



# FOCUS BRIEFS

MARCH 2021

## WE SHALL OVERCOME



*KMTC Nakuru Christian Union Sunday Service in session*

Ministry among the students has been picking up since the resumption of the in-person learning. In light of the persistent Covid-19, we have had to constantly review our strategies as we trust God for wisdom to keep the FOCUS mission alive while taking care of one another. Pray for the safety of the students, faculty, and staff in these institutions. Our hope is in the Lord, and, soon, we will overcome.





*KU Main Campus CU students with FOCUS National Director (George Ogalo) holding the vestry meeting commonly referred to by the students as the Speakers Tea in the open air to reduce the spread of COVID. The joy and warmth of fellowship is still achieved while reducing the health risks.*



*Maasai Mara University Christian Union first service after reopening. The students observed the required social distance and a significant number had face masks on.*



*The Western Regional Students Executive committee (RSEC) nomination retreat was held in 6 stations: Kisumu, Kericho, Bondo, Kakamega, Kisii and Kibabii. These 50 CU leaders and 10 staff were linked together on a zoom call and the objectives of the retreat were met; new RSEC officials were nominated.*





*University of Nairobi (UON) Main Campus Christian Union Outgoing Executive Committee during the CU AGM held on 7th Feb 2021*

The CU provides a fertile ground for leadership development. The annual transitions allow many Christian leaders to hold leadership positions in the Executive Committee and ministry departments. FOCUS plays a key role in equipping the leaders with the skills and competences needed to run the Christian Unions. A number of key leaders in the Church, Public service, and the private sector attribute their formation to the CU leadership experience.

In the past three months, we have had several Christian Union leadership transitions and trainings. Pray for the new leaders to have the wisdom, confidence and the innovation needed to run ministry at such a time as this.



*Incoming CU leader escorted to the stage during the CU AGM for Moi Main Campus on 28th February 2021*



*Moi University West Campus CU AGM in February. Dr. Mary Mahugu, (North Rift Regional Council Member) spoke on Authority and Governance as authored by God.*







*Thika CUs Executive Leaders' Summit held on 20th Feb 2021 with 51 leaders from Thika CUs (Gretsa, Jodan College, Thika Medical School of Health Sciences and KMTC CU) in attendance. It was so fulfilling to see young people excited and committed to be equipped for effective leadership in their CUs. We appreciate Deliverance Church (Thika) for providing a meeting place for the Summit.*



*UON Medical School CU leaders Training at FOCUS Centre on 13th Feb 2021*



*Embu University Leaders Training in February 2021*



*Leadership Training at Meru University Christian Union*



*Pwani University CU Leaders Training on 6th March 2021*





*Pwani Region RSEC Retreat on 13th March 2021*

We have had Regional leadership transitions in the seven regions in March. These leaders will be the first regime to implement the new FOCUS Strategic Plan 2021-25 amidst new environment and challenges. Pray for guidance upon them as they steer the ministry in the next one year.

