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ACU Business Degree

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The business degree at ACU is designed to produce graduates who have a strong biblical world view of business in terms of the cultural mandate and also in terms of stewardship.

Let me start by stating that doing business and making a profit is not a sin. If you are a farmer for example, you produce a crop and your responsibility is to multiply the seed stock into a crop that may sold for a good return based on the market price that is fair and one that covers the costs incurred. In manufacturing and service provision the degree is designed to produce graduates who will see business as a calling, to be good stewards and to have a strong cultural mandate as a guiding principle.

One way of appreciating the business degree is to ask the question, “why does God want people to go into business?” Two answers emerge: to provide goods and services, and the second, to provide meaningful and creative jobs.

These two different purpose statements provide both an internal and external focus. Externally, business is the only institution that creates economic value. A University such as ACU provides intellectual capital but does not make things as such. The degree is designed to take the ideas learnt and to commercialise them. It relies on an array of values from other institutions as well but provides an opportunity for graduates to lean towards a biblical world view.

In my opinion the degree is designed to help the student to see that not every product produced or service provided in business is valid in the eyes of God. So the degree is designed to help the graduate see not only the bottom line but also the product and service provided in terms of its nature and contribution to the kingdom of God.

Further, the degree is designed to reinforce the cultural mandate principle as a key to business. The principle lesson of the cultural mandate is that our sense of fulfilment depends on engaging in creative, constructive work. The ideal human existence is not external leisure or an endless vacation or even a monastic retreat into prayer and meditation, but creative effort expended for the glory of God and the benefit of others. Our calling is not just to GO TO HEAVEN but also to cultivate the earth, not just to SAVE SOULS but also to serve God through our work. God himself is engaged not only in the work of salvation but also in the work of preserving and developing His creation. When we obey the cultural mandate we participate in the work of God himself. I believe the degrees are designed to reinforce the biblical principle of CULTURAL MANDATE.

It is my view that the ACU business degree seeks to ask and answer the question "What is biblical stewardship?" In a very clear way the degree is designed to discover what the Bible says about stewardship, we start with the very first verse: "In the beginning God created the

heavens and the earth” ([Genesis 1:1](#)). As the Creator, God has absolute rights of ownership over all things, and to miss starting here is like misaligning the top button on our shirt or blouse—nothing else will ever line up. Nothing else in the Bible, including the doctrine of stewardship, will make any sense or have any true relevance if we miss the fact that God is the Creator and has full rights of ownership. It is through our ability to fully grasp this and imbed it in our hearts that the doctrine of stewardship is understood.

The biblical doctrine of stewardship defines a man’s relationship to God. It identifies God as owner and man as manager. God makes man His co-worker in administering all aspects of our life. The apostle Paul explains it best by saying, “For we are God’s fellow workers; you are God’s field, God’s building” ([1 Corinthians 3:9](#)). Starting with this concept, we are then able to accurately view and correctly value not only our possessions, but, more importantly, human life itself. In essence, stewardship defines our purpose in this world as assigned to us by God Himself. It is our divinely given opportunity to join with God in His worldwide and eternal redemptive movement ([Matthew 28:19-20](#)). Stewardship is not God taking something from us; it is His method of bestowing His richest gifts upon His people. ACU in my opinion emphasizes this principle in the degree programme.



INTERVIEW WITH DR. KAKUNGU

ACU REGISTRAR

1. How did you come to know the Lord?

I was raised in the Catholic Church. Which means that I was religious. From High School my heart was set on becoming a Catholic priest. However, in 1980, while at National Service Camp in Ndola (Mushili National Service Camp), I strayed in a meeting where Evangelist Chris Ngoma and his wife were preaching. For the first time, I heard a message about Christ, His death and resurrection. I can still remember Evangelist Chris Ngoma's finger pointing at me to come to Christ and be saved. That was the last day of July 1980. I could not help but come to Christ Confess my sinfulness and accepting His Lordship.

2. What is your education, work and ministry experience?

The Lord Jesus has been gracious to me in the area of education and ministry. I went to primary school at Maramba Boys Primary School, Lilayi Primary School, and Namalundu Primary School. I did my Secondary School Education at Monze Boys Secondary School. Thereafter, I went to National Service.

From 1982 to 1985, I was at Chainama College of Health Sciences where I did my Clinical Officers Training. I worked for nine years in the ministry of Health. First, I worked at Chipata General Hospital, then Macha Mission Hospital,,Kazimaulu Health centre, and finally Moyo Health Centre. While working, the Lord gave me an opportunity to work with others in church planting. At Chipata General Hospital, I met Mrs. Mutwale and brother Sampa. We started the Hospital Fellowship. At Macha Mission Hospital, we planted a church with some brethren and then in Kazimulu, we planted another church. In Choma while serving as Pastor, my wife and I planted a church.

