

Curriculum Vitae for Rt Rev Dr D Zac Niringiye

Personal Profile

The Rt Rev. Dr. D Zac Niringiye is a theologian, pastor, Bible teacher, counsellor, trainer, and organizational development consultant.

Currently, he is Assistant Bishop of the Diocese of Kampala, a position he assumed after four years as Regional Director of the Church Mission Society's work in Africa and 20 years of ministry among students in Uganda and all over English and Portuguese Speaking Africa, initially with the Fellowship of Christian Unions (FOCUS) Uganda and then with the International Fellowship of Evangelical Students (IFES).

Kampala Diocese, for which he is Assistant Bishop, is one of the 33 dioceses in the Church of Uganda and is constituted by 30 churches, with about 50 pastors – both stipendiary and non stipendiary. The Archbishop of the Church of Uganda, is the Bishop of Kampala. Bishop Zac' role as Assistant Bishop is to provide Episcopal oversight – the pastoral, liturgical, strategic mission and ministry leadership to Kampala Diocese, as Archbishop Henry leads the work in the whole Church.

Dr Niringiye holds an honours Physics degree from Makerere University, a Masters degree in Theology from Wheaton College, USA, and a PhD in Theology and Mission History from Edinburgh University. He has written widely on theology, leadership and mission. He has also been instrumental in the founding of many organisations and ministries, including: the Evangelical Fellowship of Uganda, Kampala Evangelical School of Theology (KEST), Aclaim Africa (a leading leadership and management consulting firm) and *Relate* Communications, the publishers of *Relate* magazine. He is also a marriage and family life Counsellor. At the heart of his life and work is a passion for God's Kingdom and His Mission.

Dr. Niringiye's multicultural ministry, leadership and mission experience has made him a sought-after Bible Teacher and speaker at mission and leadership conferences globally. He speaks regularly at conferences and churches in Africa, Europe and North America.

Born on 30 April, 1954 in Bufumbira, Kisoro District, Bishop Zac is married to Theodora, an HIV/AIDS, trauma, marriage and family counsellor with *Relate* Communications and Wakisa Ministries, and they have three children – Joshua, 23; Grace, 21; and Abigail, 18.

Education:

- 1979 Graduated from Makerere University with a BSc (Hons) in Physics and a Diploma in Education.
- 1987 Graduated from Wheaton College Graduate School with an MA in Systematic Theology.

- 1995 Completed Ordination Course at Bishop Tucker Theological College, Mukono
- 1998 Graduated from Edinburgh University with a PhD in Theology and Mission History.

Awards

The Billy Graham Scholarship Award 1985-1987

The Langham Foundation USA award, 1985-1987

The Wheaton College Christian Theology and History award, 1987

The Christian International Scholarship Foundation award, at Edinburgh University 1993-1997

The Langham Trust Scholarship award at Edinburgh University 1993-1997

Work experience:

1979-80 Graduate Fellow
Physics Department, Makerere University

1980-92 General Secretary
Fellowship of Christian Unions (FOCUS), Uganda
FOCUS is an evangelical student movement working among universities and colleges and professionals throughout Uganda with a mission of pioneering, establishing and building holistic witnessing communities. Zac was the pioneer full time staff work for this work in Uganda.

1993-2000 Regional Secretary
International Fellowship of Evangelical Students (IFES), English- and Portuguese-speaking Africa, covering 25 countries.

IFES is a worldwide interdenominational evangelical movement of students and graduates, which links together work among students in over 140 countries and has more than 300,000 members throughout the world.

1995 Ordained Deacon in the Diocese of Muhabura, attached to All Saints Cathedral, Diocese of Kampala

1996 Ordained Priest in the Diocese of Muhabura and assigned as Chaplain to Muhabura Diocese Community in Kampala

2001- 2005 Regional Director, Church Mission Society (CMS) Africa
CMS is a mission agency working in partnership with churches in Africa, Asia, the Middle East and Europe. Established in 1799, the

Society's goal remains the same - to spread the Gospel to every part of the world. The Africa Region covers the 20 countries in Sub-Saharan Africa in which CMS has some work.

