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Thank you for reading our August 2018 newsletter! Please continue to support The Episcopal University in any way you can.

AN UPDATE FROM THE PRIMATE:

The Primate and Archbishop Justin issued an order No.2 dissolving all institutions and departments boards, commissions and committees. This means the university Project Management Board (PMB) disbanded on 13 July 2018. Next, the Primate will appoint the University Governing Council to take its place.

THE ECONOMIC SITUATION:

The economic situation of South Sudan has deteriorated significantly, especially in Juba. Prices are continuously increasing, which makes things very difficult for our daily operations in the office. Essentials, such as fuel for the generator and the car are particularly costly.

WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO:

In July, the Project Director, Revd Dr Joseph Bilal, returned from his trip to the UK/USA. He arrived on 9 July 2018 and was welcomed at the Airport by all the TEU team, who put into practice the spirit of teamwork they hope to implant to future students of TEU.

Rev. Joseph Ajang, TEU Project Officer, travelled to Nairobi for the Council of Anglican Provinces of Africa (CAPA) meeting on Theological Education in Africa in June. The conference discussed and agreed how to respond to the challenges of new emerging trends in theological education.

These newly identified emerging issues were technology, cultures, and conflicts which are negatively affecting the theological institutions across the continent.

CAPA Conference also seeks to strengthen theological education with the support of its partners, including Tearfund, Acted, and the Anglican Communion. At the conference, CAPA encouraged active support to the Episcopal Church of South Sudan's (ECS) theological institutions and The Episcopal University (TEU) in particular.



Welcoming Revd. Dr Joseph Bilal from his UK/USA trip.



At the CAPA Conference in Nairobi.

On 10th May, we recruited two additional staff - Evelyn Scopas and Emelda Keji - to help in the progress of the university project as cleaners in the office. They are crucial to us having a conducive working environment.

We have purchased a table and chairs for our operations due to our expanding office team. We have also used these chairs and table during lunchtime as we have decided to make our own food within the office as buying food from the local restaurant is more expensive than collecting our money and cook food for ourselves. However, we still need tables and chairs for board meetings and for visitors when they come around for official visits – as well as with our aim to continue growing our team!

In June, one of the trees in the compound of the office fell down, damaging the fence & causing insecurity to an extent that some criminals entered into the compound and threatened our guard.

WHAT WE'RE DOING NOW:

- We are still working on the curriculum development to get it ready, likely in early January.
- We are also working with the Ministry of Higher Education to obtain a Preliminary certificate.
- We are working with Windle Trust to provide teacher training to some teachers in the colleges that will be part of TEU. We would like to hold this in early 2019.

Thank you for reading our update!

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Rev. Dr Joseph Bilal



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