLF engages in environmental awareness in schools, markets and communities pressing for the protection of the environment. UCLF further engage in the green growth strategy by providing tree seedlings for institutions and communities. The program as well encompasses environmental legal research, environmental policy advocacy, and litigation and engage in sustainable agriculture trainings for farmers.
6. **Policy Research and Advocacy:** With the aim of influencing policy and advancing for fair laws and policies in harmony with Christian principles. UCLF engages in timely advocacy, research and dissemination of information.
7. **Juvenile Justice and Child Protection Program:** The Juvenile Justice program offers representation to children in conflict with the law. This program ensures that Children in Naguru Remand Home and Reception receive counselling services and legal representation. The Child Protection Program is implemented in Gulu District with support from Baptist Mission Society UK.

Students Ministry and Resource Centre

The Department is headed by the Project Officer, Students and Resource Centre. The Department is supported by a project assistant. The Department currently implements the following projects.

1. **Students Professional Development;** UCLF comprises of a students' department whose major goal is to contribute to the development of a radical generation of lawyers who will serve God through their profession. The student's department has existed since the coming into place of UCLF more than 15 years ago working with law students from more than 7 university faculties of law, with law fellowships being at the center. Some of the activities conducted on an annual basis by the department include Symposiums, Leadership seminars, Students' Retreats, Orientation forums and Student fellowships.

2. **Resource Centre;** UCLF has also established a fully-fledged physical resource center at its Secretariat. The resource center aims at facilitating academic research. UCLF is in the process of establishing an online library.

UCLF launched the UCLF Law Journal to contribute to the development of scholarly discourse.

3. **UCLF Christian Mentorship Program;** through this program both law students and young lawyers are mentored to be developed in all aspects of life. The UCLF mentorship program has been in place for more than 5 years. The mentorship program is run by mentors through the year and coordinated by UCLF. The mentorship program boosts professional and spiritual ethics and skills among students and young lawyers.

Membership and Professional Department

UCLF is a membership based Organization, which depends on its membership capacity to implement activities and also sustain its self. Most the projects implemented by the Secretariat have been funded through membership subscription fees, voluntary giving by members and other member initiatives like the UCLF Civil Litigation Fund and the UCLF Probono Fund. This Department is headed by the Project Officer Membership and Professional Development and is supported by a project Assistant. The Department implements the following Activities.

1. **Membership Obligations and recruitment;** The department creates linkage between UCLF and its members through maintaining constant communication with the membership and follow up to ensure that members meet their membership obligations. The departments also leads in recruiting and sustaining the current membership. The department timely engages in communicating benefits of membership to members and also ensures that UCLF offers moral support to members in grief or in good time.
2. **UCLF Pastoral visits;** the department coordinates with members to ensure that UCLF visits them either in their offices or homes to pray with them.
3. **UCLF Fellowships;** the department coordinates members weekly and end of month fellowships.
4. **Probono Fund;** in bid to raise local resources the department is vested with the role of following up with members and non-members to give to the Pro bono Fund.
5. **CLE Programs;** UCLF was accredited by the law Council to offer Continuous Legal Education for lawyers; the department therefore coordinates the implementation of this activity.

UCLF Finance and Administration

This department is headed by the Director Finance and Administration, assisted by an accountant and an accounts and procurement assistant. However the department has other offices attached to it and reporting to it, these include;

- 1. Counselling Office;** Provides free psycho social support to UCLF staff and clients to wit children in Naguru Remand Home, walk in clients, Children in Naguru Reception Center, Counselling Services to the Women prisoners in Kigo, Kasangati and Luzira Prisons. The department also provides counselling services to Wandegaya, CPS and Kasangati Police Stations. The department further coordinates evangelism programs for UCLF.
- 2. IT and Communications;** the office is run by an IT officer and a communications specialist.

4.2 UCLF DEPARTMENTAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Under this section we give an overview of the activities that transpired between July 2020 and June 2021 in relation to projects that were implemented. Most of the programs were not only implemented at the Secretariat but also at the UCLF field offices namely Gulu, Masaka, Kasese and Kayunga.

Legal Aid And Access To Justice Department Kampala

The department handles mainly civil matters and those include matters to do with Land, Employment, Breach of Contract, and Administration of estates, Family, Children, NGOs and companies.

The department is headed by an Advocate (Project Officer) stationed at Kampala Head office, assisted by one legal officer (Project Assistant) and one volunteer.

It is currently funded by BMS World Mission and Lawyers' Christian Fellowship of the UK.

NATURE OF CASES HANDLED

MATTER	NO. OF CLIENTS

Land	40
Succession	20
Family	15
Children	07
Employment	06
Criminal Matters	16
TOTAL	104

In spite of the COVID 19 lockdown on the Courts of law and directives that rendered legal services non-essential, the department dispensed legal aid and represented to 104 clients in the courts and in different forums.

NATURE OF CLIENTS HANDLED

Nature of clients	Number
Males	46
Females	40
Children	18
Total beneficiaries	104

NET WORKING AND PARTNERSHIPS

The department has Net worked with several projects handling similar work like the Legal Aid Clinic of the Uganda Law Society where we have referred several clients, The Legal Aid Service Providers' Network, International Justice Mission, and Foundation for Human Rights Initiative among others.

ACHIEVEMENTS

4. The department conducted a community sensitization of legal matters and COVID 19 prevention at the Redeemed of the Lord evangelistic church and members of the church were sensitized on COVID prevention and the vaccines as well as advised on the legal problems they presented. 200 Church members benefited from these trainings.
5. The department is pleased to report that the team has managed to reach 104 clients of civil matters amidst Covid 19 constraints. As our culture is, much attention was paid to giving legal advice and mediation considering the fact that litigation is costly in terms of finances and time.
6. Mediation has proved also to be very effective in as much as it is quicker and it promotes reconciliation and the parties remain peaceful after resolving the conflict. We also engaged in training and sensitizing the community on the laws that govern people in the different community.
7. The department supported in open legal aid days at Makerere University organized by PILAC, Law Development Center and at Nakawa Chief Magistrate Court. Over 300 persons benefited from these interventions.



Counsel Francis and Enock at Redeemed church sensitizing and advising the church members.



Offering legal advice to a client



The UCLF legal officer Mr. Francis Nyakoojo (now Project Assistant) visited Kaberamaido Baptist Church when it had been sued by a son to the old man that sold them the land where the church is build, represented them in court and the matter was dismissed in the favour of the church.



Photo showing a team from the department part of the team that sensitized community members at the Legal Aid open day at Law Development Centre.



Project Assistant, Mr. Francis Nyakoojo at Kasanje visiting locus



Project Officer Ms. Suzan Kasozi and other participants at the Makerere University legal Aid Open day.



Offering legal aid to asylum seekers and refugees at Nakawa Court Kampala.

CHALLENGES FACED

1. We have been negatively affected by COVID 19 especially when it comes to accessing courts, our clients and other meeting places. For example some judicial officers have been affected negatively by the Pandemic and its effects making it very hard to preside over matters whenever they come up.
2. The transport costs have shot high and yet the funding has not changed this has at times affected us in reaching out to clients.
3. Right now most judicial officers are handling election petitions and so there are many adjournments since some of the Judicial Officers are not at their current stations.
4. Corruption is still polluting the Justice system, we had instances where clerks or even some judicial officers require bribe to perform their roles or dispense Justice.
5. Advocates in private practice tend to frustrate matters and make them unnecessarily longer because they are paid per court attendance. A potential case that can be mediated can take 5 years in court simply because the advocate in private practice does not want to end the matter amicably.

LESSONS LEARNT

The COVID 19 situation has exposed the members of the department to adopt to online engagements. This meant that we had to come up with new avenues of reaching out to beneficiaries. We have accordingly had to schedule meetings online and dispense professional advice online using phones and social media platforms

This was however complicated for our clients especially those who have no mobile phones, some could not access social media or the internet.

CHANGES IN THE DEPARTMENTS

The department has since gained a new title from Legal Aid to Legal Aid and Access to Justice and the title of the head has changed from Staff advocate to Project Officer.

The department has a new mandate of handling also criminal matters and has been taking on a number of them since this change was effected.

APPRECIATION

The department wishes to appreciate all those who have made it possible for this work to be done. Special thanks goes to the Lawyers Christian Fellowship of the UK and the Baptist Mission Society for supporting the Department to implement activities related to legal Aid, Access to Justice and COVID 19 awareness.

KAMPALA PARALEGAL ADVISORY SERVICES (PAS)

UCLF has for the Past ten years implemented the Paralegal Advisory Services Program. This program aims at dispensing legal Advice suspects in police custody and suspects remanded in the Courts. Through the years UCLF has dispensed Paralegal Advisory Services in the Police Stations around Kampala including Central Police Station in Kampala, Old Kampala Police Station, Wandegaya Police Station, Kiira Road Police Station and Kasangati Police Stations. In regards to the Courts Paralegal Services are offered at the LDC Court and Buganda Road Court.

The department currently employs two Paralegals solely funded by the locally raised funds from the UCLF membership. The department was able to accomplish the following in the 2020/2021 reporting period.

ACHIEVEMENTS

6. Follow up on case files at Police Stations; **2093 (1961 males, 119 female)** suspects' files were followed up with the respective police officers.
7. Connecting suspects at Police with Sureties and their families; **714 (626 males, 78 females)** suspects had their sureties and families traced by phone. The purpose was to enable suspects apply for Police bond by the help of their sureties, but also connect with their families while in Police custody.
8. In house Legal Advise; Paralegals received **a total of 23 (19 male and 4 female)** walk in clients at UCLF offices seeking for legal guidance on the procedures of writing an affidavit for name verification, family and on Land matters.
9. Community Sensitizations; on 1st of May 2021 UCLF Paralegals were invited in Mityana to sensitize suspects upon the domestic violence issues, we were hosted by Pastor Lubega from Maanyi Pentecostal church. At least 100 Pastors and church leaders were trained on topical legal issues. Furthermore on 10th September 2020, Paralegals were invited to attend one day workshop organised by TUNAWEZA organisation for people with disabilities where they sensitised disability rights and how their rights can be protected in-case of arrests.

