

HEKIMA UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

Monthly Updates

October 2023



Dear HUC Community

September has been a month full of activities as we continue moving HUC from better to best. We thank everyone who has been part of this journey and who in particular has contributed to the success of the activities we had in the month of September.

Let us continue with the same spirit as we challenge ourselves to do better. We invite you to send us your donation for the activities of this 40th year of HUC (HUC@40). Please use the following link and remember that no donation is small: https://hekima.ac.ke/?page_id=6378#

Mpesa contributions for HUC@40 activities can be made on **0742-857-334**.

The following are the activities that have taken place in the month of September:

Prof. Dominic Irudayaraj, SJ

During His Public Lecture on Ecology and the Bible, Odd Bedfellows? An Invitation to Eco-Biblical Rendezvous.



Ambassador Dr. Hukka Wario

During Public Lecture on the Recent BRICS Development and their Impact on Conflict and Peacebuilding on African Continent.



Lectures and Public Forums



HUC Jesuit School of Theology: On September 5, the Jesuit School of Theology had a Public Lecture on “Ecology and the Bible, Odd Bedfellows? An Invitation to Eco-Biblical Rendezvous” presented by Prof. Dominic Irudayaraj SJ from the Pontificio Istituto Biblico Rome.

HUC Peace Studies and International Relations: On September 8, HIPSIR had a Public Lecture on “The Recent BRICS Development and their Impact on Conflict and Peacebuilding on African Continent” presented by Ambassador Dr. Hukka Wario.

HUC Center for Research Training and Publications: On September 21 CRTP in collaboration with The Peace Tree Network celebrated the International Day of Peace by holding a Hybrid Roundtable Discussion under the theme “Harmony through Faith, Leveraging Faith-based Universities for Peace-building and Conflict Resolution.” On the same day, the center held a public forum whereby the Ambassador of Serbia to the Republic of Kenya, Mr. Dragan Zupanjevac, delivered a Zoom speech on “Democracy in Fractured Societies: What can we learn from Serbia?”

Find the **October Newsletter of JHIA** on the following link:

<https://mailchi.mp/46c7c43c94be/jhia-newsletter-issue-no-19-for-the-month-of-june-13560875?e=4ea13f88f3>



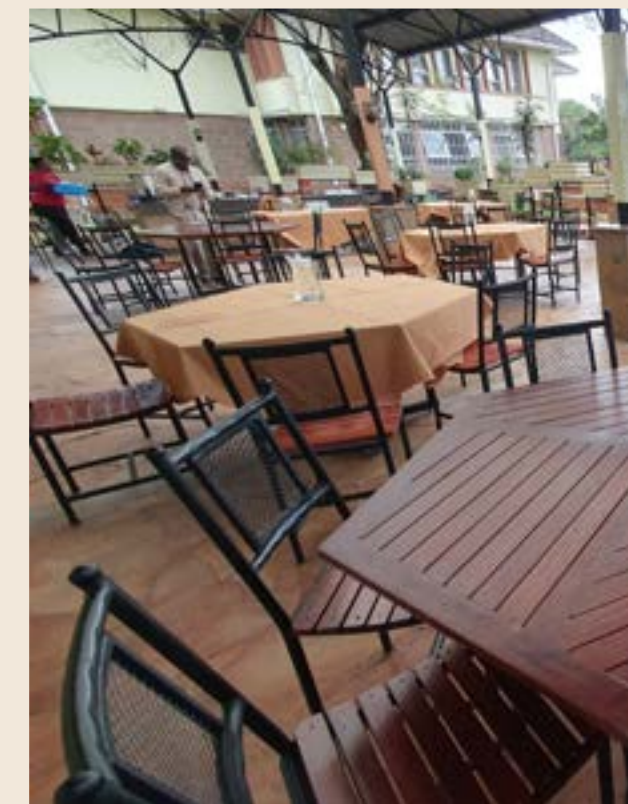
Requiem Mass & Burial of Br. Andrew Muzinda, AA



The late Andrew Muzinda from the Augustinian of Assumptions Congregation was scheduled to join the HUC Jesuit School of Theology this academic year. However, due to ill health, as he was battling cancer, was not able to join the classes despite registering. He died on 31st August at the Nairobi Coptic Hospital. He had been admitted there for treatment.

HUC Principal Rev. Dr. Marcel Uwineza and the Registrar Rev. Dr. George Macharia led a team of representatives including staff members and students to the funeral Mass which was held on September 6 at St. Monica Parish Njiru. He was buried at the Msongari Cemetery in Nairobi.

May the soul of Br. Andrew Muzinda and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace!



Renovations in Our Two Campuses





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As promised during the inauguration of the 40th Anniversary celebrations, the work on the Tarimo Student Common and that of the Staffroom at the undergraduate campus have been going on and near completion. It is envisioned that by the second week of October, all the work will have been completed.

The solar energy project works continue, at the undergraduate campus, the batteries and panels have been installed while the same installation works are currently ongoing at the postgraduate campus.

Farewells and Welcoming

Prof. Dominic Irudayaraj, SJ, who has been with us for the last six weeks is going back to Rome. We are immensely grateful to him for taking the time to teach at JST and also for the public lecture he delivered at the beginning of the month of September.

We are also grateful to Prof. (Hons) Chukwuemeka Orji, SJ, for his service to HUC as Library Supervisor, a task he performed with much love and dedication. Prof. Chukwuemeka spent long hours in the Library, keeping it open to students and Faculty members who needed to use the facility longer after the Library staff members had left. His dedication is a sign of his love and support to the mission of the Society.

We welcome the new Chief Librarian Father Francis Aziza, SJ who is joining us after his Priestly Ordination two months ago. We wish him all the best.

