

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in



Our companion Synod, the North Eastern Diocese (NED) of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania (ELCT) opened a new University College near Lushoto in October 2007. This is Provost Anneth Munga's latest report.

Provost Munga Provides SEKUCo Update for November, 2009



Reverend Dr. Anneth Munga, Provost



Main Building at SEKUCo



Opening Service in October 2009

I am glad to inform you that at the moment we have registered students as follows:

FIRST YEAR:

- BEd Special Needs- 348
- BSc Eco-tourism and Nature Conservation- 25
- Bachelor of Laws- 14

SECOND YEAR:

- BEd Special Needs- 288
- Bachelor of Laws- 13

THIRD YEAR:

- BEd Special Needs- 136

GRAND TOTAL: 824.

Please note that the programme of BEd Special Needs is the heaviest in terms of student enrollment. SEKUCo is the only university in Tanzania offering this programme. We can accommodate only 240 students in the hostels at SEKUCo. The rest have found their accommodation in Magamba village and Lushoto town.

A major challenge is the library; it is simply too small. A photo shows when it is NOT full (meaning that at times it even more crowded). Also, the classrooms are too small for some specializations e.g. Visual Impairment, Hearing Impairment and Cognitive Disabilities and Teaching

subjects such as English, Kiswahili and Political Science. The largest assembly hall cannot take all students at the same time if they are to sit down. For the opening service of the new academic year we had people sitting and standing inside and outside. Fortunately there are six large doors on the sides and the rear so people can be outside and still listen (See photo).

In the programme of Bachelor of Education Special Needs we have altogether 772 students. The lecturers who teach courses in the area of General Education and Teaching subjects are mainly from SEKUCo and part-timers from Dar es Salaam University College of Education, Tumaini University Dar es Salaam College and Makumira University College. For Special Needs Education, we have Dr. Paul Nwaogu from Botswana, thanks to the SEPA SEKUCo Committee and Mr. Semkiwa, from Korowe, who has a master's degree. The rest are from outside, one from Mkwawa University College (Hearing Impairment), one from Dar es Salaam University (Visual Impairment), two from Helsinki University in Finland (Hearing Impairment and Speech Impairment), two former college teachers from Finland (Visual Impairment and Hearing Impairment), and one from Germany sent by the UEM (Speech Impairment).

In the Programme of Bachelor of Laws (altogether 27 students) we have one Assistant Lecturer and two Tutorial Assistants as our own employees. As part-timers we have a Senior Lecturer and an Advocate from the University of Dar es Salaam and an Assistant Lecturer, Professor Mwajabu Possi's son.



SEKUCo's LIBRARY IS CROWDED!

In the very new programme of Bachelor of Science in Eco-tourism and Nature Conservation (24 students) we have employed one Assistant Lecturer and two Ph.D. students and two part-timers who are going to teach our students for one year. Therefore for the academic year 2009/10 we have three full-time lecturers. As you know we have on-going co-operation with Penn State University. Giessen University, in Germany, is also planning to send two professors as part-time lecturers. Also a professor from the University of Louvain in Belgium will come as a visiting lecturer next year. Another professor from the University of Ghana, in Accra, has written a letter requesting to spend his sabbatical year at SEKUCo.

External auditors have audited the first year's finances (2007/8) and sent reports to the Tumaini University head-office and the Tanzania Commission for Universities. At the moment we are preparing the 2008/9 financial report. The accounts for that year have already been checked by our internal auditor and we expect to call the external auditors very soon. The budget for the new year 2009/10 was approved by the SEKUCo Governing Board in August.

These are just some glimpses of what goes on now at SEKUCo. Thank you very much for continuing to support!

Yours in Christ,
Anneth Munga, Provost

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