2003 Commissioned Honorary Curate, Christ Church Beckenham, Diocese of Rochester, to serve as Missioner-at-Large'

Jan 2005- Assistant Bishop, Kampala Diocese

Boards/Councils Involvement:

Co-Founder (with Professor Steven Noll) of the **Global South Institute** at Uganda Christian University Mukono;

Founder and member of the Board, **Kampala Evangelical School** of Theology, 1989-

Founder Chairman, **Evangelical Fellowship of Uganda (EFU)**, 1989-1999

Founder and Chairman, **Relate Communications Ltd.**, 1998-

Director, Associated Consultants in Leadership and in Management, (**Aclaim**) Africa 1996-

Chairman, Associated Consultants in Leadership and in Management, (**Aclaim**) Africa 1999-

Founder and Director, **FARST Africa**, 2003-

Founder and Trustee, **WAKISA Ministries**, 2005-

Chairman, **Feed the Children Uganda** Advisory Board 1990-1998

Board Member, **International Bible Society (IBS)**, East Africa 1988-1999

Board Member, **Christian Children Fund**, Uganda 1989-1999

Founding Member of Council, **African Theological Initiative**, 1992- 2000

Member, **Daystar University Company**, 1995-

Some of the Presentations at International Conferences/ meetings:

Presented a Paper at the "Christianity in Africa in the 1990s" Conference 1991, at New College Edinburgh University on "The Para-Church Movement in Africa in the 1990s"

Speaker at the 1993 IVCF Urbana Missions Convention, USA

Speaker at the Global Consultation of the Forum for Bible Agencies, Dalfsen Holland, April 1994

Main speaker at the 1995 Evangelical Missions Association Conference, UK

Featured speaker at the Spring'97 Annual College Church in Wheaton Missions Conference

Featured speaker for the 1997 Annual Church Mission Society (CMS) Sermon: London, Bristol, Durham, on "The Christ of the Cross and the World Mission of the Church"

Main speaker at the 1998 Tear Fund International Conference at Swanick England

Presented a paper on "Christian Mission and the Church in Sub-Sahara Africa in the 21st Century" at a CMS consultation, Kampala, November 1999

Presented a public Lecture at Calvin College, Grand Rapids, Michigan USA on 'Trends, Challenges and Opportunities for Christian Mission in Africa', March 2000;

Keynote speaker at the Anglican Communion conference for Mission and Evangelism Coordinators, Cyprus, May 2002.

Keynote Speaker at the Africa AIDS Initiative in partnership with the Churches in N America, October 2003.

Bible Teacher at the IVCF Urbana Missions Convention (attended by 20,000 students, Pastors, and Professionals), Urbana, Dec 2003

Commencement Speaker at Wheaton College USA, May 2006

Works, Publications include:

"Prolegomena to an African Theology: An examination of the Sources and Methodology of Mbiti's Theology", an unpublished MA Thesis, Wheaton College, USA, 1987.

"Jerusalem to Antioch to the World: a Biblical Missions strategy", in *Evangelical Missions Quarterly*, 26(1), January 1990, pp 56-61.

"Africans in Missions: the possible dream", in *Evangelical Missions Quarterly*, 31(1), January 1995, pp 54-61.

"The Nature and Character of God's Mission", in *Evangelical Missions Quarterly*, 32(1), January 1996, pp 60-68.

"The Para-Church Movement in Africa in the 1990s", in *African Christianity in the 1990s*, Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press, 1997

The Christ of the Cross and the World Mission of the Church, London: CMS, 1997

Relationships, Kampala: IFES Anglophone Africa, 1997

“The Church in the World: a Historical-Ecclesiological Study of the Church of Uganda with particular reference to the Post-Independence Uganda, 1962-1992”, unpublished PhD thesis, Edinburgh University, 1998

Series Editor, *Christian Perspectives Series*, a series of Bible Study guides and books published by IFES Anglophone Africa;

“Christian Mission Today: The Power and Weakness of the Cross” in Paul Gardner, Chris Wright and Chris Green (eds), *Fanning the Flame: Bible Cross and Mission*, Grand Rapids Michigan, 2003.

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