

ACU takes a holistic approach to education and all the lectures are built around a reformed biblical worldview.

#### How did you learn about ACU?

I came to know of ACU from my interactions with people from Lusaka Baptist Church. When the Turnbells moved to Lusaka to lay ground for the university, it was all everyone would talk about. It was definitely hard for you to miss it.

#### What are your responsibilities at ACU?

I take care of any issues with regards to information technology at the university. This ranges from social media management, website maintenance to troubleshooting of computers that we have. I also take photos for the university.

#### How do you think ACU will impact the graduate and Zambia/Africa?

The student who graduates from ACU will most assuredly stand out above the rest because he/she will definitely come out of the school with a little more than intellectual knowledge in his/her field of study. The ACU graduate will have a good appreciation for hard work and its fruits.

He/she will be able to hold good debates and have a knowledge and appreciation for absolute truth. If the graduate applies the lessons learnt in class, he/she will be the epitome of people living out the cultural mandate. Every opportunity will be used to glorify God and work excellently in all he/she does. The graduate will not only look at self but strive to be of service to other people.

#### Is there anything else you would like to share about ACU?

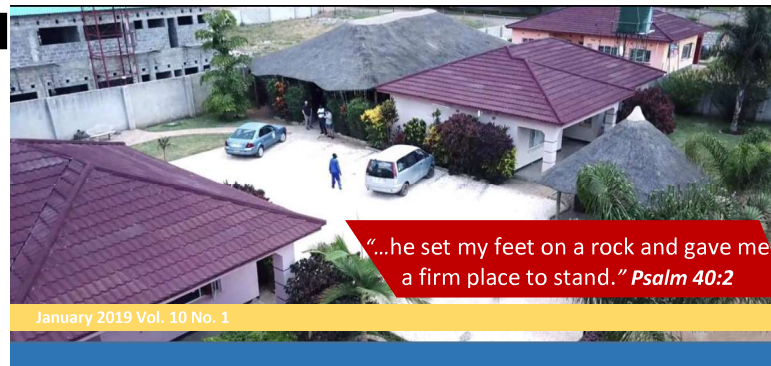
Everyone at ACU is always happy to help and take time to explain things to you. One of the things that sets ACU's approach to education apart is their focus on mentorship and you can see a semblance of that even in peer to peer and office to office relationships. We pray together, eat lunch together and interact very well together. Coming to work every day is easier because you're doing things with people who care for you and are practically family. Students also get assigned mentorship groups where they can easily discuss practical approaches to real life situations that they would face.

#### MATTERS FOR PRAYER

- Pray for Dr Musembi as she continues in her position as Interim Vice Chancellor
- Pray for the completion of the enrolment process and the first term which is due to commence on 18th February 2019
- Pray for those who are preparing curriculum and preparing to lecture in Term 1.
- The Board meet in a few weeks to ratify the constitution. Please pray for this process.

#### MATTERS FOR PRAISE

- Thank God for Dr Musembi and her family's ministry at ACU
- Thank God for David Bwembya's service in the IT Department at ACU
- Our applicants successfully completed their entrance exams on 16th and 17th January 2019
- Thank God for the individuals willing to lecture on a part time basis and assist in developing curriculum from a biblical perspective.



"...he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand." Psalm 40:2

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### Meet our Interim Vice Chancellor: Dr Celestine Musembi



**What is your title /role at ACU?**  
Interim Vice Chancellor

#### Tell us about your educational, work and ministry experience:

I studied law at the University of Nairobi, graduating in 1993. I am also a qualified Advocate of the High Court of Kenya. I studied for a Master's degree in law at Harvard Law School, then proceeded to the doctoral programme, where I broadened my field of study to legal anthropology, graduating in November 2000. My experience has been in academic institutions, in teaching and research. I have taught at the Institute of Development Studies (Sussex, UK) and at the University of Nairobi School of Law. My family and I moved to Zambia in 2013 so I have been on leave of absence from my post at the University of Nairobi. Until my recent appointment to ACU I have had the joy of a home-based ministry to my husband and children, as well as serving in small ways in the children's ministry at Lusaka Baptist Church when I could.

#### Tell us about your family:

I got married one month after graduation (December 2000). My husband (Samuel) and I just celebrated our 18th wedding anniversary. We have four children: three daughters and one son. The eldest is 14 and the youngest is 6.