Prof. Dominic Irudayaraj, SJ,
Visiting Professor



Prof. (Hons) Chukwuemeka
Orji, SJ,
Outgoing Library Supervisor



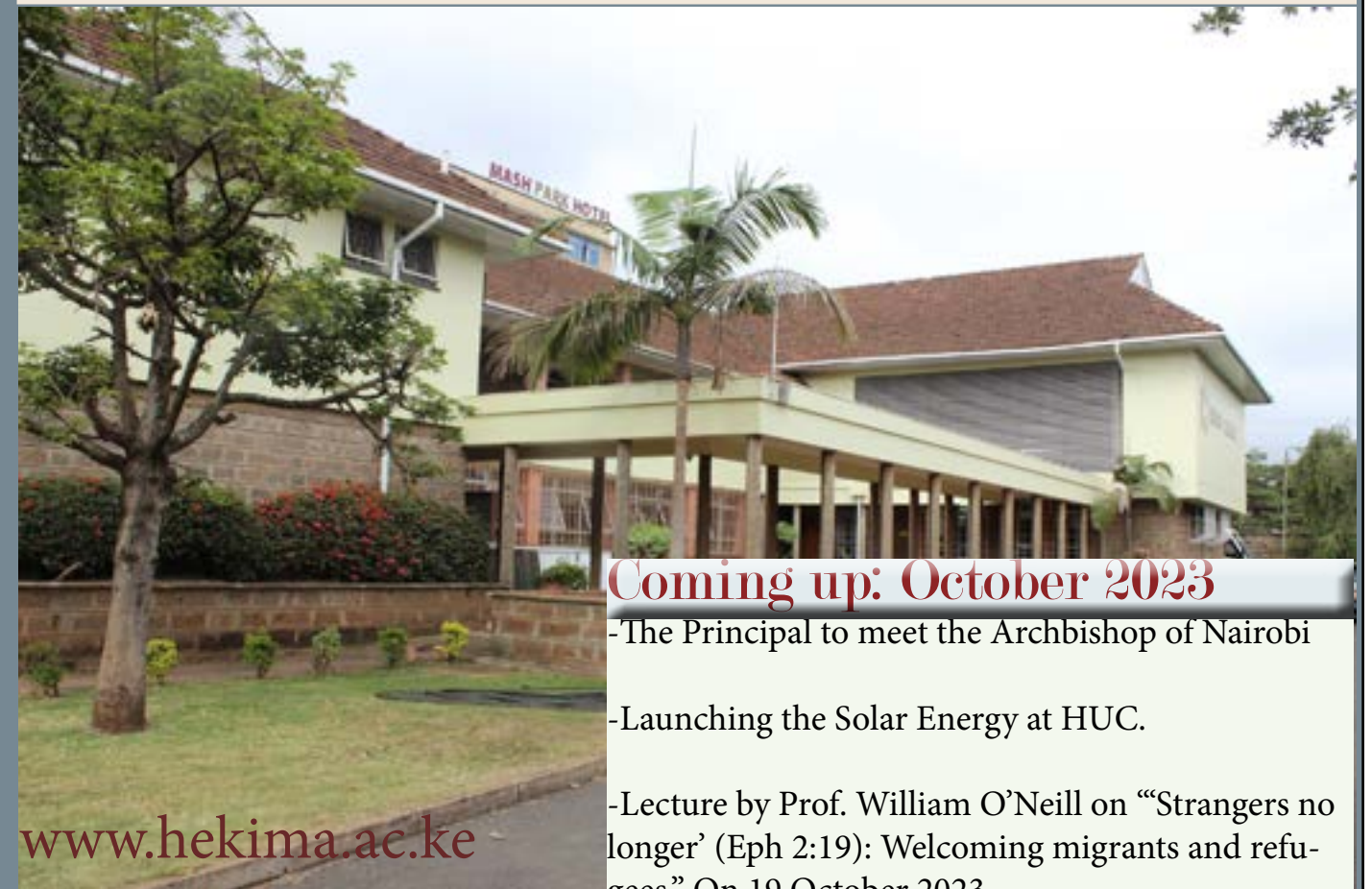
Fr. Francis Aziza, SJ
New Chief Librarian



Meetings & Planning

The first council meeting for this Academic Year was held on 20 September. Other meetings that are crucial for the activities lined up for the celebrations of the HUC 40th Anniversary have taken place as follows:

- The Principal had a meeting with the Executive Director of the Institute for Advanced Catholic Studies of the University of South California, Becky King Cerling, Ph.D. to explore shared priorities, including interreligious dialogue, democracy, and women's theological formation.
- The Principal explored possible networking with the President of the Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities, Rev. Dr. Michael Garanzini, SJ
- A meeting of the Organizing Committee for the Women's Conference was held on September 12.
- A virtual meeting with the HUC Alumni was held on September 14
- The HUC@40 Meeting of the Organizing Committee to discuss HUC@40 Activities was held on September 22.
- The Faculty of the Jesuit School of Theology held a meeting on 28 September.
- HUC@40 Committee for Women's Conference sent out invitations to those who will attend the much-anticipated conference on HUC's DECADES OF WOMEN'S THEOLOGICAL EMPOWERMENT.



Coming up: October 2023

- The Principal to meet the Archbishop of Nairobi
- Launching the Solar Energy at HUC.
- Lecture by Prof. William O'Neill on "Strangers no longer' (Eph 2:19): Welcoming migrants and refugees." On 19 October 2023
- Hekima Research Week, October 23-27
- Graduation at the Catholic University of Eastern Africa, 27 October 2023

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