Furthermore the Paralegal department had a community sensitization in Katanga that took place on 26th June 2021 where 150 community members benefited from the awareness program.

10. Outreach and Evangelism; A total of **647 (462 males 185 female)** souls were witnessed too in the police stations and they gave their lives to Christ.
11. Mediation; the PAS department Kampala has mediated a total of **6** matters involving (**3 males 3 females**). These cases were disposed of the Police records.
12. Set frees; as a result of the Paralegal intervention a total of **4 (2males 2 females)** suspects were set free and by cleared by the Police to have a no case to answer.
13. Suspects remanded; as a result of the interventions by the UCLF Paralegals **846** suspects were remanded with the prisons, of this **701** were males and **45** were females.
14. Police bond; the UCLF paralegals secured police bond for a total of **1778** suspects, where **1410** males **39** were females.

SUMMARY OF PAS INTERVENTIONS

Activity	Nature of Clients/suspects	Total Number of Beneficiaries
Police Bond Secured	Males 1410 Females 39	1778
Case File Follow up	Males 1961 Females 119	2093
Suspects connected to sureties and	Males 626 Females 78	714
In house legal Advise	Males 19 Females 4	23
Community Awareness	Generally sensitized	250
Souls witnessed too	Male 426 Females 185	647
Mediation	Males 3 Females	6
Suspects remanded	Male 701 Female 45	846

Total Beneficiaries		6,357
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THE LESSONS LEARNT

1. There were suspects arrested on politically related allegations, human rights related matters or even COVID 19 related offences, and the offences are fabricated or misstated and sometimes the police was stranded with them.
2. Police Bond which is meant to be given freely cannot be received by a suspect without paying money for the same.
3. Many suspects surely need Christ to intervene in their lives most especially the habitual offenders. We thank God that as we dispense Paralegal Services, we are able to share Christ with several of them and many are coming to the Lord.
4. There were a lot of unnecessary arrests around urban areas, all in the name of public nuisances charges and Disobedience of lawful orders.
5. We have learnt that some complainants use some police officers to torture and harass suspects.
6. Lack of knowledge of the law and its procedures by the people in the community has resulted into increased commission of offences.
7. The juveniles' still lack transport to take them to court in time and this calls for their cases be adjourned.
8. The suspects over stayed in the Police cells especially those are arrested by flying squad and other security organs. This is contrary to the 48 hour rule of the constitution of the Republic of Uganda (1995).
9. Most suspects who were arrested and charged with rouge and vagabond found it hard to identify themselves since the police officers always confiscated their documents at the time of their arrest.
10. Suspects arrested by the Kampala Capital City Authority were just dumped at the Police without being committed to the Courts for trial. Such suspects took long periods on remand.
11. Suspects brought to the main police stations in Kampala complained that they are treated in a harsh way at the police out posts, they over stay at the out posts.

We hope UCLF can further engage with the Police Administration on such challenges.

CHALLENGES FACED BOTH AT POLICE/COURT

1. Follow up on cases involving Juveniles offenders was a challenge since there are no funds allocated for the same. UCLF needs to support access to Justice for Juveniles in partnership with the Police.
2. It was Physical tracing of sureties was difficult since in town people keep on changing their residence.
2. It was also a challenge to trace sureties because most of the sureties feared to come to Police and to the Court.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. UCLF should recruit more human resource to support in Paralegal work especially the Central Police Station Kampala which accommodates over **500** suspects a month.
2. Furthermore there need to increase on the logistics and facilitations to the Paralegal Department, to enable the paralegals reach out to other police posts which are far away from the urban centers.
3. UCLF should further interact with the Police leadership to address the challenges reported above.
4. There is need for the Police Administration to continue to equip the police posts with reasonable man power and ensure that people arrested in the police posts are transferred to the main police stations as fast as practicable not to delay justice.

APPRECIATION

1. The Department appreciates the Lawyers' Christian Fellowship of UK and UCLF Members for support the department through donations.

PHOTO GALLERY FOR UCLF PAS WORK



UCLF Paralegals interact with suspects at the suspects' parade informing them of Court Processes.



A UCLF Paralegal Mr. Anania Twinomujuni interacts with a suspect Ms. Namwebe Joan at Wandegeya police station. The suspect was charged with malicious damage of a phone. The paralegals linked her with her brother Rogers of Kasangati who stood in as surety for her and she was granted police bond.



A UCLF paralegal makes a follow up on a homicide case in Wandegaya Police Station in the Homicide department.



Attending to a suspect seeking legal advice in office.



Paralegals train religious leaders at Maanyi Pentecostal Church in Mityana



UCLF Paralegals train persons with disabilities.



A UCLF Paralegal Mr. Duncan Kijjambu sensitizes the community on their rights.



A community based mediation



Community policing in Katanga Zone Kampala



The Wandegeya Division Commander and the Community Liason offer, attending the Katanga community policing event.



Police officers read the UCLF mediation manual

UCLF MASAKA OFFICE

The UCLF Masaka office was established by UCLF to provide legal representation and advice to the indigents around the greater Masaka region covering Masaka, Lwengo and Rakai District. The office is currently solely funded by UCLF locally raised resources.

In the year 2020/2021 the UCLF Masaka Office was involved in coordinating representation of indigent persons in civil matters, engaged in legal awareness and sensitizations, provided legal advice to indigents and offering legal trainings in partnership with the local churches.

ACHIEVEMENTS.

1. The office carried out Community rights and COVID 19 awareness using megaphones. The sensitizations covered areas including Ndegeya, Ssaza and Masaka Covid 19 pandemic, attendance could not be ascertained. It is estimated that 5000 members of the community benefited from the COVID 19 awareness programs.
2. The office further secured free 2 radio programs and held talk shows on the the law, human rights and COVID 19 awareness. The Sensitizations were conducted on radio Buddu and Centenary FM in Masaka and at least 1,000,000 people benefitted from the awareness programs.
3. The office received 157 legal aid clients and out of this at least 24 were represented

NUMBER OF CLIENTS RECEIVED

Nature Of Clients	Clients Received
Males	79
Females	78
Total beneficiaries	157

RECORD OF SERVICES OFFERED

No	Action Taken	Number of beneficiaries
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1	Court cases registered	08 (07 Civil Suits and 1 Administration Cause)
2	Court concluded cases	04
3	Mediations conducted successfully	05
4	Court bond secured	07
5	Media Outreach	1,005,000 people
	TOTAL	24
		157 benefited from services, 1,005,000 were indirect beneficiaries

SUCCESS STORIES

1. Ms. Naiga Shakira Kigongo a fuel pump attendant and mother of two who had separated with her husband was referred to UCLF Masaka office by the Assistant Regional Community Liaison Officer. Ms. Naiga needed to be assisted in obtaining custody of her children Nakyimera Proxeda a female aged 07 and Namisango Tekira a female aged 2 ½ years old.

The UCLF Masaka office staff assisted her in filing for Custody and Maintenance Orders in Court. On the 26th day of February 2021 Ms. Naiga Shakira Kigongo was given custody of her two children and the father to the two issues was ordered to pay maintenance of UGX 100,000/= per month, Pay fees for the Children and meet the medical expenses bills.



UCLF STAFF Ag Assistant Coordinator Masaka Office standing besides Naiga Shakira Kigongo in the office having successfully won the Court Case

2. Ms. Tumwezire Jenifer was a judgment debtor who was to pay a sum of UGX 9,299,500/= to the Judgment creditor through a law firms Account (Pearl Advocates). Out of the 9,299,500/=, the judgment debtor paid the firm through the Advocate UGX 1,500,000/= and Execution costs of UGX 1,500,000/=. All these payments had been acknowledged.

Pearl advocates in bid to obtain payment for the unpaid judgment debt amounting to UGX 6,299,500/= instructed a one Mr. Mbirimu Micheal a bailiff. However since Mr. Mbirimu's bailiff

license had expired he delegated duties to another bailiff firm that is Wadada and Lukyamuzi Associates.

Lukyamuzi collected all the debts but never remitted it to the Judgment creditor or Court for acknowledgment

After following up the matter for quite some time, the judgment debtor through UCLF Masaka reported the matter at Masaka Central Police Station and a tracking device was placed upon the runaway Court Bailiff. On the 09th 04 2021 he was arrested and he all the money amounting to UGX 6,299,500 was immediately recovered from the court bailiff and paid to the Judgment creditor.

3. After along battle with an abusive & manipulative co-habitor, prossy sought redress from court. Her first encounter for assistance was not impressive as she was asked for a lot of money to draft an application for Court processes.

As time elapsed, her manipulative husband acted as the victim and was first to file in an application to evict prossy from their matrimonial home and take custody of the children. Upon being served with chamber summons, prossy had no choice but to go to the same persons who asked for exorbitant amount of money to to assist her draft a response to the Application filed at Court. Before filing her response to court, prossy had her response read to her and it was not reflective of what she actually prayed for.

Prossy later come to Uganda Christian Lawyers' Fraternity looking frustrated and depressed. At UCLF she received a word of encouragement and she was assisted in drafting a response which was later filed at Court.

On 06th/11/2020 judgement was read in open Court and in presence of both the Applicant and the respoendent, the repondent won the case to have custody of her children and also remain in the matrimonial house with the children.



Halima at the UCLF Masaka offices.

On the 12th day of July 2020 at about 11:00 am a one Nakabuubi Halima in the Company of her mother come to office looking dejected, with no hope.

At the office Nakabuubi Halima could not express herself, so her mother told me exactly what she (Nakabuubi Halima) was going through.

Nakabuubi Halima who is about 26 years old has been co-habiting with a one Ssekidde Anthony and where blessed with 02 issues aged 09 & 05.

That a Domestic misunderstanding ensued between the two and the Father to the Children filed an application in Court seeking for custody of the children, proprietorship of the house and eviction of the children's mother

After narrating their ordeal, I come up with a good response to the application /affidavit

On the 15th day of September 2020, orders were given in our Clients favour. She was given custody of the children, the house and continued provision of maintenance for the children by the father/Applicant

Challenges/Lessons Learnt

1. Child neglect and separation has been common amongst community members especially the youth
2. There is still an uphill task in sensitizing the community on land rights around Masaka area.
3. Bribery has made work so bureaucratic that resolving it becomes cut a mouse game.
4. Land disputes though common has overshadowed other injustices such as Domestic violence, child neglect.
5. Domestic violence against men has remained a silent phenomenon due to cultural beliefs and not many men are willing to open up.

