

UoN community unites in prayer

On a day set aside for reflection and thanksgiving, the University of Nairobi community gathered at the Taifa Hall to fellowship and to thank the Almighty God for His blessings.

The prayer service, which was interdenominational, was a clear demonstration of how the University values diversity and inclusivity. The Muslims, Hindus, Seventh Day Adventists, Protestants and Catholics were all represented. Recitations were made, prayers said and songs were sung by various student choirs.

In the reflection, Rev. Hosea Mitei, the Protestant Chaplain, challenged the University community to learn to give thanks when good things happen.

“A story is told of an engineer inspecting a building under construction. While on the second floor of the building, he noticed that the cement was not well mixed. He tried to signal the foreman on the ground floor in vain because of the noises. He reached into his pocket for a coin and tried to hit the foreman with. The coin hit his (foreman) head and he felt pain. On looking at what hit him, he saw the coin and pocketed it saying that the coin equates the pain he felt. Frustrated that the foreman did not look up, he threw a second coin and the foreman did the same. Angered, the engineer then took a broken brick and hit the foreman’s back. The pain was of course immense, the foreman then saw it was a brick and looked up to see who had thrown it,” preached Rev. Mutei. “Let us not let God reach a point of throwing a brick on us. Learn to give thanks immediately and do not forget who the Giver is. Let us not allow the joys of this life affect our relationship with our Maker.”

The Catholic Chaplain, Fr. Peter Kaigua said that indeed God has done great things for the University community and called on all to always be grateful. As he moderated the service, Fr. Kaigua repeatedly reminded the congregants the importance of giving thanks to the almighty.

The Chancellor, Dr. Vijoo Rattansi, applauded the University for the Initiative.

“I am encouraged that the university decided to gather and worship and pray,” she said. “Where two or three are gathered, God is there. As we fellowship and work, He is with us.”

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Peter Mbithi, said that God has been faithful.

“He is kind and loving; and that is why the management decided to have a prayer day every year and fellowship as a family,” he said. “Thank you for being part of this prayer service.”