



CURRICULUM VITAE

NAMES: (i) NDUNG’U
(ii) NAHASHON
(iii) WAMATHAI (BED; MA: PhD)

DATE OF BIRTH: 1949

MARITAL STATUS: MARRIED

PRESENT POSITION: Ass. Professor

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EMPLOYER: UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI

EDUCATION BACKGROUND

1990 – 1994: UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI

Doctorate Studies:

Title of Thesis: Akurinu Churches: With Special Reference to
their Theology”

1977 – 1979: UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI

Master of Arts (Religious Studies)

Title of Thesis: “African Independent Pentecostal Church of Africa and Eschatology”

1974 – 1977: UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI

Subjects: Education, Geography and Religious Studies

Qualification: B.ED (First Class Honours)

1973: Sat for “A” levels (as a Private candidate)

Award: A Level Certificate

1971: Sat for E.A.C.E. (as a Private candidate)

Award: E.A.C.E. Certificate (Division 1)

1966 – 1967: KIMATHI SECONDARY SCHOOL

Award: K.J.S.E Certificate

1958 – 1965: KABAGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Award: K.P.E. Certificate

OTHER PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

1969 – 1970: KAGUMO TEACHERS COLLEGE

Qualification : Primary School Teacher (Grade P2)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Currently: Ass. Professor

DEPT. OF PHILOSOPHY AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES

UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI

Courses Taught:

- i) Comparative Religion
- ii) New Religious Movements
- iii) African Instituted Churches
- iv) African Religion

2011: PROMOTED TO ASS. PROFESSOR

Courses Taught

- i) African Instituted Church
- ii) New Religious Movements
- iii) African Religion
- iv) Comparative Religion II

1998: PROMOTED TO SENIOR LECTURER

Courses Taught i) Comparative Religion

- i) New Religious Movements
- ii) African Instituted Churches

1991: PROMOTED TO LECTURER

Courses Taught

- i) Comparative Religion
- ii) New Religious Movements
- iii) African Religion
- iv) Supervision of Research Paper in Religious Education

1990: JOINED UNIVERISTY OF NAIROBI

ASSISTANT LECTURER

Department of Religious Studies

Courses Taught:

- i) Comparative Religion
- ii) African Religion

1981 – 1990: TAUGHT AT KAMWENJA TEACHERS COLLEGE (NYERI)

- Promoted to Lecturer 1982 – Head of C.R.E Department
- Promoted to Senior Lecture 1986 – Head of Social Sciences Department
- Promoted to Principal Lecturer 1989 – Dean of Curriculum – in – charge of College Academic Affairs.

1979 – 1981: TAUGHT AT KERICHO TEACHERS COLLEGE (KERICHO)

1977 (June – Oct): TAUGHT AT KAMBUI GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL (KIAMBU)

- As a Graduate Teacher

1971 – 1974: TAUGHT AT KIRITI PRIMARY SCHOOL (NYERI)

- Promoted to PI status after passing the “O” Level Examination (1972)
- Promoted to SI status after passing the “A” Level Examination (1974)

NATIONAL ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

1980: Setting of K.C.S.E, C.R.E. Examination

1980 – 1997: Setting of C.P.E., C.R.E. Examination

1990 – 1997: Setting of P.T.E., C.R.E., Examination

Senior Examiner P.T.E., C.R.E. papers

OTHER COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

1995 – 2005: Chairman, Board of Governors

St. George Secondary School, Gataragwa, Njeri

1990: Chairman, Kamwanya Sub-location Welfare Association, Nyeri

2010: Member –Mugunda Secondary School - Nyeri

ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES

1999 – 2005: Chairman Department of Religious Studies

Member of Senate – University of Nairobi

Member of Academic Board – College of Humanities and Social Sciences

1990 – 1996: Departmental Examinations Officer

1996 – 1998: Departmental Representative in the Faculty Curriculum Committee

Member of I.G.A. Committee – Faculty of Arts

POST GRADUATE SUPERVISION

PHD SUPERVISION

I have supervised/examined the following students:4

1. Sheikh Adan Supervisor (in progress) Ph.D UON.
2. Jane N. Kabugi, (Supervisor), PhD Awarded in 2004. (University of Nairobi)

Title of Thesis: “Catholic Women’s Participation in Empowerment and Liberation

Activities: A Study of Small Christian Communities in Kenya”.

