



**DIRECTORATE FOR ETHICS AND INTEGRITY
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PRESS STATEMENT

CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND TIMES OF St. JANANI LUWUM

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16th February, 2020, will mark the 43rd anniversary of the Martyrdom of St. Janani Luwum. St. Janani Luwum was the 2nd African Archbishop of the Church of Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi and Boga Zaire, who was brutally murdered in 1977 by the Military Government at the orders of the then President of Uganda, Idi Amin Dada at the then State Research Bureau, Nakasero. His body was secretly transported to Mucwini, Kitgum District (his ancestral home and birth place) and hurriedly buried at the church yard of Wii Gweng.

In addition to his great passion for proclaiming the Gospel of Christ, St. Janani Luwum faced the cruelty of his murderers due to his clear, undaunted voice for strong values and moral rootedness, human rights and social justice.

St. Janani Luwum Commemoration Service

In 2015, H.E. Gen. Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, President of the Republic of Uganda, designated 16th February as a national commemoration day in remembrance of the Archbishop. The day was also declared a public holiday.

In that regard, the Directorate for Ethics and Integrity, responsible for Religious Affairs together with the Church of Uganda organizes an annual commemoration service at his resting place at Wii-Gweng, Mucwini in Kitgum district.

This year, 2020 the service will be conducted under the theme ***"Let us not get tired of doing good"*** taken from the Book of Galatians, Chapter 6 verse 9. His Excellency Gen. Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, the President of the Republic of Uganda will be the Chief Guest.

The foot pilgrimage

Prior to the Commemoration Day, the Province of the Church of Uganda has organized a two-week Foot-Pilgrimage from Namirembe Hill in Kampala to Muçwini in Kitgum, retracing the final journey of the late Archbishop from his official residence to his resting place.

To kick start the pilgrimage, the Archbishop of the Church of Uganda, Rt. Rev. Stanley Ntagali, lead the pilgrims through a symbolic walk from Namirembe (Bishop's Palace) through Serena Hotel (the then Nile Mansions), and Okello House Nakasero (former State Research Bureau) where he was murdered. This walk marks the final journey of St. Janani Luwum in Kampala shortly before he met his death.

Emulating the values Archbishop Janan Luwum exhibited

As we commemorate the life and times of St. Janan Luwum this February and in line with this year's theme; ***"Let us not get tired of doing good"***, I wish to take this rare opportunity to recognize and inform the public of a very exceptional behavior exhibited by two Boda Boda riders. (

(Live testimony by the Boda Boda riders)

Conclusion

This act exhibited by these two young Ugandans is in line with the National Ethical Values of Uganda of;

- a) Respecting Humanity and Environment
- b) Honesty: Upholding and defending the truth at all times

- c) Moral uprightness and being socially responsible
- d) Being nationally conscious and patriotic

I wish therefore, to call upon citizens, men and women of good will to join the Church in commemorating the life and times of this modern day martyr as well as upholding the National Ethical Values of Uganda.

For God and My Country



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