

EPISTLE FROM THE UNITED SOCIETY OF FRIENDS WOMEN (USFW) UGANDA

To Friends Everywhere

Dear Friends,

We, more than 300 women representing all those households have been holding regional meetings in several venues in Uganda in 2021 to keep the Uganda Quaker Women movement alive. We are cognizant of the sad fact that the deadly covid-19 pandemic crippled our activities in 2020.

We were not able to gather for our USFW Uganda Annual Conference in 2020 due to the total anti-covid-19 lockdowns imposed by the Uganda Government. We are even aware of the new Covid-Omicron variant & its high toxicity.



USFW UGANDA CLERK PRESENTATION

MUTOTO FRIENDS CHURCH WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

THEME
EPHESIANS 5/15

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VENUE
MUTOTO FRIENDS CHURCH, MBALE. UGANDA
DATE
DECEMBER 1 to 5, 2021

We had our first Meeting at Butuwa Friends Church (eastern Uganda) on May 8, 2021 where we encouraged more than 100 women to “arise & shine in wisdom because the Light has come in recognition of God’s work women” (Proverbs 31:10-31).

Our next Meeting was at Sibuse Friends Church on May 29, 2021 where we discussed “Building Everlasting Friendship with God” (Jeremiah 21:11-14) with another more than 100 women.

Then we invited all the women for a major gathering at Mutoto Friends Church in the outskirts of Mbale City from December 1-5, 2021.



We have been encouraging our women to walk wisely in these tough times. Our theme was drawn from Ephesians 5:15 “Look carefully then how you walk not as unwise but as wise.”

Pastor Rose Wamboka (Mutoto Friends Church) explored the theme well. Other speakers included: USFW Uganda Clerk Sylvia Wopicho (*The Need For Awakened Woman’s Company*), Edith Wekesa from Kenya (*The Purpose of Being a Woman in Church*), Agnetta Injairu from Kenya (*Being a Total Woman*), Margaret Musalia from Kenya (*Servant Leadership*), Betty Macho from Uganda (*The First Woman Created on Earth*), Sylvia Wopata from Uganda (*Women Who Understood God’s Voice*). Sylvia Musawale from Uganda (*Foolish Women*), Lorna Osana from Uganda (*Children & Parents*), Irene Gidudu from Uganda (*Women who got problems because of their husbands’ mistakes*). Elizabeth Mulimi (USFW International) from Kenya encouraged our women to walk wisely We had wonderful testimonies from the women about the “life-changing” lessons they learnt from the teachings.

The conference was crowned by Edith Wekesa preaching on Sunday & Pastor Stephen Wamboka (Mutoto Friends Church) dedicating three children to Christ.

...the dedication ceremony was crowned by a cake cutting & sharing event...below...



We acknowledge our dear Friends Mama Marian Baker (New England Yearly Meeting – USA – **below**), our Kenyan Friends Margaret Musalia, Edith Wekesa, Agnetta Injairu, Elizabeth Mulimi (USFW International), the Uganda Friends Church Yearly Meeting, the USFW Uganda, Mutoto Friends Church for making this regional conference of women a huge success.



The Uganda Friends Church Yearly Meeting was represented by the Trustees Chairperson Apollo Wopicho & General Secretary Pastor Alfred Wasike

The next regional conference will be in Nangoma (Busoga) in March 2022.

The next USFW Uganda Annual Conference will be in December 2022 at a venue to be announced.



At the end of the conference, our guests from left: Elizabeth Mulimi, Edith Wekesa, Agnetta Injairu, Margaret Musalia & our USFW Uganda Clerk Sylvia Wopicho sing for us from *Nyimbo za Injili* number 76 “*NIONAPO AMANI KAMA SHWARI*” (WHEN PEACE LIKE A RIVER) Isaiah 48:18

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Sylvia Wopicho