

A CITATION BY THE RT. REV. WILLIAM MAGAMBO (M.A.; B.A.; DIP. TH.; CERT. TH.) INTRODUCING THE RT. REV. DR. W. K. GEORGE TIBEESIGWA (D.MIN.; M.DIV.; B.TH.; BA (Sociology); DIP. TH.; TRS' CERT.) BISHOP OF ANKOLE DIOCESE AS THE SECOND CHANCELLOR OF BISHOP STUART UNIVERSITY – 8TH DECEMBER 2007

1. Recognition of Dignitaries:

- The Guest of honour – The Rt. Rev. Dr. Edward B. Muhima, Bishop of North Kigezi Diocese representing the Archbishop of the Church of Uganda
- The Chancellor Designate – The Rt. Rev. Dr. George W. K. Tibeessigwa and Mrs. Efrance K. Tibeessigwa, Bishop of Ankole Diocese
- The Rt. Rev. Elisha Kyamugambi and Mrs. Mabel Kyamugambi. The founding and retired 1st Chancellor of Bishop Stuart University and retired Bishop of Ankole Diocese
- The Synod members, Ankole Diocese
- The Trustees, Bishop Stuart University
- Professor E. Sabiiti – The Chairman of the University Council and all the Council members
- All the Civic and Political Leaders in your respective capacities
- Ministry of Education Officials of the Republic of Uganda
- All the Ecclesiastic and other Religious Leaders
- Senior Citizens present
- Professor Jossy Bibangambah – The Vice Chancellor
- Representatives of other Universities and Educational Institutions
- All the Stakeholders of Bishop Stuart University
- All invited Guests, Parents and Guardians
- All the Administrative, Faculty Deans, Academic and Support Staff
- All Staff and Students of Former Bishop Stuart Teacher Training College
- Alumni of Bishop Stuart University
- The Guild President
- All Students
- Ladies and Gentlemen

2. Introduction

The Guest of Honour, Members of the University Governing organs, the administrative and academic officials, staff and students body, all esteemed guests and the entire University community, let me take this rare and singular opportunity first to thank God for this auspicious occasion of installing the Second Chancellor of Bishop Stuart University.

Secondly, I would like to express my profound and sincere appreciation to the Governing Council of the University for having considered, chosen, asked and invited me as the Orator of the day and on the occasion by giving a citation introducing The Rt. Rev. Dr. George K. Tibeessigwa. This is a great honour and privilege accorded me. I cannot take it for granted. Thank you very much.

Thanks to all of you for being present to witness and actively participate in this ceremony.

My wife Joy and I join you in this event with praise and thanks to God in the continuous growth process of Bishop Stuart University. We congratulate you for the momentous achievements so far registered. I am happy to be part of Bishop Stuart University more so not only in my previous but brief and active capacities as Caretaker Bishop of Ankole Diocese and, therefore, Caretaker University Chancellor but also as one of the Trustees of this great University.

I sincerely congratulate The Rt. Rev. Elisha Kyamugambi and Mrs. Mabel Kyamugambi the Retired Bishop of Ankole and out-going Chancellor of Bishop Stuart University for the great, work done as the lead and founding Diocesan Bishop and First Chancellor of our esteemed Bishop Stuart University. May God reward and bless you in your retirement.

Sir Lord Robert Smith Band Powel the founder of Scouting in his last message to Scouts said:

*"When you come into the world, do your best. [Make positive contributions].
Leave it better than you found it."*

Bishop Elisha and those who teamed up with you, you did it! Thank you. Praise and Glory be to God.

I am extremely delighted, and trust all of you are joining me in thanking God for the provision, election, consecration and installation/Enthronement of the Rt. Rev. Dr. George William K. Tibeessigwa as the 4th Bishop of Ankole Diocese and subsequently the 2nd Chancellor of Bishop Stuart University.

3. My association with Bishop George Tibeessigwa

I have known, interacted and worked with Bishop Tibeessigwa for over 34 years. In 1973 I had just completed my Diploma in Theology Ordination Course at Bishop Tucker Theological College and started working as the Diocesan Treasurer of Ankole Diocese when George Tibeessigwa (then a Mr.) joined the same College for the same course. Later in 1985, he and his wife Efrance who had studied with my wife Joy at Bweranyangi Girls Secondary School, and their family joined us on the staff of Bishop Tucker Theological College. The Guest of Honour was with us on the staff. We were very good neighbours. We shared many things in common. We became intimate friends to-date. We became Godparents to our children – our Emmanuel Mugabi and Arinda and their Sarah Rukundo Aruho. The Guest of Honour, too, is Godparent to their daughter Anna Agaba. Their parents, our parents and brothers have been dear friends.

I was Deputy Principal and Chairman of Development; Bishop Tibeessigwa was the College Development Officer. Together with others we made a great contribution in the development of Bishop Tucker Theological College, which turned into a firm and sure preparation for the present famous Uganda Christian University. George was an active, quick, all-round servant who shouldered several responsibilities as his CV shows and we all wondered how he managed to give such desired results!

When I became the Provincial Secretary of the Church of Uganda, George followed on after 3 years and was the Provincial Secretary (now the longest serving Provincial Secretary – 5 years). He made enormous positive contributions to the Church of Uganda in terms of policies, Constitutional revisions, academic, theological, structural, economic, administrative and management areas.

When I became Bishop of West Ankole Diocese, replacing Bishop Emeritus Yoram K. Bamunoba who once was a Lecturer, Chaplain and Principal of Bishop Stuart Teacher Training College – here at Kakoba, where George was his student, a teacher in the Demonstration School, was later the Principal of Kabwohe Divinity College (1977) then Diocesan Secretary working with Bishop Bamunoba.

As a young Diocese with few personnel, George shouldered many responsibilities till able staff was established. He did a commendable job and together with Bishop Bamunoba and others laid a firm foundation of the present West Ankole Diocese, Bushenyi and Ntungamo Districts.

In the sector of Education among many ministries, George was active in the establishment of the first famous 7 Secondary Schools in West Ankole Diocese; The College for Tertiary Schools where he was Deputy Coordinator. The University, which was to start in 1982 but did not get started due to various unfortunate reasons – now in offing at Kabwohe was part of his dream and I happen to be its initiator/reviver.

For over 10 years, Bishop Tibeessigwa actively participated in the formation and establishment of Uganda Christian University as – Lecturer, Chaplain, Assistant Dean of Studies, Head of Department of Theology and Divinity, Research Director, then later being a University Council member sitting on all Boards and Senate and Principal of Bishop Barham University College – Kabale (2002-2007) the first Private Tertiary Institution of Higher Learning and later the First Private Constituent College of Uganda Christian University as approved by the Uganda National Council for Higher Education. I was Chairman of both the Boards of Finance for 8 years and of Alumni and a member of Council. George made remarkable developments of the University College with able, transparent and effective leadership. He left the University College in an excellent state. You only need to go to Kabale and you will say Waau! My!

He was instrumental in the discussions leading to Bishop Stuart University being affiliated to Uganda Christian University.