UCLF KASESE OFFICE REPORT

UCLF Kasese office was established in 2008 with support from Democratic Governance Facility (DGF) with the aim of extending the legal aid to the vulnerable people in the Rwenzori region. Its first focus was to have communities sensitized about the law, later the services of the advocate became desirable to represent and advice suspects, prisoners and other indigents in their criminal and civil related matters until 2018 when the partnership with DGF ended.

The Kasese office is currently solely funded by the Baptist Mission Society of UK and is currently involved in extending Paralegal Advisory Services to the indigents. The objective of the project is to enhance access to legal aid and increased knowledge to needy and vulnerable people.”

Under the project a number of activities are carried on ranging from conducting media awareness, community based sensitizations, attending to legal aid clients for advice, mediations and providing paralegal services at the police and prisons.

As part, of this year’s engagements UCLF-Kasese office planned a number of activities aimed at achieving the project goal with an aim of contributing to decongestion at police cells and creating

legal awareness on the law and civic rights among the vulnerable people in the communities around the district in addition to creating awareness on Covid-19 in the communities.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- 1. Giving legal Advice to the indigent clients.** 100 clients received legal advice in respect of issues ranging from drafting sale agreements, advice on land related matters, domestic violence and mediation services. The other cases that required legal representation in the Courts were referred to other legal service providers.
- 2. Mediation of cases.** Some of the matters reported to the office were handled through mediation. Ten (10) cases were mediated successfully. These included land and family related cases where parties were reconciled.
- 3. Paralegal Advisory Services.** The office staff provided paralegal services majorly at the police stations. The staff were able to secure police bond, screen and link up suspects with their families, provide counselling to the suspects. **At least 120** suspects (100 males and 20 females) were attended to at the stations of Kisinga Police Station, Bwera Central Police and Hima Police Stations. At least 17 suspects regained their freedom through obtaining Police bond.
- 4. Conducting Stakeholders legal awareness and sensitization trainings;** Three (3) legal awareness meetings were conducted with stake holders including local council and religious leaders. In these meetings information on Covid19 awareness, vaccination and good hygiene was shared with the stake holders. These meetings were organized in partnership with *Kasese Baptist Association, Kilembe Sub county* local administration and *St Stephens Church of Uganda, Kikonzo parish*. Religious and local leaders were empowered with information to share with their congregations. At least 68 leaders benefited from these engagements.
- 5. Community Awareness on COVID 19, Civic Rights and duties;** the office staff were involved in legal and COVID 19 awareness by use of megaphone and radios. 5 Radio programs were held at Messaih FM and 1 (one) program at Guide FM. At least 1000,000 people are expected to have tuned into the radio programs. The radio awareness programs covered the districts of Kasese, Bushenyi, Kamwenge among others. Furthermore 4 media Sensitizations Programs were conducted on mega phones in the trading centers of Kajwenge, Kyarumba, Kanyampara and Kyondo. These mega phones/local radios have given UCLF a platform to disseminate legal information during the COVID 19 pandemic, especially after the ban of community gatherings. These mega phones aid communication since they reach particular villages. Information on domestic violence, children rights and COVID 19 were shared.

6. **Developed key partnerships for project activity implementation** for example engaged in joint sensitizations with *Gender, Environment and Development Action (GEDA-UG)* and engaged Mothers Union Desk of South Rwenzori Diocese to fund at least two (2) radio programs.
7. **Child Protection trainings;** UCLF Kasese office further partnered with *Kyarumba Child Development Center*, a Compassion International Assisted Project to train on Child Protection. At least 60 teens below 21 years were trained on child rights and protection. Furthermore 2 (Two) Community sensitizations meetings were conducted in partnership with *Kyarumba Compassion International Child Development Centre* and *Rwensoro Compassion International Child Development Centre*. At least 33 participants were sensitized on child protection focusing on child rights abuses and will writing. Cases of children being defiled and married off were raised during the sensitization. It was also noted that child labour was at the pick in homes, and of those participating, 24 were females and 9 males.
8. **Gender Based Violence Interventions;** The UCLF Kasese office networked with *Rwenzori Peace Bridge of Reconciliation* to conduct sensitizations on Gender Based Violence. Emphasis was placed on the causes and prevention of Gender Based Violence.

SUMMARY OF SERVICES OFFERED AT UCLF KASESE OFFICE

SERVICES OFFERED	Nature of Clients	TOTAL CLIENTS
Legal Advise	Male 84 Female 21	105
Self-representation trainings	Males 3	03
Legal drafting (Sale agreements, tenancy agreements, wills and memorandums of understanding)	Male 24 Female 10	24
Child Protection Trainings	Male 36 Female 57	93

Mediations	Male 07 Females 03	10
Paralegal Advisory Services & Awareness of suspects on COVID 19.	Male 100 Female 20	120
Police Bond	Males 10 Females 07	17
Stakeholder engagements on COVID 19	Males 58 Females 10	68
Legal and COVID 19 Awareness on radio and megaphones	5 Radio shows on Messiah Radio 1 show on Guide Fm and 4 Mega Phone awareness	1000,000
TOTAL BENEFICIARIES		508 direct beneficiaries and 1,000,000 indirect beneficiaries

CHALLENGES

1. There was reduction in number of clients reached out too or reaching out to the office due to the lockdown in both 2020 and 2021. Most of the interventions were either through online engagements or through phone calls.
2. It was complex for us to carry on with alternative dispute resolution because of the reduced interactions with people.
3. The lack of a stationed Advocate in the UCLF Kasese office had an impact on clients that had matters in the Courts. We were not able to represent them effectively.

4. The CONVID19 outbreak has been a big barrier in that it has affected the way of operation because after the lockdown most of the already organized trainings like community policing and community leaders training were put to a halt since community members could not gather due to gathering restrictions.

THE LESSONS THROUGH IMPLEMENTATION.

- There was a high demand for community sensitization trainings from stakeholders including community leaders, community members, religious leaders and partner organizations but with the COVID19 Outbreak trainings were restricted.
- There is need to make available the Information Education and Communication (IEC) materials in the local languages spoken around Kasese to improve on flow of information.

APPRECIATION

1. We thank God for providing us with funds to implement activities through the Baptist Mission Society.
2. We thank God for the able leadership and support from the Secretariat that extended the Kasese Office all the necessary support to run the office.

KASESE ACTIVITY PHOTO GALLERY.



UCLF Project Assistant Mr. Bwalhuma Isaach drafting a will for Mr. Byabasaija Mireki at his home in Kinyamaseka town.



UCLF Project Assistant reading the Will of the late Faith Warufu's at her home in Bwera



A mediation taking place at a home setting and one taking place at the locus in Buzira village Kisinga sub county in Kasese District.



UCLF legal assistant talking to the children under 21years about child rights abuses focusing on child protection



UCLF Staff, GEDA -UG Staff And a Police Officer Attached to Kasese Central Station on radio raising awareness on Gender Based Violence.



UCLF staff Isaac during the engagement with care givers at Kyarumba Compassion centre talking about Wills and child Protection.



During the training of local leaders and Religious leaders at Baseri Church of Uganda.



UCLF Vice President Dr. Achan Patricia and a Commissioner of Uganda Human rights Commission, opening workshop at Transitional Justice at global Hotel Kasese.



UCLF staff Bwalhuma Isaac During a mega phone Sensitisation at Kanyampara trading centre

in the month of November



UCLF staff during a community awareness meeting at Kalehe Trading centre in Bwera Sub county



Nursing officer (Kasese hospital) taking on stakeholders on Covid19 ,Vaccination and Good hygiene during the stakeholders meeting at kilembe sub county.



UCLF Project Assistant speaking at a community mega phone in Kyondo (kaberere) trading and kanyampara trading centre sensitizing on COVID 19.



UCLF Kasese Project Assistant poses for a photo with Religious leaders of St. Stephens Parish Kikonzo after the stakeholders meeting and awareness on COVID 19 conducted at the Vacar's office



Participants pose for a photo with Justice Egonda Ntende (chairperson of the Uganda Law Council) during the National dialogue at Mestil in Kampala. UCLF paralegals were part of the participants

UCLF GULU OFFICE

The UCLF Gulu office has been implementing activities related to access to Justice for indigents, child protection and awareness programs related to land rights and child protection. In March 2020 the office through its development Partners the Baptist Mission Society adopted mediation as a mechanism for resolution of disputes related land.

The office is run by a Legal Manager supported by a Project Officer Access to Justice, a Project Assistant and a Child Protection Officer. The office has been able to accomplish the following;

GULU CHILD PROTECTION REPORT

This project aims at training and implementing child protection policies in schools. The trainings took place in form of a workgroups comprising the head teachers, senior male and female teachers, School management Committee representatives, representatives from the parents' teachers associations (PTA) and the local councillors.

The Project envisages to provide technical assistance to child protection workgroups within each school to write its own policy based on national government guidelines, international good practice and their own specific requirements. The developed policies for the school and associated Information, education and Communication materials will be given to the schools.

The project activities includes follow up training for the designated representatives of child protection, child related advocacy, awareness on Children rights and case follow ups on matters pertaining to children that legal interventions.

In order to involve stakeholders the project utilizes school assemblies, after school clubs, PTA meetings, Staff Management Committee (SMC) meetings and local community meetings to communicate child protection policies and practices.

ACHIEVEMENTS

2. **Radio Talk Shows;** Conducted 24 radio talk shows on different radio stations to sensitize the communities on Child rights. In these shows so many listeners called in and it is estimated that about 1,500,000 people listened in to the shows.
3. **Home visits to attend to victims of Child abuse;** UCLF was able to visit about **18** homes to attend to offer counselling on matters related to Child abuse.

