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MODERNISATION OF MT SELINDA, CHIKORE, A PRIORITY—FOMA



The Friends of Mt Selinda and Chikore Missions Association (FOMA) has committed itself to facilitating the modernisation of Mt Selinda and Chikore missions. This was said by Reverend Decent Mugari in a speech read on behalf of FOMA at the dinner dance held at the Rainbow Towers recently. “We are determined to modernise both institutions and create state-of-the-art facilities there in line with 21st Century expectations and the MDGs,” Reverend Mugari said. “We thought we could begin by mobilising former students of both Institutions and then publicise the project throughout Zimbabwe and beyond,” he added. According to Reverend Mugari,

this is an opportunity for friends, former students and employees of Mt Selinda and Chikore missions to inspire social progressive change at these institutions.

“We are a platform to enable those people who went through the missions to plough back to these institutions,” said Reverend Mugari. “In the long run,” he went on, “we want to help the institutions to help themselves.”

Reverend Mugari said the dinner dance was not just a social event, but a platform to champion the mobilisation of resources for Chikore and Mt Selinda missions.

“Thus,” said Reverend Mugari, “we intend not just to appreciate their challenges, but to be part and parcel of the solution to those challenges,” he said, emphasising that restitution of the water supply systems of both institutions was a number one priority.

Reverend Mugari concluded his welcome remarks with a strong pledge of love to Mt Selinda and Chikore missions, “We believe in what Mother Theresa said: *It is not*

the magnitude of our actions that matters, but the amount of love that is put into them,” he said, adding, “We shall endeavour, within the context of our strong guiding principles, to realise the FOMA dream.”



Dinner dance organisers, Mr Philemon Mlambo (left), and Mrs Marcia Moyana display the FOMA banner



UCCZ HAILS FOMA

The United Church of Christ in Zimbabwe (UCCZ) has paid tribute to FOMA for its efforts to assist with the development of Mt Selinda and Chikore missions. Addressing guests at the just ended fundraising dinner dance for these missions, the UCCZ President, Reverend Edward Matuvhunye thanked FOMA for its initiatives to help restore the glamour of the missions. “Mt Selinda and Chikore missions are the flagship of UCCZ, and have for a long time been among the torch-bearers in education and social development in this country,” Reverend Matuvhunye said, “which is why I pay homage to these magnanimous initiatives by FOMA.”

Speaking on the same occasion, Reverend Matuvhunye welcomed the goodwill gesture made by FOMA, “This is a welcome gesture and a reflection of true friendship, which we cherish,” he said, stressing that it was a mark of genuine Christian brotherhood, where, he said, “giving, sharing and deep concern are truly virtuous attributes.”

Reverend Matuvhunye envisaged a rewarding relationship with FOMA, “We look forward to a fruitful

relationship with FOMA, and we can now look forward to the future with hope,” he said in finality.



PARTY MOOD .. UCCZ President, Rev Matuvhunye and Mrs Matuvhunye loosen up a bit after the president’s address at the recent fundraising dinner dance for Mt Selinda and Chikore missions hosted by FOMA on 4 November this year.



LEFT, MR ALLAN TSAPAYI, FOMA INTERIM CONVENOR

“Together, we can!!” - Allan Tsapayi



Bonnie Dhliwayo, Editor-in -Chief



Organiser, Mrs Juliana Sabarauta(standing) delivers final instructions to the ushers.

Editorial Note

Please enjoy this fourth edition of the Former Times, the official newsletter of friends of Mt Selinda and Chikore missions.



Guests, from left to right, Mr Phinias Mwaturura, Ms Lillian Bonyongwa, Mrs Abgail Mwaturura, Mr Paida Muzulu and Mrs Lindrose Mlambo, having fun at the dinner dance.

WATER CRISIS, NUMBER ONE ENEMY FOR CHIKORE, MT SELINDA

Severe water crisis was singled out as the biggest challenge for both Mt Selinda and Chikore high schools. The headmasters of the schools, Reverend Bundwa and Mr Needmore Maposa respectively, told guests at the fundraising dinner dance hosted by FOMA for the benefit of Mt Selinda and Chikore missions at the Rainbow Towers in Harare on 4 November.

"It's a crisis," said Mr Maposa, "We have only two boreholes and inadequate water pumps." His sentiments were echoed by Reverend Bundwa of Mt Selinda.

"We have tried to buy plastic tanks for the school, but we remain in grave need for a permanent water solution," Reverend Bundwa said, "The situation is deplorable, and we are vulnerable to health hazards," he said.

In October this year, the FOMA Technical Committee led by Interim Chairman, Mr Allan Tsapayi and Committee Chairman, Mr Chris Muusha visited Mt Selinda and Chikore missions. Mr Tsapayi told the Former Times upon return that addressing the water supply challenges at Mt Selinda and Chikore missions was a prime priority for FOMA.

BELOW: Rev Bundwa (left) and Mr Needmore Maposa(right) deliver their speeches at the fundraising dinner dance.



YUMMY!: Mrs Elizabeth Dhliwayo and Ms Lillian Bon-yongwa fill their plates. Below, dessert!



Below right: Cool crooners, Eng Selby Nera and Eng Sydney Gata belt out a melodious tune during the dinner dance



DINNER DANCE, A RESOUNDING SUCCESS—GUESTS

The recent FOMA-hosted fundraising dinner dance for Mt Selinda and Chikore missions, held at the Rainbow Towers in Harare, was a success story. This was said by several guests in post event e-interviews with *The Former Times*.