The Lord was very gracious to me in terms of Discipleship. While at Chainama, I was part of ZAFES, and at National Service, a missionary used to come every Sunday afternoon to disciple us with some brothers who got saved at National service. While in Chipata, I sat under the feet of a Missionary pastor and later Rev. Kalembo. While in Chipata, I would visit the public library where I met John Calvin. I became his

student by reading every book I could find on him. Thus, I was also disciplined through his writings. While at Macha Hospital, I met Brother Msiska who was a Calvinist. He gave me books on the Reformed Baptist faith. One of the books he gave me was the 1689 Baptist confession. Later I purchased my own books which I still have.

In terms of ministry, I was given an opportunity by the Lord Jesus to serve as Pastor in Macha, Choma, Kazimaulu and Munali Pilgrim Wesleyan Church. Later, I was given an opportunity to serve for six years as the National Superintendent of the Pilgrim Wesleyan Church in Zambia.

3. What did you know about Christian Education before coming to ACU?

The Lord Provided men and women throughout my life who disciplined me and mentored me. While at High School I was under the care of a Jesuit Priest Father Denis, at National service a Missionary Rev. Duda, in Chipata Rev. Kalembo, and ZAFES. I have sat under the feet of men who have walked with the Lord. In addition to the pastors I have mentioned, I went to an Evangelical University called TCCA where I majored in Pastoral and Christian Education (Double major). At masters, I majored in Pastoral and Christian Education. I also was given an opportunity to pursue a Doctor of Ministry degree. Christian education begins from discipleship after regeneration, and then the local church is the context for learning. In the Reformed circles, you are initiated into Christian education and theology in the local Church. Bible College is just a formality which is a requirement for earthly acceptance.

4. How did you know about ACU?

First of all, I used to attend the Reformed Baptist pastors' fellowship. Later on while at Justo Mwale University as Registrar, it was part of my responsibility to know all the Christian Universities as well as any other university since we were in the same industry.

While on a study tour in Nairobi, I was asked what I was doing at that time. I shared with pastor Oscar Muriu, his wife and the leaders that the Lord had impressed upon my heart to help upcoming church planters to plant churches. Pastor Muriu informed me that they were sending a young couple to Lusaka to plant a church they asked me to come alongside the pastor. When this pastor came to Zambia, we worked with him

in the initial days and we continue to facilitate issues of banking, immigration, and preaching while he is away. One of the couples in his church who is known to Dr. Musembi, heard that my contract was coming to an end and was aware that there was a new university called ACU. She talked to Dr. Musembi who in turn informed me that ACU had advertised for a Registrar.

My responsibilities involve implementing the ACU vision, mission and Core Values in the Academic Office (Registrar Academic Affairs) which has to do with admissions, registration of new students, maintaining academic records, time tables, examinations and serving as Secretary to the University Board and Senate etc.

6.What kind of impact do you think ACU would have on its graduates?

The vision and mission are awesome and challenging. This has to do with preparing our graduates from a Biblical World view so that when they enter the marketplace, they are equipped to serve the country in their vocations from a Biblical framework which is also the Reformed way of life. As Christians we need to see our various vocations from the Christian World view. This way, we will be the light and the salt of the nation.

MATTERS FOR PRAYER

- 1) Continue to pray for the raising of funds for the land and construction.**
- 2) Continue to pray for the students in their final term for the year.**
- 3) Continue to pray for the ongoing accreditation process of our Programmes.**
- 4) Pray for the latest additions to body of staff particularly the Registrar.**
- 5) Pray for the ongoing process of Strategic Planning for the next five years.**
- 6) Pray for a very good enrolment for the next academic year.**
- 7) Pray for the upcoming graduation on the 30th of November.**

ACU is one of the few, if not the only Christian institution in Africa which is training University students to see their life and vocation from a Biblical World view. Those in Administration, faculty and support staff have a challenge to see Christ's call to come and be with him so that they in turn model the life of Christ to students.

I am grateful to the Lord for this opportunity to be part of the team Dr. Musembi is leading on this Journey of Discipleship in a Christian University.

Matters for Praise

- 1) Thank the Lord for His sustenance. We have been able to go through the year without any major incidence.**
- 2) Thank the Lord for those who have committed to giving to the work at ACU.**
- 3) Thank the Lord for the impact that the gospel has had on the Students in the Scholars Programme, some of whom have testified of the Lord's saving grace in their lives.**