4. **Follow up of cases involving child related violations;** UCLF followed up on 30 cases involving Child abuse. These cases had been reported to the Police by the Children's homes and different clients. UCLF ensured that prosecution is commenced in the said cases.
5. **Legal advice;** legal advice was offered by the Child Protection team to walk in clients in the UCLF offices, about 30 clients were attended too.
6. **Case referrals;** referrals in relation to matters involving children were done. This included referrals to children's homes and the police child protection unit for further management of some issues.
7. **Advocacy and networking;** the Child Protection team worked hand in hand with other Education based Organizations to advocate for the reopening of schools. Furthermore the team liaised with an Organization called *The Recreation Project* to talk to young girls and youth about personal hygiene especially menstrual flow and how to use reusable pads. The office also networked with Hash-Tag Gulu and Friends of Children Circle Gulu to provide trainings on Gender Based Violence to communities. Attended training on parenting styles organized by an organization called Friends of Children Circle in Gulu.

CHALLENGES.

1. It was really hard to get to some of the clients come to the UCLF offices in Gulu due to the COVID 19 movement restrictions.
2. Travelling to radio stations was a challenge as both vehicles and boda were banned from carrying passengers.
3. At times weather challenges also interfered with work schedules, especially where the rain interfered with some of the scheduled programs.
4. Language was also another challenge as children speak different languages.
5. We also came to the realization that many of the communities were concealing abuse cases as the majority of the perpetrators are close relatives of the victims and are their primary caregiver and provider.

TABLE SHOWING INTERVENTIONS

ACTIVITY	NUMBER OF INTERVENTIONS
Radio talk shows	24 Talk Shows (reaching 1,500,000 people)

Home visits	18 homes visited
Legal Advise	30 clients
Follow up of Child related cases	30 cases
Media Awareness on Child Protection	1,500,000
Total beneficiaries	102 direct beneficiaries, and 1,500,000 indirect beneficiaries

PHOTO GALLERY SHOWCASING CHILD PROTECTION WORK AT THE GULU OFFICE



A UCLF staff sensitizes children on their rights in Gulu.



Posing with community children after sensitizations



A UCLF staff in Gulu Ms. Valeria training children on their rights



The CEO UCLF possess for a photo with staff in Gulu after a mediation training

GULU PARALEGAL SERVICES REPORT

The UCLF Paralegal Services program is implemented by a project assistant. The aim of the project is to enable access to justice for suspects at police and engage in alternative dispute resolution of cases. The program staff is also currently implementing programs related to awareness and stakeholder engagements on COVID 19 and good hygiene.

The Project Assistant in Charge Paralegal work was able to accomplish the following tasks;

ACHIEVEMENTS

1. **Legal Advise;** The UCLF Gulu Paralegal attended to legal aid clients who visited the UCLF office for advise, 176 legal aids clients were attended too. These received legal advice on various issues related to land, family and succession matters.
2. **Case follow ups;** there was follow up of 128 client's files at the Gulu Central Police Station. These were either files delayed for prosecution by the Police or where injustice was being occasioned to the suspects especially in regards to violation of the 48 hour rule.
3. **Community Media Awareness;** 5 (five) radio programs were held with the intent of educating members of the community on customary land rights, Gender Based Violence, mediations and issues related to COVID 19 and good hygiene. At least 1,500,000 people benefited from the sensitizations.
Furthermore the office carried out 2 sensitizations of about 200 church members at Gulu Baptist House on COVID 19 and good hygiene.
4. **Mediations conducted;** over the period, at least 6 mediations were conducted, out of which 5 were successful and one is still pending conclusion.
5. **Stakeholder awareness;** The office interfaced with Pastors at Gulu City Inn, where about 100 religious leaders were trained to mobilize their communities against COVID 19 and to maintain good hygiene.
6. **Locus Visits;** The Paralegal office in Gulu had 3 locus visits which were conducted to support the litigation processes.
7. **Referrals;** the office handled at least 3 cases referred to them, offering the legal services sought for.

TABLE SHOWING INTERVENTIONS

ACTIVITY	NUMBER OF INTERVENTIONS
Legal Advise	176 clients attended too
COVID 19 Church awareness	200 church members
Case follow ups at Police	128 clients
Legal and COVID 19 Awareness	1,500,000 indirect beneficiaries
Mediations	5 Successful
Stakeholder engagements on COVID 19	100 local and religious community leaders
Locus visits	3
Referrals	3
Total beneficiaries	615 direct beneficiaries, and 1,500,000 indirect beneficiaries

CHALLENGES.

1. There were challenges of Budget limitations in terms of funding allocated to activities.
2. Weather challenges in terms of activity implementation coupled with the poor state of the roads, especially heavy rain affected locus visits and movements to meet clients or make follow ups.
3. COVID 19 Challenges continued to be a challenge in terms of movements and the lockdown that affected operations.
4. Limited office space at the Gulu office was a challenge, especially due to the requirement for social distancing.

1) Lessons.

1. Alternative Dispute resolution should be fast tracked to settle disputes amicably.

PHOTO GALLERY FOR THE PARALEGAL SERVICES IN ARUA.



The picture above shows Mr. Amos Ogwang, the UCLF Project Assistant (Paralegal), sensitizing a Church congregation of approximately 200 people at Gulu Baptist Church against the danger of corona virus.



The picture above shows Mr. Amos Ogwang (UCLF Project Assistant/Paralegal Gulu)sensitizing Pastors and Church's leaders at Gulu City Inn against the danger of corona virus.



UCLF staff conducting a community based mediation.



UCLF staff carrying out sensitization on peaceful resolution of conflicts at Radio Rupiny in Gulu.

ACCESS TO JUSTICE PROGRAM GULU REPORT.

The Gulu Access to Justice and Legal Aid program is managed by a Project Officer who is an Advocate of the High Court of Uganda. The office engages in both Civil and criminal litigation, alternative Dispute Resolution and community legal awareness. This report highlights and summarizes the activities undertaken in the year beginning **1st of July, 2020 and ending 30th JUNE, 2021** by the Access to Justice team in Gulu.

ACHIEVEMENTS

1. **Legal Advise;** 350 clients received legal advice either through visiting the UCLF offices in Gulu or through phone calls.
2. **Case follow ups;** the legal aid and access to justice team followed up on 87 cases either follow ups either by physical locust visits or through phone calls.
3. **Child Protection case management;** 54 cases involving children were handled at the Police level, some were resolved through mediation and some were referred to the Court for further management.
4. **Legal Awareness;** Media sensitization on the Child protection policy and land rights were conducted by on radio Rupiny by the Access to Justice team. 8 talk shows were attended to reaching 1,500,000 listeners.
1. **Mediations:** The Access to Justice team conducted a total of nine (9) mediations out of the those 7 were successful and two mediations failed and the parties were referred to Court for litigation.
2. **COVID 19 awareness and stakeholder engagements;** The Access to Justice team used the talk shows on legal matters to sensitize on COVID 19, held stakeholder engagements with Bardege health Centre and together conducted a community awareness to persons who were taking the COVID 19 tests. They further liaised with the Gulu Women Empowerment a Community Based Organization to continue to mobilise their communities against COVID 19. Further trained Local Council I and II of Bungatira and Unyama Sub Counties in Gulu District on land rights, succession and COVID 19. I also encouraged them to get immunized against COVID 19. About 100 community members benefited from these interventions.

SUMMARY OF INTERVENTION

Activity	Numbers of clients
Legal Advise	350
Case follow ups	87
Legal Representation	1 Civil and 3 Criminal matters
Child Protection Representations/Interventions	54
Mediations	6 successful
COVID 19 Stakeholder engagements	100 community leaders reached
Legal and COVID 19 awareness	1,500,000 indirect beneficiates
TOTAL	597 Direct beneficiaries 1,500,000 indirect beneficiaries



UCLF Mediation training carried out in partnership with the Chief Magistrate Court of Gulu.



Project Officer Ms. Jolly Atimango attending to a mediation involving several clients at the UCLF Gulu office.



Advising PWD client outside the UCLF offices in Gulu.





The team engages in a talk show on access to justice issues, child protection, COVID 19 and legal aid at Rupiny Radio in Gulu.



Stakeholder engagements on COVID 19.