3. Paul N. Mwangi: (Supervisor) – Ph.D awarded in 2008

Title of Thesis:”The Role of Religion in Social Transformational Disharmony: A Case Study of The Integration of The Sinai Church and the Bahai Faith in Ipapa Tanzania – 1972-2005”.

SUPERVISION OF M.A. STUDENTS

3. Pauline W. Mbogo (Supervisor/Examiner) – M.A. award in 2008

Title of Project: “Religion and Ecology: An Investigation of the Role played by A Rocha

“Christian Community in Conservation of Arabuko Sokoke Forest and Mida Creek Mangrove Forest in Malindi and Kilifi Districts”

4. Millicent W. Maina, M.A. awarded in 2008

Title of Project: - “Proliferation of Christian Denominations in Kenya: A case study of Selected New Charismatic Movements in Nairobi”.

5. Francis I. M’Itiiri – M.A. Awarded in 2006

Title of Project: “Youth and the Church: Challenges in the Present Day Kenya: with Special Reference to Ponography.

6. Ruth W. Kibue (Supervision), M.A. awarded 2002

Title of Thesis: “Renewal within the Roman Catholic Church: With special Reference to the Catholic Charismatic Renewal in Kenya”.

7. Trajan Bwesigye (Supervisor), M.A. Awarded in 2002.

Title of Project: “Caring for people with disabilities with special reference to the Christian Community in Nairobi”.

8. Peter Muriithi, Aberdeen University, (Supervisor), M.A. Awarded in 2002.

Title of Thesis: “The African Independent Pentecostal Church of Africa and its Relevance in Kenya today”.

9. J.K. Otwolo, (Supervisor/Examiner), M.A. Awarded in 1998

Title of Thesis: “The Socio-Economic Activities of the Arya Samaj Hindu

Community: A Spiritual Perspective”.

10. Grace Bosibori, (Internal Examiner/Supervisor) M.A. awarded 1995.

Title of Thesis:”Popular Religion in Nairobi: A Study of Some Lunch Hour Religious Assemblies in Nairobi”.

11. Hannah Maingi, (Supervisor), M.A. Awarded 1994

Title of Thesis: “The Christian Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Marriage: Their Relevance on the Daily Lives of the Gikuyu Christians”.

12. Phalace Murangai – in M.A. awarded in 2009.

Title of Thesis: “Post-Marriage Parenting Challenges:The Case of Former Single Mothers in Githunguri ACK Parish”.

EXTERNAL ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

2002 – 2004: Visiting Lecture Hekima Theological College

2004 – External Examiner St. Paul’s University

2006 – External Examiner Kenyatta University

PUBLICATIONS

1. African Instituted Churches in Kenya: Challenges and Hope in the 21st Century in Journal of Humanities and Social Sciences vol.v No.1 2011.
2. “Cultural Challenges and the Church in Africa”, in African Ecclesial Review-Theological Journal, Vol.50. Nos 1; & 2 June 2008. P 71-94.
3. N.W. Ndung’u, CRS 205, African Religion, University of Nairobi Centre for Open and Distance Learning.
4. N.W. Ndung’u and P.W. Mwaura (eds) Challenges and Prospects of the Church in Africa, Theological Reflections for the 21st Century, Nairobi, Paulines, 2006.
5. “Environmental Management in Africa”; Constrains and Prospects. In N.W. Ndung’u and P.W. Mwaura (eds) 2005, Challenges and Prospects of the Church in Africa, Theological Reflections for the 21st Century.
6. “Religion, Ethnicity and Identity in Africa”. In Hekima Journal of the Humanities and Social Sciences, Vol.III No.1 2005 (University of Nairobi).