“Thanks so much, we had a lovely time,” said Mrs Stembile Marongere, one of the guests, and Mrs Claudia Makumucha had this to say, **“zvaive zvakanaka.”** Mr Brian Sigauke said, **“The event was a success, got to meet a few old school mates, well done guys.”**

Over 200 guests graced the event, including industry and national celebrities, Dr Simba Makoni, Dr Kombo Moyana, Professor Love-more Madhuku, Engineer Sydney Gata, Dr Joseph Kanyekanye, Dr Liberty Mhlanga, Dr Daniel Mtetwa and a host of other industry executives.

“It was a humbling experience to be part of this great event,” Paida Muzulu told *The Former Times*.

Dr Panganayi Dhliwayo, a member of the organising team said teamwork and commitment carried the day and added, “We, however, need to give all the Glory to God who made this possible.”

The dinner dance organising team comprised Mr Bonnie Dhliwayo, Dr Panganayi Dhliwayo, Mrs Marcia Moyana, Mr Dannie Sigauke, Professor Rosemary Moyana, Mrs Juliana Sabarauta and Mr Philemon Mlambo. Mr Vespas Mlambo, Dr Celani Mtetwa, Mr Pindai Sithole and Mr Philip Pfukwa weighed in with invaluable assistance, particularly in the areas of marketing and selling.

“We expect net earnings of around \$10 000,” Mr Dhliwayo told *The Former Times* in a statement.



PICTURE COMBO: LEFT, organisers Mr Philemon Mlambo(l) and Mr Bonnie Dhliwayo share a lighter moment. RIGHT: Organisers, Mrs Marcia Moyana and Prof Rosemary Moyana conduct the raffle draw.

MT SELINDA OPENS ARTS AND CULTURE CENTRE

Mt Selinda high school has opened an Arts and Culture Centre in the mission. Addressing guests at the fundraising dinner dance for Mt Selinda and Chikore missions, Reverend Bundwa, the Mt Selinda high school headmaster said the Centre was officially opened in October this year.

“The Arts and Culture Centre was opened in October,” he said, **“the main idea is to preserve our Ndaу culture and to maintain a heritage for our children.”** According to Reverend Bundwa, the Arts and Culture Centre will be a haven of distinctive Ndaу artefacts, symbols and emblems. It will be the home of the Ndaу culture and art.

FOMA donated a wall poem in support of the Mt Selinda Art and Culture Centre.



TWO TO TANGO ... Rev Bundwa (right) and Mr Needmore Maposa, show off their dancing skills at the dinner dance.

MT SELINDA, CHIKORE HIGH, EYE MASSIVE COMPUTERISATION

Mt Selinda and Chikore high schools aim to develop the state of computerisation at their institutions. According to the headmasters of both schools, Rev Bundwa and Mr Maposa, moving a gear up in computerisation was one of the prime targets of the schools.

This was said in the headmasters' messages to guests at a fundraising dinner dance held at the Rainbow Towers, Harare recently. The message was in sync with the welcome address delivered on behalf of FOMA by Rev Decent Mugari, who singled out facilitating the modernisation of Mt Selinda and Chikore as a primary target of FOMA.

With internet at the schools, the world will be in their hands as the students and staff will enjoy developments in cyberspace such as facebook, twitter and skype,

MRS MUCHAURAWA SCOOPS GRAND PRIZE

Mrs P Muchaurawa was the inaugural first prize winner of the FOMA dinner dance grand draw. The draw was conducted by the M C, Ms Tendayi Chakanyuka as the drama unfolded during the evening of fun. She won a Nokia cellphone.

The second prize, a night at Breezes Lodge in Chipinge, was won by Reverend Johnson Machukera. It was an eventful evening, with many guests walking away with consolation prizes as there was a raffle draw with lots of prizes to be won. Winners of the raffle draw included Mr Newman Museve (a toaster), Mrs Cleo Kuchocha (a hamper), Mr Moyo (a hamper), Mr Chris Muusha (a hamper), Mrs Theresa Mlambo (a golf shirt) and Mrs Mtukudzi a bag of white maize.

The Former Times takes this glorious opportunity to congratulate all the prize winners and thanks all those who took part in all the draws. Several guests also walked away with beautiful items having successfully participated in the auctions administered by Ms Tendayi Chakanyuka and Mr Philip Pfukwa. Dr J Kanyekanye won an angela set after bidding for \$120, Eng Gata, a green carpet (\$250), Mrs Stembile Marongere, red carpet (\$201), Professor Lovemore Madhuku, a tea set (\$200), Mr Pfukwa, dinner set (\$250), Mrs Muchemwa, coffe mugs (\$100), Maw Nyahuye, flask (\$150), Dr Kanyekanye, microwave (\$260), and Dr. Simba makoni, carpet (\$270).



PROUD WINNER! Mrs P Muchaurawa proudly displays the Nokia cell phone she won during the grand draw of the Mt selida and Chikore fundraising dinner dance held at the Rainbow Towers recently.



DON'T GIVE UP ON DOING GOOD — DR KANYEKANYE



Guest of honour, Dr. Joseph Kanye Kanye delivering his key note address. He advised friends of Mt Selinda and Chikore missions to keep the focus and never to give up on assisting Mt Selinda and Chikore missions. Below, Dr Kanye Kanye receives a thank you token from Mrs Elizabeth Dhlwayo, on behalf of FOMA.



Above: The ushers did a splendid job. Well done guys!

Below: FOXTROT, Dr Simba Makoni and wife show the guests some old school prances.



PICTURE COMBO: LEFT— Mrs B Dhlwayo, Mr & Mrs Muusha; CENTRE—Mr & Mrs Kudzayi Sithole and the Muchaurwas; RIGHT—Mrs Tsapayi, Mrs L Mlambo