A community based mediation in Gulu

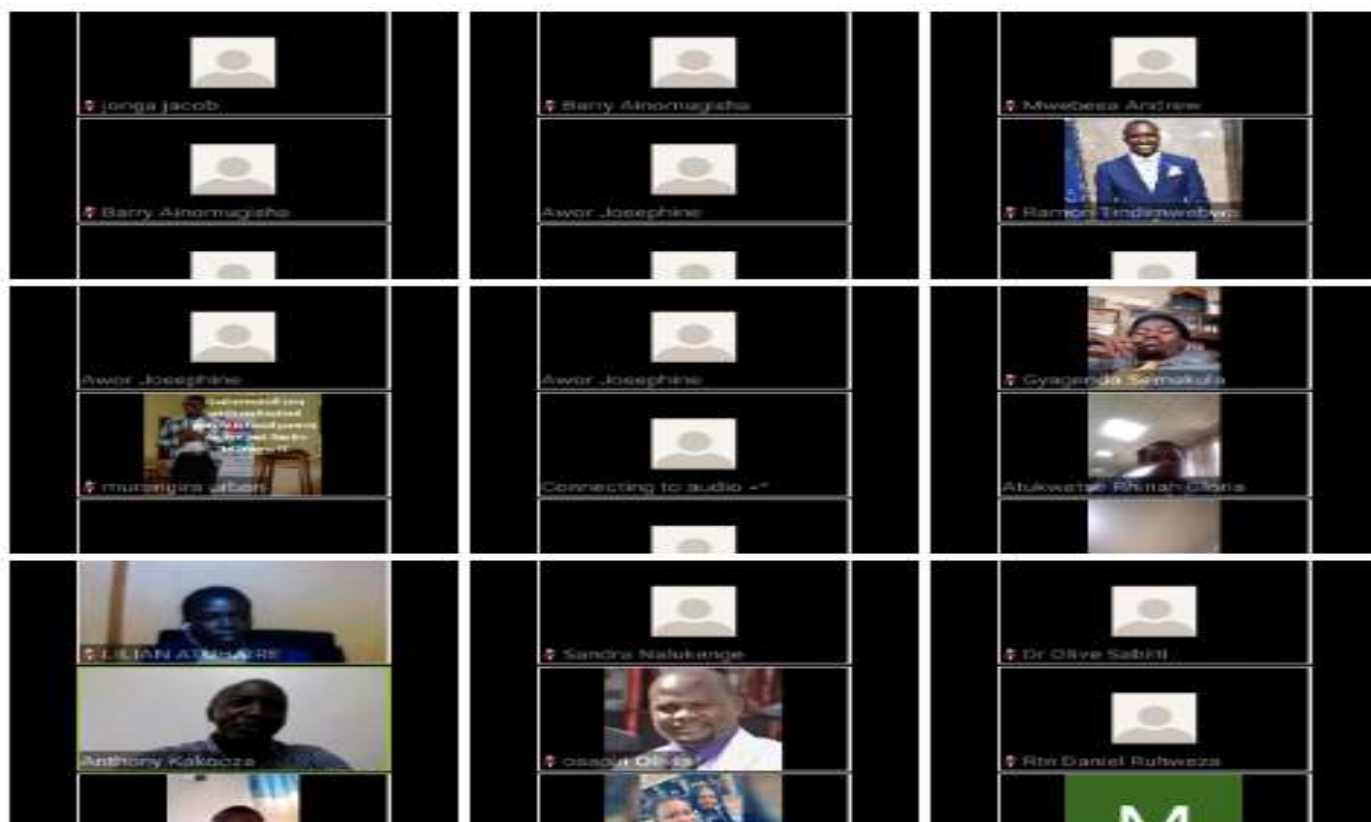
UCLF STUDENTS'DEPARTMENT

Uganda Christian Lawyers' Fraternity comprises of a students' department whose major goal is to contribute to the development of a radical generation of lawyers who will serve God through their profession. The student's department has existed since the coming into place of UCLF more than 10 years ago working with law students from more than 8 faculties of law namely; Bishop Stuart University, Makerere University, Uganda Christian University (Mukono and Kampala Compass), Kampala International University, Nkumba University, Uganda Pentecostal University, Islamic University In Uganda (Kibuli campus) Cavendish, Gulu University and the Law Development Centre all these with law fellowships and law societies being at the centre of our synergies. Some of the activities are conducted on an annual basis by the department. These activities include Symposiums, Leadership seminars, Students' Retreats, Orientation forums, attending/supporting University law fellowships and Mentorship. This project has been fully supported by BMS since its inception time up to date however Having received the communication in January 2021 concerning the BMS partner grant's phasing process that will last for four years up to 2024, the department developed a sustainability plan different from the past work plan that was later approved by BMS on the 4th of February 2021 and that is being implemented now

Due to the 2020-2021 COVID crisis, the entire country was put under lockdown which has affected the departmental work plan however we were able to devise means of conducting most of the activities virtually and in observance of COVID SOPs. For this reason, we may have screen shoots of the online participants in some activities instead of activity photos as has been the culture

1. Symposium

This year's Annual students' Symposium was conducted virtually on 7th.July 2020 under the theme ***“Manoeuvring through COVID-19 crisis as a Christian Law Student”*** with different topics facilitated by UCLF members. It was attended by **40 students** who were able to appreciate ways in which they can maintain sanity amidst the crisis.



Participants of the symposium participated by Zoom.

2. UCLF Mentorship program

The mentorship program has yielded wonderful fruits mainly within this crisis period. The process of mentor recruitment and mentor-mentee matching which started on 1ST august up to 30th June 2021 has attracted **57 mentees matched with their respective mentees**. Covid 19 lockdown in Uganda culminated into the closure of institutions of higher learning and places of worship; it was obvious that students were left with no alternative place to seek professional and spiritual solace. UCLF therefore had to mitigate the above challenge by engaging students in its mentorship program through virtual mentorship classes that were held on 9th September 2020, 11th and 12th March 2021. This has played a big role in lessening the gap between advocates and students. This can easily be evidenced by increased attendance of both advocates and students in activities such as members' fellowships. We were blessed to have wonderful facilitators take us through these events including Hon. Justice Catherine Bamugemeri, Dr. Ernest Katwesigye and Dr Nicholas Kalyebara. These events were premised on the topic “***Becoming a great mentee and Building a lasting and successful mentorship relationship***” and attracted **139 participants**.



Zoom participants that attended the UCLF Mentorship Program.

3. Engaging law students in UCLF Legal Aid and Community Rights Awareness.

This aimed at enhancing the practical capacity of law student in providing legal aid services to the vulnerable and boosting their involvement in the UCLF engagements.

UCLF students' department in partnership with Wandegeya Police Station and the Katanga Community local leadership conducted a community policing that took place at Katanga Play ground on the 27th of April 2021.



UCLF Law Student members participating in a legal aid outreach in Katanga Kampala

Court Visits and attending court sessions, Visiting Locus and attending Mediation were led and headed by Mrs. Susan Lukwago, the Project officer UCLF Legal Aid and Access to Justice. The project officer ushered the LDC post graduate diploma law students into one of the family division high court sessions in makindye

In the month of March, 2021 the students' department in partnership with the UCLF paralegals, engaged law students at their various police stations of field work.

The activity above attracted 50 students, 127 beneficiaries and 15 UCLF staff adding up to a total of 192 beneficiaries.



4. **Attended law school fellowships and contributed financially support the fellowship activities.** We accordingly participated in Law society dinners, law fellowship handovers and Law fellowships

a. **Fellowships;** The UCLF Students' Department managed to attend various fellowships at University Law fellowships including Nkumba University, Cavendish University, Makerere University, UCU Mukono and UCU Kampala campus Fellowships. A total of over 300 students were impacted. On 18th April 2021, UCLF participated in the law fellowship handover at UCU, Mukono. The handover was graced by **Dr. Rosseryn Karugonjo** who is also our member and encouraged the students to subscribe to UCLF.



Dr. Roselyn Karunjo (middle), the Chairperson of the Leadership Code Tribunal graced the handover at Uganda Christian University.



The CEO UCLF Ap. John Osapiri ministering to Makerere University Students.

b. Conducting the Orientation

In a symposium organised by Bishop Stuart University on the **23rd of April, 2021**, UCLF utilized the forum to orient and speak. This was graced by **Dr. George and Justice Catherine Bamugemereire** who are both senior members of Uganda Christian Lawyers' Fraternity. Additionally UCLF was represented by **H/W Niyokwizera Emmanuel** a lecturer at Bishop Stuart University as well as a UCLF Member, used this symposium as an opportunity to orient students who were in attendance about UCLF , the students department and its activities as well as opportunities and benefits that come with the UCLF membership subscription.



Bishop Stuart University students listening to UCLF speakers at the Law Dinner.



His Lordship Justice Mike Chibita, Patron UCLF Ministering to Law Students at the Bishop Stuart Law Dinner.



Participants at the dinner listening to speakers



His Worship Niyokwizera Emmanuel a UCLF member and Counsel Nyakojjo Francis represented UCLF at the orientation at Bishop Stuart University.

C. Attending Law Society Dinner

Uganda Christian Lawyers Fraternity attended the various laws Society' dinners organized in various Universities. The **Bishop Stuart University Law Society** students' dinner was organized under the theme "**Christianity and the law**" and took place on the **23rd April, 2021** at Hotel Traingle , Mbarara. **Justice Mike Chibita** who was the chief guest delivered his Key Note address on the above theme and introduced UCLF to the guests in his capacity as the Organization's patron and the one of **Uganda Pentecostal University Law Society Dinner** where the UCLF Board vice chairperson who also doubles as Board member in-charge of the UCLF Students and resource centre project **Dr Achan Patricia** was the dinner's guest speaker who shared a lot about UCLF as well as mentorship. This took place at Pope Paul Hotel on **18th April 2021**. **Nkumba Law Society dinner** was organised under the theme "**Criminal Justice System to promote, uphold and protect human rights in Uganda**" on the 30th April 2021 at Protea Hotel in Entebbe where the CEO of UCLF, Ap. John Osapiri delivered his remarks and *encouraged students to subscribe to the UCLF student department membership.*



UCLF CEO speaking to Law Students at Nkumba University at their School of Law Dinner.



Nkumba University Law students attending the school of law dinner.



UCLF Vice President Dr. Achan speaking to students at the Uganda Pentecostal University Law society.



Uganda Pentecostal University attending their University Law Dinner.

5. UCLF Resource Centre and E-Law library services

The department has contributed to the enhancement of research skills by availing research materials to law students and advocates. The physical resource center is opened on a daily basis and can be accessed by physical readers freely at the Secretariat.

The department commenced the development of an online Law library in the month of June 2021. The online library intends to solve library accessibility challenges for members who are far off. With the online library in place, UCLF members will access the online materials at any place.

In the 2020/2021 period, the number of student members using the UCLF resource Centre increased has from 5-10. We hope that the attendance will increase in the subsequent year as the country opens up and recovers from the effect of COVID 19.

THE YEARS' SUCCESS STORY.

For the first time, we have had a tremendous increase in the number of UCLF member students joining the Law development Centre. This year 53 UCLF subscribed students joined LDC which puts the departments' sustainability at a good stand. These students automatically will remain members since they already have a strong founded attachment to UCLF. Atleast 635 law students benefited from the Students Department activities

UCLF ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE REPORT

The Environmental justice project was conceived in the year 2018 following the UCLF strategic plan organizational objective of attaining environmental justice for all in society.

Since 2019 the project has been able to register some degree of success in regard to organizing environmental conservation campaigns in different schools in Uganda in which they aimed at creating awareness on environmental conservation and formation of environmental clubs and reaching out to local markets in Uganda to sensitize on disposal of wastes around Markets in Kampala.

However, between March 2020 and May 2020 some of the activities were brought to a standstill due to the outbreak of the **COVID-19** which led to the closure of all schools within the country making it totally difficult to proceed with school sensitizations.

Inspite of all the challenges presented by the pandemic, the Environmental Justice team in partnership with stakeholders came to a conclusion that since schools can no longer be accessed, emphasis should be put on sensitizing market vendors on environmental waste management. This is being implemented with a focus to markets with in Kampala because they could easily be accessed. The implementation of the project done in compliance with the COVID 19 regulations.

