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### PCI SPONSORS SAULOS TO STUDY IN KENYA

#### By Sylviah Chisi

Scripture Union (SU) of Malawi has secured a twoyear scholarship from Presbyterian Church in Ireland (PCI) through Council for Global Mission towards a study of Master in Organisational Leadership at Africa International University in Kenya for Goodson Saulos, Division Coordinator for Southern Malawi.

According to Amon Chanika, National Director for SU Malawi, this is a Global Leaders in Training (LIT) grant worth  $\pm 3,628$  per year and Saulos is expected to start his studies in May 2023. But how will this individual support benefit SU as an organization?

"This grant is going to a senior staff. SU needs a lot of Organisational Leadership training to ensure health and smooth leadership transition in future," explained Chanika.

Saulos is so excited to be part of this training and is all thankful to PCI.

"SU is like a Global family at the moment and I am sure the skills and knowledge I will gain will not only benefit SU Malawi, but also SU globally," he said.



All excited: Saulos
Prayer/Praise Items

- Thank God for successful CG1 meetings; all expected participants attended.
- Thank God for successful Nkhongono Zako Zenecho consultative seminar held on 30 March in Lilongwe and pray for upcoming meetings in Mzimba and Mzuzu in April and May 2023.
- Pray for National Executive Meeting to be held on 29 April 2023; it is going to be the first for this year.



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## **URBAN RALLY YIELDS 900 LIVES FOR CHRIST**

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Scripture Union (SU) of Malawi organised an urban rally for Bible clubs within Lilongwe where 1,200 learners from 40 schools attended and 900 gave their lives to Christ.

The arrangement enables children to interact through activities such as singing, games, and dramas. Above all, the Word of God is shared.

"We have seen that children love competition and when they see their friends performing, they acquire some skills and improve their performances. This then helps them perform better during Scripture memory competitions," said Amon Chanika, National Director for SU Malawi.

Chanika quickly points out that the main purpose for such gatherings is to share the Word of God and for the children to fellowship. He also highlighted that SU Malawi has in place proper follow-up procedures.

"We work with teachers who closely interact with the learners at Bible clubs. 65 teachers from all the 40 schools that attended the rally were also in attendance and these are the ones we depend on to follow up on learners who commit their lives to Christ," concluded Chanika.



22 Leaders from Synod of Livingstonia attended

#### SU MALAWI HOLDS NKHONGONO ZAKO ZENECHO CONSULTATIVE SEMINAR

#### By Sylviah Chisi

Scripture Union (SU) of Malawi held a Nkhongono Zako Zenecho consultative seminar on 30 March 2023 at Simama Hotel in Lilongwe with some Ministers and Church Leaders of CCAP, Synod of Livingstonia. The purpose of the Seminar was to discuss how 'Nkhongono Zako Zenecho,' a Tumbuka devotional book, can be effectively used in churches.

"The meeting was attended by 22 leaders. We thank God for the financial support from Presbyterian Church in Ireland (PCI)," said Amon Chanika, National Director for SU Malawi.

In reaction to the seminar, Reverend Dr Mwawi Chilongozi of Thanthwe CCAP, who is also the General Secretary of CCAP General Assembly said "it had come at a right time to encourage Christians to be grounded in the Word of God in the middle of challenging times. Being grounded in the Word of God will help us respond to such challenges based on the Word of God," she said.

Another participant, Reverend J. Nyirongo of Kanengo CCAP said that having the devotional notes in vernacular language is a great initiative.

"People are proud of their local languages and this will make communication with Tumbukas so easy and simple," he said.

"Apart from the local language, this seminar has addressed my life. When you are impacted first as a leader, it is easy to impact on others," he added.

Finally, Reverend Chawinga of Lumbadzi CCAP ST Mark congregation said that he was challenged to study the Word of God even more as a pastor.

"Pastors are people who need to study the Bible daily because once they stop, then they stop having content to share with their followers," he concluded.

# SU MALAWI REPRESENTED AT YOUNG AMBASSADORS PROGRAM

#### By Sylviah Chisi

25-year-old Evance Naluso who is Hangers Youth Centre Camp Manager for Scripture Union (SU) of Malawi has been admitted into the Young Ambassadors Program which commenced with online activities on 15 March 2023.

"Scripture Union International was looking for 50 young ambassadors from 50 movements around the world to participate in a year-long program in the leadup to and culminating at the Global Assembly in Kuala Lumpur in March 2024," explained SU Malawi National Director, Amon Chanika.

Apparently, SU global have taken an initiative for youth development to develop Leaders over the past few years.

At the end of the one year, Evance will come out of the program highly skilled in critical thinking, collaborative working, global community involvement, working alongside national Leaders and fundraising.

According to Chanika, this is a huge opportunity for SU Malawi which boasts of having a majority of youthful population and there is no way SU can talk about being a youthful ministry without engaging the youth.

"The program will help Evance gain skills which he will be able to pass on to fellow youths as well as attain Leadership positions. We currently have a relationship gap between people who benefited from SU and the current youths so this initiative will help bridge that gap," said Chanika.

Evance is very excited that he has been accorded a rare opportunity to participate in the program out of all the applicants and he looks forward to gaining exceptional skills.



Among the 50 Young Ambassadors from 50 movements across the world: Naluso

