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Africa Region



Kenya

Kenya gained its independence from Britain in 1963. Stability has often had to be negotiated through coalition-building, because of ethnic diversity and conflict. There are 70 distinct ethnic groups in Kenya, grouped under three broad linguistic groups: Bantu (relating to the Niger-Congo region), Nilotic (relating to the Nile region of Africa), and Cushite (related to Northeast Africa, and the Horn of Africa). The Church of the Nazarene began work in Kenya in 1984, and immediately saw the need for education to address literacy rates in the country, as well as a growing HIV/AIDS crisis, and significant poverty, all related to a lack of education. Africa Nazarene University (ANU) was established not only in response to these critical issues, but also to train highly competent leaders in a variety of disciplines, for Kenya, Africa, and beyond. Africa Nazarene University has experienced several years of transitions in leadership, and new generations of leaders are emerging.



35,576 Members



230 Fully Organized, and 197 Not Yet Organized Churches



284 District Licensed and 126 Ordained Ministers on 7 Districts

PRAYER



- Pray for the Vice Chancellor and management team who lead Africa Nazarene University.
- Pray for the faculty, staff, students, and their families who form the ANU community at a critical time in the country.
- Pray for the many students who graduated from ANU this year, that God will use them in transformative ways in their societies.
- Pray for God's provision and protection for the institution over the coming five years.
- Pray that God will call many to study at Africa Nazarene
 University, and that the Church of the Nazarene in Kenya will contribute to the sustainability of the university, for God's glory.

PRAISE



- Praise God for the impact of Africa Nazarene University on the continent of Africa.
- Praise the Lord for the many who have graduated from Africa Nazarene University over the years.
- Praise God for the significant impact these graduates have made across the African Continent and beyond.

NMI SNAPSHOT



Africa Nazarene University Celebrating its 26th Annual Graduation

Higher education is a pillar of the Church of the Nazarene around the world. Every region has seen the significant impact that higher education has on the church and its mission. During the last week of July 2023, the Council meetings of Africa Nazarene University (ANU), Nairobi, Kenya, were held, coinciding with the annual graduation event. The Vice-Chancellor, Dr. S. Makhosi Bhebhe, together with his capable administrative and leadership team, set the platform for strong business meetings and insightful workshops for council members and trustees.



On 28 July 2023, ANU graduated 907 individuals, receiving doctoral, masters, bachelor and post graduate diplomas, as well as diplomas and special executive certificates in various disciplines. Africa Nazarene University offers education and training at the highest levels through its schools of: Business, Humanities and Social Sciences, Religion and Christian Ministries, Science and Information Technology, and it's School of Law.



Dr Eugenio Duarte (General Superintendent Emeritus) was welcomed as the new Chancellor of Africa Nazarene University. Duarte takes the place of retiring Chancellor, Dr. Jerry Lambert (former Education Commissioner for the Church of the Nazarene), who served in this role since 2007.



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