With support from UCLF local funding the department was able to accomplish the following;

ACHIEVEMENTS.

1. **Schools Environmental Awareness;** from the month march to July 2020 the project staff, were able to successfully organize environmental sustainability awareness campaigns in three schools including Nkumba Senior Secondary School, Standard High Zaana and Kitebi Senior Secondary School. In total about 200 students were trained.
2. **Environmental Awareness in Churches;** furthermore the department also organized environmental sustainability awareness campaigns in partnership with Churches including All Nations Church Ndeeba, Maanyi Pentecostal Church, Kyamboggo Martyrs Church of Uganda and Ndeeba Pastors' Fellowships. About 300 church leaders were trained on environmental awareness.

3. **Environmental related research to inform policy;** during the COVID 19 lockdown the department engaged in environmental legal research aimed at aiming at influencing policy.
4. **Market Vendors sensitizations;** The team has been engaged in daily market vendors waste management and disposal campaign targeting market places with in Kampala metropolitan area with a pilot campaign of three markets namely Nakawa, Wandegaya and Kasubi Markets.
5. **Stakeholder engagements and partnership developments;** The team carried out market survey tours aimed at identifying key stakeholders like market leaders, security officials around the market places and assessing the major activities of the markets and identifying the strategies of waste management in place to see how they can be improved. Furthermore letters were written and delivered in bid to build synergies for partnership in matters related
6. to environment justice. This included engagements with KCCA, NFA and NEEMA.



UCLF environmental justice implementing team after sensitizing Market Vendors in Nakawa on Proper Waste disposal.



The department of environmental justice with other UCLF staff members leaving UCLF secretariat ready and armed with mega phones, to use in the environmental justice project of market sensitization about proper waste management and disposal in the market of Nakawa.



Interfacing with a market vendor on matters of keeping the environment clean.



Megaphone sensitizations on the environment in Kalerwe Market in Kampala



A UCLF Project staff Florence and Enock train Pastors on the environment at Rubaga Pastor's fellowships



Training church members at Martyrs Church Kyamboggo on Environmental Conservation.



Enviromental law awareness campaign and other legal rights awareness at Manyi Pentecostal Church in Mityana District Mr. Tumwine Enock Mpuuga Enviromental justice department coordinator and implementor with a blue mask in company with the team of paralegals

CHALLENGES.

1. Currently all the staff under the department are volunteers, and are only facilitated to conduct the activities.
2. Limited funding for the project, many planned activities could not take place as planned by the department, due to financial difficulty much of such needed funding aids in things like production and printing of IECT materials used in sharing information, transporting department members to and from the market places,
3. The project implementing team needed continuous technical training and capacity building especially with the agriculture sector as some of the matters to be discussed could largely go outside the legal arena.
4. Limited transported facilitation and allowance to the project implementing team and this was because of the general increase in the prices of everything after the hit of **Covid -19** especially with high transport costs to and from work place daily.

LESSONS LEARNT.

- a. There is need to build more partnerships for implementation of the organizations environmental justice programs.
- b. UCLF needs to venture into more research to inform policy and also engage in advocacy intended to achieve the implementation of environmental laws.

APPRECIATION.

We appreciate Lawyers Christian Fellowship of UK and UCLF members for the continued support to the department's activities.

UCLF COUNSELLING DEPARTMENT

The UCLF counseling project is intended to empower UCLF staff and beneficiaries to manage difficult times both at work and their personal lives. The project also supports the psychosocial needs of staff and clients for positive response when dealing with issues. The department is headed by a professional Counsellor. The following were the activities were carried out by the department.

ACHIEVEMENTS

Counselling emails; In the months of July 2020 to June 2021 individual counselling sessions were conducted with staff members. This was through emails and face to face meetings. Staff members received on behavior change emails and these included;-How to work with others, Ways to stay strong, What sup tips on covid 19 and behavior tips, How to reduce stress at work, How to share Christ, counselling skills, How to demonstrate respect at work place, How does behavior affect work, How to live a life of integrity, How to work with others, Balancing work and family, Ways to look after your mental health in the workplace and How to get over worry.

The intention of emails were to improve the capacity of UCLF staff to manage their work related and personal issues. 20 Feedback emails from some of them indicates that the messages were appreciated and have had positive effect on their lives.

Individual counselling; The UCLF counsellor had 31 individual counselling sessions with the staff and 70 with the clients in different places and also on call. Issues in individual counselling raised included Adolescent issues, dating issues, marriage issues and marital counselling. There has been increased inner peace among staff members observed, where they have been able to cope and handle some issues without stress, we prayed and shared Christ together.

Group Counselling; we had group counselling sessions in different places and different areas of reach as follows:-

(a) Remand home; There were 6 group counselling sessions with the 250 children of Naguru remand home, on behavioral change topics touching on how to overcome theft, drug abuse and bad peers. Most of these children are in the remand home for criminal cases like theft, defilement, fighting etc. of the children are in the age bracket of 13 to 18 years. The group sessions were participatory where the children were given an opportunity to ask questions. After the sessions,

most of the children looked excited and ready to change. After the sessions the counsellor prayed and shared Christ with the children and 50 children confessed Christ. Glory to God.

(b) Youth ministry; The Counselling department held group counselling sessions with the 70 youths at Sanctuary of Worship Church and Full Gospel Church Kasangati. They discussed the crimes that youth commit and affect their future. The crimes mentioned by children included fighting, theft, rape, drug and substance abuse etc. The discussions also focused on how the youth can stop committing crimes by listening to their parents and avoiding drugs etc. The sessions were so interactive, after the session the team shared Christ and 30 children gave their lives to Christ .glory to God and after we prayed together.

(c) Staff; the counsellor had 5 group counselling sessions with UCLF staff (this is done quarterly). Areas of interaction included a discussion on how staff can balance work and family, having time with their children, their wives and the department further had group counselling with staff on how to work with others, communication at the work place and after the trainings the staff prayed together.

(d) Pastors wives and Women Conferences; Had 5 group counselling with pastors wives from Gayaza road on how they can support their husbands in ministry and Pastors Discipleship Network (PDN) issues raised were their husbands failing to take care of their homes and spending a lot of time in missions. At least 10 women benefited from such engagements.

Furthermore the counselling department reached out to 5 pastors' families that were affected by covid 19. The intension was to extend psycho-social counselling services to struggling families of clergy. UCLF delivered carried food basket to them and we prayed with them. Most of them depended on tithes to cater for their families and so its hard time for them, so we discussed on other things they can do to raise money for their families lie starting small business.

The department further had a women conference organized by True Disciples Church in Kasangati, under the theme 'wise woman'. 80 women attended the conference. Women were encouraged to pray and also they were told to take care of their families, after the conference there was time to pray together.

(e) Evangelism; The department engaged UCLF in reaching out with the gospel around Wandegeya Street, gave out Christian tracts and also shared Christ, where 70 people received Christ. Furthermore in April 2021 the department organized an outreach program with Christ Glory temple church in the place called Masoli Village and 80 people gave their lives to Christ.

(f) Discipleship training in Bugiri; another outreach was organized in Partnership with *Bugiri Arch Deaconry and Everlasting Hope Africa* where the clergy were 100 clergy were trained in Evangelism and through door to door ministry and at least 120 souls came to the lord.

(K) Covid 19 Awareness; The counselling department's interventions on COVID 19 was intended to raise awareness on the symptoms, cause and prevention of COVID 19. The trainings also focused on keeping hygiene and giving emotional counselling support to people affected by the Covid pandemic. The department sensitized communities and juveniles at the Naguru Reman Home. During the sensitizations free masks were distributed to clients. At least 250 juveniles and children benefited from the 5 trainings that aimed at reaching out to children and juveniles.

TABLE SHOWING SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

ACTIVITY	NUMBER OF INTERVENTIONS	BENEFICIARIES
Counselling emails & Posts	19	25 staff
Individual Client Counselling	70 sessions	100
Staff Individual Counselling	31 sessions	24 staff
Remand Home Group Counselling	6 sessions	250 juveniles
Youth/Teen outreach	70 reached	70 youths
Group Counselling with staff	5 sessions	25 staff
New Souls/Received Christ		50 juveniles, 30 youths, 270 adults
Counselling for Pastors' Wives/Women Conferences	5	95
Pastors Discipleship training	1 training	100 clergy
COVID 19 Awareness	5 sensitizations	250
TOTAL		1,384

APPRECIATION

1. Appreciation to staff for team work; special thanks is extended to the UCLF Paralegals, Access to Justice team and the Environmental Justice departments which always accompanied the councilor in counselling activities. The staff and members always referred staff for counselling.
2. The Police administration for renewing UCLF permission to access Police Stations for counselling services.
3. The Naguru Remand Homes and Reception Center wardens who helped in organizing and identifying juveniles who need counselling sessions.
4. Local leaders who helped pass information to members of the different communities whenever there was a counselling program.
5. The UK Baptist Mission Society and the UCLF members for supporting the Counselling project and programs at UCLF.

CHALLENGES

1. Covid 19 pandemic affected interactions with clients.
2. Some clients did not have phones, it was difficult to make follow ups with them.
3. The cost of transport increased, this interfered with our work as sometimes the budgets could not cover the intended movements.

LESSONS

1. We had to adopt online meetings for some counselling programs.
2. The Gospel has power to change lives, there are people we ministered too who were taking drugs, however because of the gospel they no longer do so. The gospel breaks addictions.
3. Through prayer and intercessions the Lord has given UCLF victories; many people have come to the Lord and we have been able to implement programs.

PHOTO GALLERY FOR COUNSELLING WORK.



The UCLF Counselor after distribution clothes to the needy.



The UCLF Counselor conducting an Abstinence counselling Sessions with the youth



The UCLF Counsellor having a behavioral change session with the youth.



The UCLF Counsellor having a counselling session with the children of Remand home.



Counselling and blessing a Pastor with food stuffs.



4.



