

## **FOREWORD**

As your Bishop Mityana Diocese, I am happy to have a document prepared and passed by the Diocesan Council about the guidelines to follow as we run our schools.

All schools know how much I love you and I do visit and support you. I would like to ask kindly all stakeholders in charge of our schools founded by the church to respect and implement these policies so that together we get better results.

May the Lord keep us we prepare useful leaders of tomorrow for our Church and Nation.  
Thank you.

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**BISHOP OF MITYANA DIOCESE**  
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## **EDUCATION POLICY**

### **PREMBLE**

The Church is charged by our Lord Jesus Christ to proclaim His message of salvation to all Christians, to heal and to teach, it is because of that commissioning that we built and learn schools. This 21<sup>st</sup> Century there are four pillars of education.

- Build up the mind.
- Train the hands to do things.
- Develop the heart to know God.
- Participate gracefully as a Social being

This Policy of education in Mityana Diocese is meant to equip people with Christian attitudes, behaviours, values and skills for Christian living and service.

## **POLICY ARTICLES**

### **LAND AND OWNERSHIP OF SCHOOLS**

All Schools built on Church of Uganda Land belong to Church of Uganda. Any one who objects to Policy should move the School to another site!

### **IMPORTANCE OF EDUCATION**

- a) Every school must have a vocational programme in its components in heart to produce children who can use their hands and their mind. We must be seen fighting poverty within our education system.

- b) The Church should encourage parents to take education of their children seriously by taking their children to school, provide lunch for them, scholastic materials as well as other education facilities like classrooms and housing for teachers.

## **TEACHING OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH**

The teaching of Christian Faith in all our Schools must be done in order to produce children who respect God and the Church. There shall be Chaplains appointed by the Bishop with advice of the Pastors and head teachers to give spiritual guidance in all Primary and Secondary schools and other Institutions.

## **CHURCH AND STATE**

- a) Partnership with Government is very important. We value the role of the Government in our Church Schools. We continue to respect their support and advice. Partnership with Private,
- b) Schools is a Natural consequence of the Church's role in society and we expect those schools to accept our Chaplaincy system in order to build a society that loves God and the Church.
- c) The Church should take special interest at the planning and policy level of the Government and seek representation at the District and other levels.
- d) The Diocese should appropriate the Provincial Education advice as well as the UJCC Co.ordinator.

## **DISCIPLINE**

All teachers in Church founded schools should respect the Church's Canons on Christian marriage. All teachers must be married in Church so that our children shall learn them good Christian living.

## **HIV/AIDS EPIDEMIC**

- a) We request the Government, in order to fight the HIV/AIDS Epidemic in schools, to post teachers near their spouses to avoid risk behaviours of teachers.
- b) There should be an HIV/AIDS central Unit in every school charged to mount preventive education against AIDS and other intervention measures. The Officer in charge of this unit should have task force that would work out a policy against the spread of HIV/AIDS epidemic in each school.
- c) Due to the dangerous effect of AIDS epidemic the church and Government should encourage those measures in (a) and (b) above.

## **VOCATIONAL TRAINING**

- a) At our Bishop Lutaaya Education Centre in addition to the Lay readers Course, there should be other professional courses run there regularly to meet the specific needs.
- b) The Diocese should get involved in the Teacher Education and regular encouragement of School teachers.
- c) The Education Secretary of the Diocese be mandated by the advice the Board of Education to monitor learning achievements in all our schools. Carry out inspection measures and facilitate at every school as well as empowering the Board of Governors and School Management Committees.
- d) The Bishop of the Diocese should regularly as the founder Head of these Schools carry out pastoral visits to these schools.
- e) There should be regular meeting held by the Bishop with the Head teachers and other Key people in Education.

## **THE ROLE OF THE CHURCH**

- a) Every Parish priest should carry out Pastoral care to both the Teachers and students without fear.
- b) The Diocesan Board of education should meet regularly to foster quality education in the diocese at all levels. Tertiary, secondary, primary, Vocational and ministerial. The composition of the Board should include all Key Stakeholders in Education.
- c) Bishop Lutaaya Education Centre be empowered to offer excellent services to the diocese and beyond.
- d) The Church should take special interest at the planning and Policy level of the Government and seek representation at the District and other levels.
- e) The Diocese should appropriate the Provincial Education advice as well as the UJCC  
Co-ordination.
- f) There should be regular meetings held by Bishop with the Head teachers and other Key people in Education.

## **CONCLUSION**

- i. Church dues should be paid to the Church in order for her fulfil her obligations as a Foundation Body.
- ii. Every Headmaster and Deputy headmaster in our Church of Uganda schools must be Member of Church of Uganda.