#### How did you come to a saving faith in Jesus Christ?

I was raised in a nominally Christian home. At the age of 12, while attending a boarding school, I was baptized Catholic. For all of my teenage and young adult life, I lived as a devout Catholic, hostile to any suggestion that I needed to be 'saved.' During my post-graduate years in the US I lapsed out of this devout Catholic life altogether, frustrated that I could not find answers for the issues that preoccupied me. Then about two years before the end of my studies God showed me that my life was on sinking sand. God did this through believers that He brought into my life, Christian books they recommended for my reading, and through personal circumstances. It was on Good Friday of 1999 that God took hold of me and I put my trust wholly in Jesus Christ, the

Truth, for my salvation. Psalm 40:2 aptly captures my conversion experience: "He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand."

#### **How did you learn about ACU?**

Through my Home Fellowship Group (Kabulonga). Dr. Ken Turnbull, the first Vice Chancellor of ACU, and his wife Lisa were in our HFG and often shared prayer requests for the needs of ACU.

#### **How do you think ACU will impact the Zambia/Africa?**

ACU will transform higher education by bringing education back to its proper emphasis in developing the whole person. As the ACU motto puts it, our students 'grow in grace and knowledge' (2 Peter 3:18). The programme at ACU is not only about acquisition of academic qualifications or skill development, but about character, attitude and life-long learning (indeed, learning for eternity!). ACU will produce a critical mass of graduates with a biblical work ethic that emphasises our accountability to God, leading to societal transformation. Ultimately, ACU will play a crucial role in the effort of the Reformed churches to deepen and authenticate the practice of Christianity in Africa.

#### **What is your advice for those considering serving at ACU?**

Don't hesitate! Come speak to us and we will help you discover where God could use you most effectively in this ministry. We have internship opportunities where you will be mentored by members of staff and faculty, giving you an opportunity for all-round growth.

There are also opportunities to serve as part-time faculty (course instructors), where you will also be mentored by colleagues who have more experience in teaching from within a biblical worldview. As our academic programmes develop and expand we are reviewing our teaching needs. Look out for adverts that we will circulate through the churches and ACU's Facebook page (<http://facebook.com/AfricanChristianUniversity>).

#### **How can we be praying for you (and ACU) in your new role?**

- Join us in thanking God for providing candidates for the on-going enrolment for 2019;
- For continued growth in student enrolment;
- For staff and faculty to be effective mentors, aiding the students' journey of holistic transformation;
- For our application (in progress) for accreditation of our academic programmes, including our new post-graduate seminary programmes;
- Thank God for the adoption of the ACU Constitution and pray for the process of implementation, especially that of conforming the governance structure to the constitution;

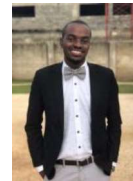
- For God to supply our need for funds to purchase the land that has been identified for our own campus along Leopards Hill Road, Lusaka;
- For God to send committed men and women with the relevant qualifications to serve on our staff and faculty. Specifically, we are in need of course instructors with post-graduate degree qualifications in education, agriculture and business; as well as a Human Resource Officer.

#### **Is there anything else you would like to share about ACU?**

I think my colleagues will thank me for underlining that ACU is NOT a seminary. The seminary is part of the university. It is our first post-graduate school, hopefully the first of many to follow!

### **Interview: David Bwembya**

#### **IT Support**



#### **Tell us about your educational, work and ministry experience:**

I completed my primary and secondary education in Livingstone at Queen Victoria Primary School and St. Raphael's respectively. I then moved to Lusaka for higher education at The University of Zambia where I studied Computer Science, and should be graduating in March this year.

I did a lot of software development jobs while at university and some odd jobs before that. When I left university, I came to ACU as a volunteer in 2017 and I am now employed on the staff. Working at ACU has been quite the experience because I came in as what felt like 'the sole IT support employee' and have had to learn a lot of new skills and apply lessons from the classroom.

I am a member at Lusaka Baptist Church and serve in the media ministry.

#### **How did you come to a saving faith in Jesus Christ?**

I came to saving faith in 2007 after some incidences in Livingstone made me aware of the state of my heart.

I was always being told that as a pastor's kid, I wasn't excused from the consequences of sin and I had to know God personally but that didn't move me. I had just about attended all the Sunday school classes I could attend.

This all changed one day when I was made to realise that life is really short and can only push God away for so long. I was hopeless and headed down a road of eternal destruction. This realisation made me reflect on the state of my heart and after speaking to my mother one Saturday morning, I gave my life to the Lord and got baptised in December that year.

#### **What did you know about Christian education before learning of ACU?**

My idea of Christian education was that it strived to reference the scriptures often and everyone who went to Christian schools would have morning devotions. Of course their approach to education was not holistic but it was definitely different from many schools that didn't even have devotions or any mention of Christianity from its teachers or school administration outside the religious education class.