## VIRTUAL AND PHYSICAL FIRST YEARS

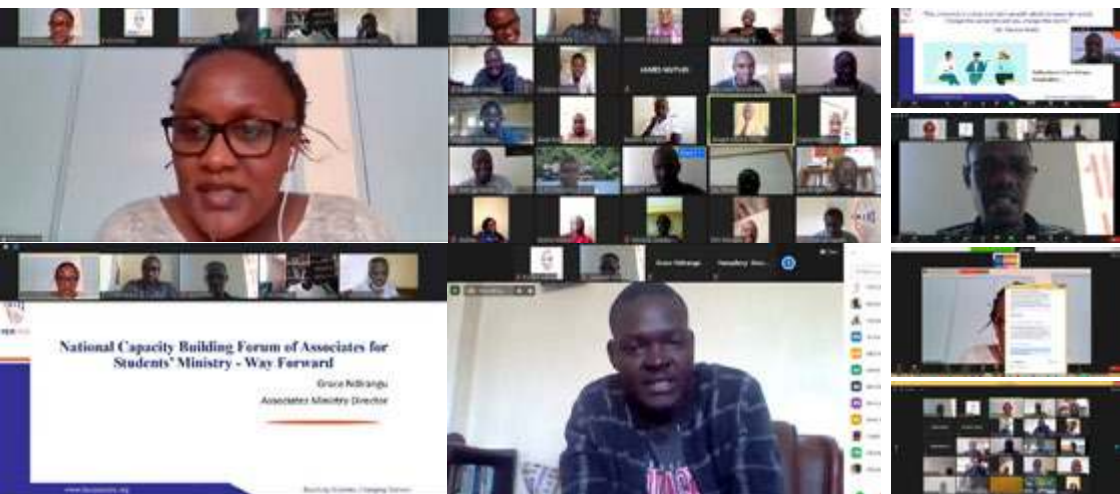


*Egerton Njoro Campus CU first years' retreat in February 2021*



*TUK CU during a first years retreat on the 30th January 2021*

Over 6000 first years have joined CUs across the Colleges and Campuses. By God's grace we have run the first year's induction program (Anza Fyt) taking varied shapes. May God guide these fresh men and women to grow in their faith to maturity throughout their stay in campus.



During the SP 2021-25 writing process, the students expressed an unequivocal desire for personalized discipleship and mentorship. The lament by Jesus of ripe fields for harvest with unmatched workers still lingers when you think of the need for student ministry workers in our campus versus the number of staff workers in FOCUS.

The current SP has therefore sought to address this gap by mobilizing and equipping Associates with a calling and passion for students ministry. To this end, we held a capacity building forum on 27th February 2021 for Associates' involvement in students ministry. 139 Associates were involved and 60 of them have already signed up for specific ministry engagements.

If you are interested, you could sign up via: [https://bit.ly/FOCUS\\_Associates\\_Ministry\\_Involvement](https://bit.ly/FOCUS_Associates_Ministry_Involvement)

You could also join a FOCUS Associates Branch near your area of residence and plug into the opportunities available through the Branch activities. For more information and Branches, visit: <https://www.focuskenya.org/associate-branches/>







*Northern Nairobi Region Student leaders praying for the Hatua project at the construction site of the Nairobi Students Centre on 6th February 2021*

The journey to build Students Training Centers started three years ago. Despite the delay caused by Covid-19, the construction of the Accommodation Block at FOCUS Center Kasarani is beginning to take shape. We are grateful to God and all stakeholders who have given towards the project.

Find out how you can be part of this initiative on <https://www.focuskenya.org/the-hatua-project/>

## CHASTITY CAMPAIGN



*256 students and 17 Associates in a panel discussion on purity, singlehood, and marriage hosted by Mt. Kenya Region in February 2021*

This February saw at least 357 students sign up a commitment form to remain chaste after week long campaigns on sexual purity; a program launched in 2016 with the aim of helping students deal with the issues of sexual purity. Should you need to make such a commitment click:

<https://focuskenya.org/chastity/>





*STEM Staff undergoing a practicum during a capacity building session at FOCUS Centre in Feb 2021*

The 2021 STEM Cohort has settled well despite the delay experienced last year. Inducted and trained virtually, the STEM Staff have been a great support system for the students both virtually and physically. You can interact with the profiles of the STEM Staff on: <https://www.focuskenya.org/about/stem/>

It takes Ksh. 22,000 per month for a STEM Staff to do ministry on campus. You could choose a STEM Staff to support and walk with during their journey.

## NOTICES

1. The process of recruiting the next National Director is progressing on well. Pray for the Search Committee and the remaining part of the process.
2. The FOCUS AGM will be held on Saturday 24th April 2021 from 9:00am to 1:00 pm. We shall hold a thanksgiving and laying of Foundation Stone Ceremony for the Students Leadership and Training Centre in Nairobi during the AGM. You will soon receive an invitation to register for the event which will take place virtually.



# STRATEGIC PLAN

## 2021-2025



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