



Prof. Enoka Rukare Public Lecture

PROF. ENOKA RUKARE

The Pioneering Vice-Chancellor, BSU

Brief Back Ground

Prof. Enoka Rukare was born in Rwenshanku village in Kashari, Mbarara District and studied at Mbarara Junior School, Busoga College, Mwiri, Mbarara High School and Makerere University.

He later went to the universities of Wales, Colombia and London. He became saved in the 1940s. Rukare joined Makerere University in 1961 as a member of staff for the development of curriculum in the School of Education and served the university devotedly.

From 1962 to 1964, Rukare was posted as a resident tutor in the department of extra-neural studies at Makerere University College in Northern Uganda. He was re-appointed to the same position in July 1972. A year later he was appointed the Head of the Department of Education. He quickly rose through the ranks and was made professor in 1975.

Rukare was the Dean of the School of Education from 1976 to 1979. He also acted as the University Dean of students. He retired from Makerere University in 1992 but returned to serve on the University Council.

According to the First Chancellor and Chairman of the Diocesan Synod Bishop Elisha Kyamugambi, in the year 2002, the Synod of Ankole Diocese resolved to start a University in Kakoba, Mbarara called Bishop Stuart University. He was charged with the task to look for the Professor to work as the Vice-Chancellor and four professors were approached but none of them turned up. Since a professor was a key requirement for the start of the University, Prof. Rukare agreed to become a Vice-Chancellor for the newly established BSU. He served from 2002 to 2004.

Notable achievements by Prof. Enoka Rukare

1. As a professor, he helped the Diocese to put in place all the requirements that the Government needed before they could give BSU an interim license.
2. He came up with a good idea of opening up a Bank Account with fixed account of money to pay staff. He organized human resource both Academic and



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Administrative. He also helped in setting up criteria and qualifications for Academic Staff.

3. He attracted strong people (opinion leaders) who eventually became members of the University Council. He was very influential and guided in the process of formation of University sub-committee (Boards).

4. He was a well-known person nationally and internationally. He had good relationship with the Government and the president. This created an opportunity to lobby for the University.

5. He managed to convince Prof. Elly Sabiiti, to be the Chairperson of the University Council. "According to Prof. Sabiiti the Bishop had appointed him on the Post of the Chairperson of the Council without his knowledge, but when Prof. Rukare visited him in his office and shared with him, he accepted and signed an appointment letter without hesitation".

6. When Prof. Rukare together with the Bishop and the Chairperson of the Council approached the President, HE. Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, he in turn instructed the Minister of Education then Prof. Kidu Makubuya to immediately give them the mandate to start BSU.

Following the above enormous achievements, The Church and University should hold him with high respect and reverence. The University is right to acknowledge Prof. Rukare who sacrificed his time and money to make the University be what it is today when we are celebrating 20 years of existence. May he continue to rest in peace.

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