7. "Religion and Cultural Identify, The Case of The African Instituted Churches (AICs)" in Bahemuka J.M. & Brockington J.L. (eds). East Africa in Transition: Images Institutions and Identities, Nairobi University Press, 2004.
8. "Land as Source of Economic Sustenance", Wamue G. And Theuri M. (eds) Quests for Integrity in Africa, Nairobi Acton 2003 pp 57-74.
9. "The Youth and Africa's Future", in Getui M. and Theuri M. (eds) Quests for Abundant Life in Africa, Nairobi, Acton 2002 pp 126-139.
10. "Demography and Poverty in Africa", in Peter Kanyandago (ed) The Cries of the poor in Africa Marianum publishing Co. Ltd. Kisumbi, Uganda 2002, pp 137-145.
11. "The Role of The Bible in The Rise of African Instituted Churches", The Akurinu Churches in Kenya. In Gerald O. West and Musa. W. Dube-The Bible in Africa Brill Boston, 2000 pp.236-247.
12. "Towards The Recovery of African Identify" in Mary Getui and Emmanuel Obeng (eds) Theology of Reconstruction Exploratory Essays Acton 1990 pp.258-265.
13. "Civil Education for Democracy in Kenya", in Laurenti Magesa & Zablon Nthamburi (eds) Democracy and Reconciliation, Nairobi, Acton 1999 pp. 23-31.
14. "Land and Violence in Kenya", in M. Getui and P. Kanyagandago (eds) From Violence to Peace. Acton 1999 pp. 57-69.
15. "Worship in African Christianity"; The Akorino Churches in M. Getui (ed) Theological Method and Aspects of Worship in African Christianity. Acton 1998 pp.94-105.
16. "The Bible in An African Independent Church", in H.W. Kinoti & J. Walligo (eds) The Bible in African Christianities, Acton 1997 pp 58-67.
17. "The Changing Attitudes to Primary School Christian Religion in Kenya", In the African Ecclesial Review (AFER) Vol.29 No.2 April 1987.

SEMINAR PAPERS REFEREED AND SUBMITTED FOR PUBLICATION

18. “Persistence of Traditional Healing Features in the African Instituted Churches”.
19. “African Instituted Churches-Challenges and Hope in the 21st Century”, In African Challenge Journal.

UNPUBLISHED SEMINAR PAPERS

- 1995 – “The Rise of the African Independent Churches in Kenya”, Paper presented at Hekima Theological College Nairobi.
- “The Impact of Religion in The Kenyan Society” Paper presented during the Induction session of the British Overseas Volunteers – Nakuru.
- 1992 – “The Role of The Christian Education Teacher in Class and Community”. Paper presented during the National Association of Religious Educational Teachers (NARET) Seminar, Nairobi.
- 1990 – “The Role of the Church in Christian Religious Education with Special Reference to Moral and Spiritual Guidance. Paper presented during the Ecumenical Association of 3rd World Theologians (EATWOT), Nairobi.

UNPUBLISHED THESIS

- 1994 – Ph.D, “The Akurinu Churches: With Special Emphasis on Their Theology”, University of Nairobi.
- 1979-M.A. “The African Independent Pentecostal Church of Africa and Eschatology”. University of Nairobi.

SPEECHES

- 2003- “Setting One’s Goals in Life”. Guest Speaker Nyahururu Highway Secondary School, Nyahururu.
- 2001-“Adolescent’s and career choices”, Guest Speaker South Tetu Girls High School, Nyeri.
- “The Significance and Challenges of Prize giving Ceremonies”. Guest Speaker Endarasha Educational Zone, Kieni West Division-Nyeri.

2000-“Factors contributing to Good School Performance”. Guest Speaker Biricha Primary Prize Giving day Kieni West Division – Nyeri.

1998-“The Youth and Adolescence Crisis” An Address to Students of

- Gataragwa Girls Secondary School-Nyeri
- St. George Secondary School – Nyeri

1996-“The Role of Parents in Relation to Good School Performance”, Guest Speaker During the Gatarakwa Educational Zone Prize giving day, Kieni West Division Nyeri.

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

1. “Contemporary Cultural Challenges to Evangelism in Africa”.
2. “The Impact of Charismatism in The Church”.
3. Book manuscript in Progress at the University of Nairobi Press.
Title-“The Akurinu Churches their background and Theology.

