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MEF to raise K350,000 000 for Golden Jubilee

Mindolo Ecumenical Foundation needs to raise K350,000,000 (\$61,403) in order to celebrate its Golden Jubilee in October this year.

MEF has therefore come up with fundraising ventures. Activities lined up which include; Golf Tournmant in June, dinner dance, African/Zambian night and a Fundraising walk.

Money raised from these activities is expected to be used to write a historical book on Mindolo, making a documentary and also for up keep of the people that will attend the celebration.

Mindolo is therefore appealing to both former and current board and executive members, workers, volunteers, participants, the business commuinity and well wishers for financial, material and professional support.

MEF was founded in 1958 and was formally registered as a training institution on February 23, 1959.

The institution has remained Pan African, attracting students from Africa and beoynd. It has trained over 20,000 students in leadership, development and media.

Those who wish to support Mindolo can channel their support through the Director's office. For contact and further information you can use mef@zamnet.zm or look at the web site on www.mindolo.org.zm



Some of the Participants in a computer lesson

MEF attracts 141 participants

Mindolo Ecumenical Foundation has attracted 141 participants after the introduction of Zambian based courses in the 2009 academic year.

According to statistics from the Head of Programmes' Office 108 participants had reported to participate in the Zambia based courses, while 33 had reported to attend Pan- African programmes. Eighty-nine participants are attending a two year Zambian Primary School Teachers' Course, 15 have reported for Social work, while four are attending Community Development. In the Pan- African Programmes, nine have reported for Journalism, five are attending Specialised Care and Management of Orphans and Vulnerable Children, six are in Women Leadership and

Development, Youth Leadership and Development has attarected 4 and Peace Building and Conflict Transformation has attracted 9, bringing the total number to 141 participants. The academic year which opened on January 13 for Zambian based courses and February 9 for Pan African Courses has attracted participants from Botswana, Kenya, Lesotho, Malawi, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda and Zambia. The academic year was luanched by the Mayor of Kitwe, Councillor Davo Katete on February 13 in Charles Fisher Hall.

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Change society, participants told

Director Theological Education by extension in Zambia, Rev Kangwa Mabuluki has challenged Mindolo Ecumenical Foundation participants to look at issues with a different view in order for society to change.

Rev Mabuluki challenged the participants when he preached at the commercement service of 2009 academic year on February 13 in Charles Fisher Hall.

Rev Mabuluki said change always starts with seeing things differently from others. He said as people who were being trained in different fields needed to have a sharp eye that would be able to tell that things were not right.

Rev Mabuluki who read from John 5: 1-13 said Jesus changed the World because he saw things



Participants at the commercement service

differently.

He said people today always want to convince others that things are right but as scholars, participants needed to challenge them that those things are wrong. He challenged them to look to Jesus to help them bring about societal change.

He said institutions like MEF came into being because God wants people to receive training that would make them see things differently.

Commercent service was atattended by Church leaders within Kitwe.

Young people urged to fight oppression

Pupils in high schools have been urged to fight any oppression in their schools. Mindolo Ecumenical Foundation Director, Rev Reuben Daka urged the pupils when he presented prizes at the quiz to celebrate Black History in the American Corner recently.

Rev Daka said oppression did not only take place in the United States of America but also in Africa.

He said even in Africa, people were oppressed

because of being female or male or due to their colour or tribe.

Rev Daka said young people were prone to sexual and racial oppression in Africa.

He said young people should not allow this to happen in their schools as no one applied to God on what gender or colour to be.

“We are all made in God’s image, therefore we should treat each other well”, he said.

Four schools participated in the celebration.

Chibote High School emerged as the winner and walked away with a trophy while Mukuba High School came out second..

Black History is a day that has been set aside in the month of February in the United State of America to recognise the efforts and contributions of the African-Americans in the development of democracy in the United States of America.

■ **Launch of 2009 academic year in pictures**



Participants listening to mayor's speech



Students must not engage in politics. - Kitwe mayor (left).



MEF Director,s Speech.

‘MEF puts Kitwe on world map’

“Mindolo Ecumenical Foundation has put Kitwe City on the world map,” says Kitwe Mayor, Divo Katete.

His worship the mayor said this when he officially launched the 2009 academic year on Friday 13th February.

Mr. Katete said the City council was proud to be associated with MEF’s success story of training human resource from Africa and beyond.

The Mayor commended MEF having trained more than 20 000 participants since its inception.

Mr. Katete described MEF

as a mini-African Union because it was expecting a total of 112 Pan-African participants drawn from eight countries.

“I am happy to note that this year you have decided to run courses to train teachers, social and community workers in addition to Pan-African programmes,” he said.

He challenged MEF to start training the local community in survival skills courses at the institution’s farm, saying it had enough facilities to train man power.

Mr. Katete said he was happy to note that this year most

participants were the youth. He said this posed a challenge to MEF staff members to educate them in matters related to HIV/ AIDS.

“I urge you to concentrate on your studies... there is AIDS in Zambia. Do not engage yourselves in politics. Politics is for politicians. We are used and it is in our blood,” he said.

Mr. Katete wished MEF many blessings upon the institution as it prepared for celebrations marking the golden jubilee later this year.