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Dear HUC Family,

Re: Update: New Appointments, Council Highlights and Mid-Semester Break

Greetings and peace of Christ!

I wish to share with you two recent appointments and a few important updates.

1. New Appointments

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Rev. Dr. Deshi Ramadhani, SJ, as Chair of the Department of Biblical Studies for the remainder of the 2026/2027 Academic Year. Fr. Deshi succeeds Rev. Prof. (Hons.) Chukwuemeka Orji, SJ, to whom we remain immensely grateful for his dedicated leadership and service over the years. In his new role, Fr. Deshi will provide academic, administrative, and collegial leadership to the Department, including coordination of courses, academic quality, faculty collaboration, and departmental administration.

I am equally pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Esther Nkatha M'ithiria as Program Leader for the Bachelor of Science in Innovation and Social Entrepreneurship (BISE) at HUC–Molo Campus. This is a part-time academic leadership role that will become operational upon the necessary CUE approval for HUC-Molo Campus. Dr. Esther will provide academic oversight, programme coordination, student mentorship, quality assurance, and support for the effective implementation and development of the BISE programme.

Please join me in congratulating Fr. Deshi and Dr. Esther and in assuring them of our support and prayers as they undertake these responsibilities.

2. Key Updates from the HUC Council Meeting

The Council held a fruitful meeting and provided important guidance on several institutional priorities:

- 2027 Budget: The proposed 2027 Budget was approved by the Council, subject to two minor adjustments, and will now proceed to the Board of Trustees for consideration.
- HUC Organogram: Considerable progress was made toward its approval, with greater clarity regarding the placement of the Registrar, Internal Auditor, ODeL Director and Director of Short Courses. Further consultation will be undertaken regarding the placement of the Dean of Students before reverting to the Council.

- Council Transition: The Council will continue discerning proposals concerning its future transition, with submissions expected by 30 October 2026.
- Infrastructure Development: The Council offered valuable guidance on the preliminary infrastructural projects presented. These proposals will undergo further discernment with the Management Board and relevant experts before returning to the Council.

3. Student Life and the Mid-Semester Break

I would also like to express my sincere gratitude to the Dean of Students and the entire HUCSA Council for the work they have done thus far. Their energy, commitment, and leadership have contributed greatly to the vitality of student life at HUC. Thank you for the spirit of service with which you continue to strengthen our community.

As part of our ongoing institutional development, we anticipate appointing a new Dean of Students in January 2027. Members of the HUC community who feel called to this important ministry and possess the requisite administrative, communication, and leadership skills are invited to contact the Office of the Principal. The Dean of Students plays an important role in accompanying our students and nurturing a healthy, vibrant, and responsible university community.

Finally, as we begin our mid-semester break, I wish everyone a fruitful and restorative time. Take some time to breathe, renew your energies, and read something beyond the demands of your ordinary work. Rest is not time lost; it can give us the perspective and renewed strength needed to return to our responsibilities with greater creativity and generosity.

May this break renew us in body, mind, and spirit, and may God continue to bless the entire HUC family.

With gratitude and every blessing,



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