*The UCLF Counselor having psycho social counselling with A Pastor at Life in Christ church
Buwate*



UCLF Counselor with Pastor Ssesazi of revival holiness church kyakima and wife having psycho social counselling on family matters.



The UCLF Counsellor speaking at a women's conference.



The counsellor having group counselling with UCLF Staff.



The counsellor having a group counselling the youth



The UCLF Counsellor having a group counselling with pastors wives



The UCLF Counsellor training church leaders in evangelism in Bugiri



Counsellor with the network team against Domestic violence after a sensitization.



Counsellor speaking to pastors and their wives on marriage affairs



Counsellor having psycho social counselling with pastors wives at PDN

UCLF MEMBERSHIP AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT REPORT.

The UCLF membership Department aims at creating linkages between UCLF and its members. The Department is also central to local resource mobilization from the UCLF members and other partners. The Department further coordinates the implementation of the UCLF capacity development program for lawyers by implementing the Continuous Legal Education training. The department as well coordinates and runs UCLF fellowships

ACHIEVEMENTS;

1. **Fellowships:** the department organized 48 online weekly fellowships and 12 end of month online fellowships. The UCLF fellowship attendance from about 40 members in 2019/2021 to 200 members in 2020/2021. The department also conducted a physical end of month fellowship that was hosted by the family of Dr. Patricia Okiria; The UCLF has been able to attract prolific speakers from different fields.

The Membership department further engaged UCLF members to attend the fellowships organized by the Lawyers' Christian Fellowship of UK (LCF UK). This included engaging members in the Monthly Prayer calls organized by LCF.

2. **Membership Pastoral Visits;** the membership department visited and prayed with Advocates at Birungi Nalunkuma & Co. Advocates, Wameli & Co. Advocates, Matovu & Co. Advocates, Tamale & Co. Advocates, visit to the Principal Judge of Uganda, Signum Advocates, Katende Ssempebwa & Co. Advocates, Citadel & Co. Advocates, Counsel Kaahwa Christine, Senior Counsel Sebatindira, Visit to Justice Lilian Ekirikubinza, and prayed Dr. Sylvia Namubiru of LASPNET, Counsel Cissy Kagaba, Counsel Betty Arem, Commissioner Norah Matovu, among others.
3. **Moral Support to Members;** UCLF visited, financially supported and encouraged members that lost loved ones, gave birth and those who were celebrating their birthdays. We supported Hon. Lady Justice Hellen Obura, Canoon Goddy Muhumuza Muhanguzi, Dr. Achan Patricia, Counsel Kwagala Primah, Counsel Namazi Jacqueline, Counsel Jacqueline Mulindwa, Counsel Cissy Kagaba, Counsel Titus Bitebenkezi, Counsel Sandra Mwesigwa, Counsel Martin Mwanbutnya and Counsel Justice Vincent Mugabo who lost

relatives. The members also contributed to friends and members of UCLF who passed on to glory through the year. We accordingly supported the families of the late Gumikiriza Moses and Ms. Lillianne Kiwanuka Kimuli.

4. **UCLF COVID Basket 19 Fund;** Following the lockdowns in Uganda that resulted from government's aim of countering the spread of Covid 19, several University students were trapped in universities without food stuffs. Furthermore some families especially in the slum areas of Kampala lacked food. As a result UCLF established the COVID 19 basket Fund wherein support worth **UGX 6,200,000/=** was raised from the UCLF membership. The contributions were used to procure food for the university students trapped in the hostels and residences in University. Part of the food stuffs procured were supplied to the residents of Katanga suburb a slum in Kampala.
5. **Coordination of Continuous Legal Education Trainings;** through the follow ups made in 2020/2021 year, UCLF was accredited by the Law Council to offer CLE trainings for Lawyers. The Membership office specifically supported in developing the programs, linking up with the different speakers and engaging with the Law Council to have the necessary approvals.
6. **Strengthening Partnerships;** UCLF attended the Uganda Law Society Prayer Breakfast and participated in several meetings and engagements organized by the Legal Service Providers Network.
7. **SACCO Registration Follow:** The Membership Department further engaged with members to ensure that the UCLF SACCO is registered. The Department was able to collect signatures of the members. The process for registration is ongoing and this will persued until the SACCO is registered.
8. **Membership Contributions;** the department with the support from other staff and the Board of Directors, managed to raise approximately **UGX 51,000,000/=** locally. These include contributions for the UCLF Pro bono Fund, UCLF Membership and Membership Donations.

CHALLENGES

1. Physical gatherings by members had to be suspended due to the effects of COVID 19. This saw UCLF shifting from physical fellowships to
2. More funds need to be allocated to support the work of the department especially in terms of coordination and staff remuneration.



UCLF C.E.O John Osapiri and Membership Cordinator Ms. Lilian Atuhaire pose with Counsel Monic Birungi (middle) of Birungi, Nalunkuma & Co. Advocates following a UCLF Pastoral visit to the firm.



The UCLF Board Members and the Secretariat staff visited the Principal Judge Dr. Zeija Flavian

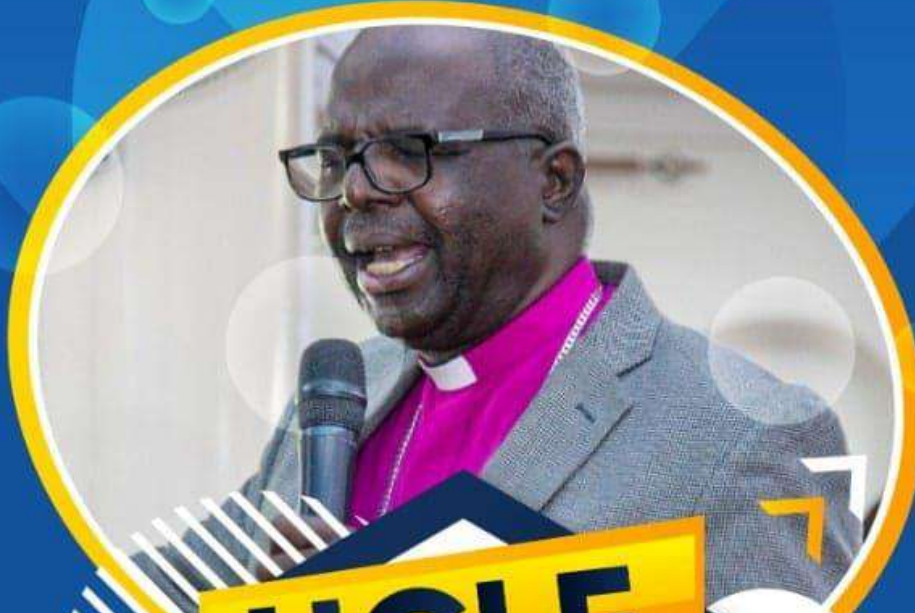


The UCLF Board President Counsel Anne Muhairwe, UCLF Board Member Prof. Anthony Kakooza, C.E.O John Osapiri, Director Programs Ms. Eva Mudondo and Membership Cordinator Ms. Lilian Atuhairre visited Prof. Frederick Ssempebwa at Katende Ssempebwa & Co. Advocates.



UCLF members at a fellowship hosted by the family of Mr. Okria and Patricia Okiria Achan

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WED. 30th JUNE | 7:00 AM

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THEME :

WHAT DO YOU SEE?

Matthew 14:28-32

With our special preacher
H/W EMMANUEL KAWEESI



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MR. KYEYUNE ALBERT COLLINS

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WEEKLY
WEDNESDAY, 16th JUNE
7:00 AM

THEME:
Between a rock and
a hard place
Job 3:11

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WEEKLY

WED. 19TH MAY | 7:00 AM



Hon. Lady Justice Olive Kazaarwe

THEME:

Whatever He does prospers.
Psalm 1-3.

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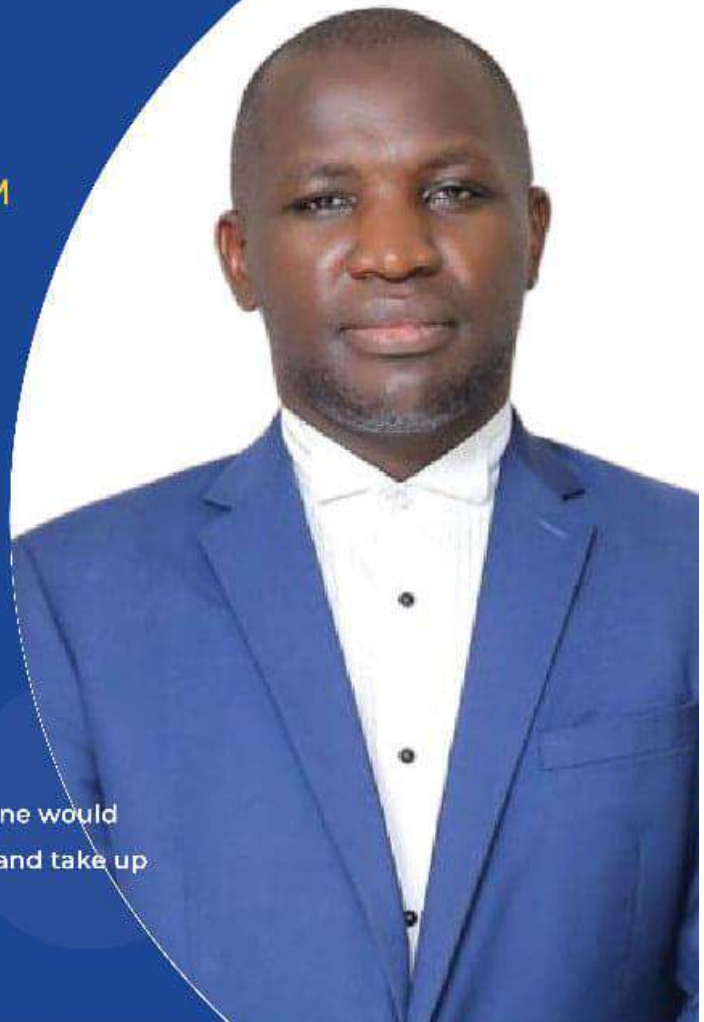
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THEME : TAKE UP YOUR CROSS

Then Jesus told his Disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me."