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION AND RESEARCH INTEREST

- “African Instituted Churches”
- “African Religion”
- “African Christian Theology”
- “New Religious Movements”
- “Comparative Religion”

CONFERENCES ATTENDED AND PAPERS PRESENTED

2007 – World Forum on Theology and Liberation – Nairobi

2005 – Ecumenical Symposium for Eastern Africa Theologians. Paper: “Religion and Politics in Africa”. The Role of AICs in the Struggle for Independence in Kenya. (Nairobi)

2003 – Ecumenical Symposium for Eastern Africa Theologians Paper: “Persistence of Traditional Healing Features in the African Instituted Churches” (Sagana, Kenya).

2002 – The Great Lakes Colleges Association and University of Nairobi Conference. Paper: “Ethnicity in Kenya – A Religious Perspective”, Nairobi.

Ecumenical Symposium for Eastern Africa Theologians. Paper: “Challenges of Ethnicity in African Christianity” (Sagana, Kenya)

Ecumenical Association of Third World Theologians (EATWOT). Paper: “Changing Trends in Religious Education in Kenya”.

The Great Lakes Colleges Association and University of Nairobi COngrence.
Paper: “Religion and Identity”. (Nairobi)

2001 – Ecumenical Symposium for Eastern Africa Theologians Paper: “Gender Roles in The African Instituted Churches”. (Sagana, Kenya)

2000- Ecumenical Symposium for Eastern Africa Theologians. Paper: “Challenges and Prospects of the Church in the Third Millennium – The Case of the African Instituted Churches” (Sagana, Kenya).

Ecumenical Association of Third World Theologians (EATWOT). Paper “Pangs of Hunger in Africa-A Challenge for The Church”. (Nairobi)

1999-Ecumenical Symposium for Eastern Africa Theologians. Paper: “Environmental Management in Africa Constrains and Prospects” (Sagana, Kenya).

Ecumenical Association of Third World Theologians (EATWOT). Paper: “I and Issues and Development in Kenya”. (Nairobi).

1998-Ecumenical Symposium for Eastern Africa Theologians. Paper: “Demography and Poverty in Kenya” (Sagana, Kenya).

Ecumenical Association of Third World Theologians (EATWOT). Paper: “Crisis of The Youth in Africa in the 21st C”. (Nairobi).

Association of Theological Institutions of Eastern African Conference (Nairobi).
Paper: “Challenges of the Modern African Family in the 21st C”. (Nairobi).

1997-Ecumenical Symposium for Eastern Africa Theologians. Paper “Civil Education for Democracy in Kenya”. (Sagana, Kenya).

1996-Ecumenical Symposium for Eastern Africa Theologians. Paper: “Land and Violence in Kenya” (Sagana, Kenya).

1995-Ecumenical Symposium for Eastern Africa Theologians. Paper: “Worship in the Akurinu Churches”. (Sagana, Kenya).

Ecumenical Association of Third World Theologians (EATWOT). Paper: “African Self-Esteem: Towards A recovery of the African Personality”. (Nairobi).

1994-Ecumenical Symposium for Eastern Africa Theologians. Paper: “The Bible in An African Independent Church”. (Sagana, Kenya).

1990-Ecumenical Association of Third World Theologians (EATWOT). Paper: “The Role of the Church in Religious Education with Special Reference to Moral and Spiritual Guidance” (Nairobi).

MEMBERSHIP OF PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- Ecumenical Symposium for Eastern Africa Theologians. (ESEAT).
- Ecumenical Association of Third World Theologians (EATWOT).
- Association of Theological Institutions of Eastern African Conference (ATIEA).
- Association of Biblical Scholars in East Africa.

AWARDS/SCHOLARSHIPS

1977-Awarded the Gandhi Smarak Award of Academic Excellence-Faculty of Education University of Nairobi.

Awarded the **Shell Award** of Academic Excellence-Faculty of Education, University of Nairobi.

Awarded an **M.A. Scholarship** by the University of Nairobi.