Matthew 16:24





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Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy. Prov 31:9

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WEEKLY
WED. 05th MAY | 7:00 AM

With our special preacher
SENIOR COUNSEL **GIMARA FRANCIS**

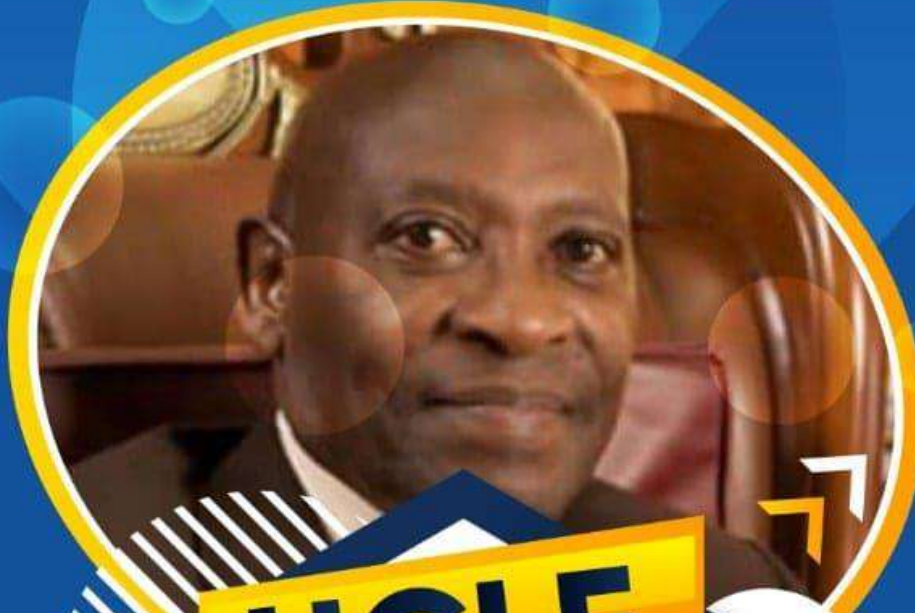
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THEME:
Refreshing Me For God's Mission
Proverbs 13:12. NIV



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THIS WEDNESDAY'S SPECIAL GUEST

Prof. FREDRICK SSEMPEBWA

Our Theme: The Journey of a Christian Lawyer.

Proverbs 13:16 "All who are Prudent act with knowledge.."



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With our special preacher
DR. EMMANUEL BAGENDA

THEME:
FROM CALLED TO CHOSEN
Matthew 22: 1-14

THE VIRTUAL YOUTH CONVENTION ON ETHICS, INTEGRITY & LEADERSHIP-THE INAUGURAL VIRTUAL SESSION REPORT 2021

A successful Inaugural Virtual Youth Convention was hosted by Uganda Youth Forum (UYF) together with the Uganda Christian Lawyers' Fraternity (UCLF) on August 5, 2021 at Kololo Independence grounds, Kampala. The convention that attracted over 5000 University students and their leaders from various higher institutions of learning across the country was supported with funding directly from First Lady's office.

The convention themed “*Values and Skills for the 21st Century Youth*,” was a hybrid of both online and physical participation of youth from Makerere University Kampala, Uganda Christian University Mukono, Gulu Paramedical School, Gulu University, Islamic University in Uganda, King Caesar University, Kampala International University, Kabale University, Kumi University, Kyambogo University, Lira University, Makerere University Business School, Nkumba University, Soroti University, Uganda Management Institute, Uganda Pentecostal University and other tertiary institutions.

The online broadcast was conveyed through the zoom and youtube platforms, while physical presence at Kololo Independence grounds included student leaders from the various universities and representatives from Uganda Christian Lawyers Fraternity and Uganda Youth Forum.

The Convention also brought together distinguished and model speakers including religious leaders, national transformers, youth mentors and youth leaders among others in the field of Christian leadership, integrity and ethics. The chief guest and host of the convention was Maama Hon. Janet K. Museveni the First Lady & Minister of Education and Sports who gave the key note address admonishing the youth to live a life that glorifies the Lord. Rev. Can. Dr. John Ssenyonyi who addressed the participants on Building and living a life of integrity as a student and beyond; Pastor Dr. Martin Ssempe focused on Sexual purity; Dr. James Magara on Mindset change: Adaptability, New Normal and Resilience in the face of COVID 19; and Pastor Patience Rwabwogo who expounded on Biblical Perspectives of a Youth: Lessons from the Biblical Story of Joseph.

The purpose of the convention was to wholistically inform, remind, empower, train and mentor the youth leaders in Godly virtues. The Convention relayed principles of life; virtues of better citizenary and future leadership for a better Uganda; A number of key take home issues were

riased; Make integrity their life goals; be truthful to themselves, others and to God; Speak the truth and be persons of integrity; lift up Jesus and remain sexually pure till marriage; be faithful in marriage; never to give up in life but to endure situations with hope for the best; to identify who they are , look for what is good in their life and develop a sense of gratitude; they were encouraged to be humble, diligent and to wait on God; seek God's wisdom and be forgiving in life; believe in themselves and be influencers of the next generation; and have integrity, empathy, patience and humanity so that they make it through any circumstances in life.



Participants who attended the Virtual Youth Convention posing with the First Lady for a Photo moment at Kololo Independence grounds.



Left to Right: Mr. John Osapiri, CEO of UCLF; Hon. Justice Mike Chibita and First Lady, Maama Janet sharing a moment at the venue



Above and below are some of the participants who attended the youth convention physically at Kololo Independence Grounds



Maama Hon. Janet Kataaha Museveni addressing the participants at the Youth Convention.

SECTION V

EMERGING PARTNERSHIPS

1. Partnership with Uganda Youth Forum in Hosting the Quarterly Youth Convention.

After holding a successful Inaugural Virtual Youth Convention, UCLF on the request of the First Lady and Minister of Education of Uganda, will partner with Uganda Youth Forum to host the Virtual Youth Convention on a quarterly basis.

A Memorandum of Understanding between Uganda Youth Forum and Uganda Christian Lawyers' Fraternity is being fast tracked.



Participants of the Virtual Youth Convention pose with the First Lady after the Convention.



Uganda Youth Forum and UCLF held a joint press conference on matters pertaining to youths.

2. Partnership with Oxfam on matters of Access to Justice for Refugees in Arua.

Effective October and December, 2021 UCLF with funding from Oxfam will be implementing a project entitled *‘Building Peaceful Co-Existence between Refugees and Host Communities through Enhancing Grass Root Led peace and Conflict Resolution Mechanisms’ in Ivempi and Rhino Settlements.*

The required funding to the tune of UGX 40,000,000/= has been released to UCLF by Oxfam for the implementation of the said activities.

3. Partnership with the Embassy of South Korea in Uganda on Human Rights and Juvenile Justice.

UCLF reached out to the Embassy of the Republic of Korea in Uganda for an appointment to discuss matters of partnership. UCLF was honoured to be hosted for a luncheon by the Consul of the Embassy of the Republic of Korea, Mama. Ha Jeeyoung on 20th April, 2021 at Sheraton Hotel Kampala. In this meeting it was agreed that UCLF and the embassy have to work together for the protection of the Korean People in Uganda, and also work together for the promotion and protection of human rights in Uganda.



UCLF Board and Staff together with the Consul of the Republic of South Korea at Hotel Sheraton Kampala

SECTION VI

UCLF STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS LIST 2020/2021

No	Name	Offices held
1	Ap. John Osapiri	Chief Executive Officer
2	Mrs. Eva Mudondo Musasizi	Director of Programs
3	Mrs. Kasozi Susan Lukwago	Head Access to Justice and Legal Aid
4	Mrs. Linda Darby	Legal Manager-UCLF Gulu Office
5	Ms. Jolly Atimango	Project Officer, Legal Aid and Access to Justice Gulu
6	Ms. Lilian Atuhaire	Project Officer, Membership and Professional Development
7	Ms. Daphine Niwamanya	Project Officer, Students and Resource Center
8	Mrs. Dorothy Kayanja Babirye	UCLF Head Counselling and Psycho social services
9	Mr. Robert Enotu	UCLF Accountant
10	Nyakoojo Francis	Project Assistant, Legal Aid and Access to Justice
11	Ms. Violla Nabawanda	Project Assistant (Executive Assistant to C.E.O)
12	Mr. Wangwa Joel	Project Assistant. Legal Aid and Access to Justice Kayunga
14	Mr. Omitta Jerry Charles	Project Assistant. Legal Aid and Access to Justice Masaka
13	Mr. Isaach Bwalhuma	Project Assistant. Legal Aid and Access to Justice Kasese
14	Mr. Amos Ogwang	Project Assistant. Legal Aid and Access to Justice Gulu
15	TwinomujuniAnania	Head Paralegal Advisory Services Kampala
16	Kijjambu Duncan	Paralegal/Social Worker Kampala

16	Ms. Sandra Nalukenge Bagala	UCLF Front Desk/HR Assistant
17	Ms. Ssemanda Shakira Nakato	Accounts/Procurement Assistant
18	Ms. Irene Achieng	Office Assistant
19	Ms. Valeria Kasamani	Child Protection Officer, Gulu
20	Mr. Masaba Godfrey	Paralegal Kayunga
21	Mr. Collins Kafeero	Paralegal Kayunga
22	Ms. Rembo Florence	Social Worker/Paralegal Kayunga

UCLF VOLUNTEERS 2020/2021

1	Mr. Tumwine Mpuuga Enock	Project Volunteer, (Environmental Justice/Students and Resource Center Department)
2	Ms. Christine Marunga	Project Volunteer, Access to Justice and Legal Aid
3	Mr. Samuel Mwesigwa Tulinamubez	Process Server
4	Miss. Nyangoma Catherine	Project Volunteer, Member and Professional Development

UCLF CONSULTANTS

1	Mr. Ssemwa Pius	IT Technician
2	Mr. Samuel Eyenga	Administration and Finance
3	Ms. Awelo Sarah Onapa	Project Officer, Access to Justice and Legal Aid Kayunga

SECTION VII

Finance Report/Audit