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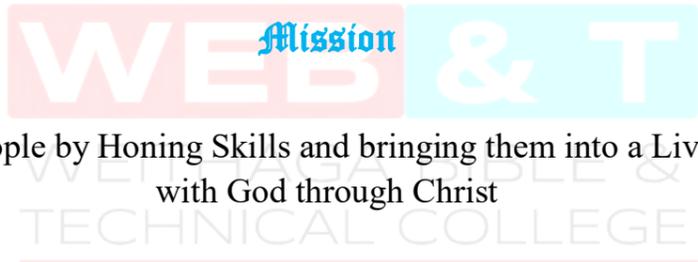
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To Produce a Nurtured & Caring Responsible Christian



To Equip God's People by Honing Skills and bringing them into a Living Relationship with God through Christ

Core Values

- * Professionalism
- * Student-centered
- * Diversity
- * Responsibility
- * Integrity

COURSES OFFERED

FACULTY OF BUSINESS STUDIES				
DIPLOMA COURSES				
COURSE TITLE	MINIMUM ENTRY	DURATION	EXAM BODY	TUITION FEE
SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT	K.C.S.E C-	3 YEARS	KNEC	Ksh.15,000 / TERM
ACCOUNTING TECHNICIAN DIPLOMA	K.C.S.E C-	3 YEARS	KNEC	Ksh.15,000 / TERM
HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT	K.C.S.E C-	3 YEARS	KNEC	Ksh.15,000 / TERM
BUSINESS MANAGEMENT	K.C.S.E C-	3 YEARS	KNEC	Ksh.15,000 / TERM
SALES & MARKETING	K.C.S.E C-	3 YEARS	KNEC	Ksh.15,000 / TERM
PURCHASING AND SUPPLIES MANAGEMENT	K.C.S.E D+	3 YEARS	KNEC	Ksh.15,000 / TERM
INFORMATION COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY	K.C.S.E C-	3 YEARS	KNEC	Ksh.15,000 / TERM
HAIRDRESSING & THERAPY	K.C.S.E C-	1 YEAR	NITA	Ksh.15,000 / TERM
CERTIFICATE COURSES				
SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT	K.C.S.E D PLAIN	2 YEARS	KNEC	Ksh.15,000 / TERM
HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT	K.C.S.E D PLAIN	2 YEARS	KNEC	Ksh.15,000 / TERM
BUSINESS MANAGEMENT	K.C.S.E D PLAIN	2 YEARS	KNEC	Ksh.15,000 / TERM
INFORMATION COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY	K.C.S.E D PLAIN	2 YEARS	KNEC	Ksh.15,000 / TERM
COMPUTER APPLICATION PACKAGES	K.C.P.E / K.C.S.E	2 MONTHS	WEB&T	Ksh.3,500
HAIRDRESSING AND THERAPY	K.C.S.E D PLAIN	9 MONTHS	NITA	Ksh.12,000 / TERM
HAIRDRESSING & THERAPY (PRACTICAL)	K.C.P.E / K.C.S.E	6 MONTHS	WEB&T	Ksh.15,000 / MONTH
PLUMBING	K.C.S.E D	1 YEAR		Ksh.15,000 / TERM
ELECTRICAL WIREMAN	K.C.S.E D	1 YEAR		Ksh.15,000 / TERM
FACULTY OF THEOLOGY				
DIPLOMA COURSES				
DIPLOMA IN THEOLOGY	K.C.S.E C- & ABOVE	2 YEARS	WBTC / ST. PAULS	Ksh. 55,000 / TERM
DIPLOMA IN CHAPLAINCY	K.C.S.E C- & ABOVE	2 YEARS	WBTC / ST. PAULS	Ksh. 60,000 / TERM
CERTIFICATE COURSES				
CERTIFICATE IN THEOLOGY	K.C.S.E D PLAIN & ABOVE	1½YEARS	WBTC	Ksh. 45,000 / TERM
CERTIFICATE IN ANGLICANISM	K.C.S.E D PLAIN & ABOVE	1 YEAR	WBTC	Ksh. 40,000 / TERM
CERTIFICATE IN LAY READERS (COMPREHENSIVE COURSE)	K.C.S.E	4 MONTHS	WBTC	Ksh. 25,000



Rt. Rev. Dr. Timothy .I. Gichere
(D,D, MAPS)
Bishop-ACK Diocese of Mt. Kenya Central

Today marks one of the most fulfilling desires in my ministry as the Bishop of this Diocese. Some decades ago and while I was the Administrative Secretary of The Diocese of Mt Kenya Central, I saw how our theological students struggled to earn a certificate or a diploma in Theology.

It was my prayer that we would revive Weithaga Bible College to help shorten the struggle of earning theological training, give our students an opportunity to grow in their formation and lastly formulate a place where church leaders of our Diocese would call home for their training.

That dream is now actualized and today we assemble to this ground to witness the Doing of the Lord. Indeed, we now have students within this college who some have so far graduated and others are pursuing their Theological training.

Weithaga Bible and Technical College now stands as one growing institution with great potential now and into the future. The Diocese and the region alike will greatly benefit as we continually improve the infrastructure of the college to accommodate new heights. The now celebrated collaboration with St Paul's University has increased the value of the programs offered. It also enables our students to be assured of progression even after completing the diploma offered at Weithaga Bible and technical college.

Going forward, the principal of the College, Ven. Capt. Benard Kamau is guided well into the plan of establishing a department for TVET courses so that other students and the Christians can be given a chance to not only learn but also grow in Christ.





**Board Chairman
Prof. Canon Wachira**



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EMMANUEL PRAYER AND RETREAT CENTRE

The conception of the Prayer center at Weithaga mission was developed long time by the 4th



Bishop , Rt. Rev. Timothy I Gichere as a place of Christians connecting with God. It was after realizing that many Christians in all our different denomination were travelling far and wide in search of a facility that would allow them to connect with God in prayer.

Emmanuel Prayer and retreat Centre is founded on the strong missionary foundation of making God known and providing place for

that connection. It is a seven acre land covered with natural forest cover with great terrain and green cover that allows privacy of prayer. It has now been developed by providing an office, a lodging area of those who intend to stay longer than a day. All facilities that encompass such an establishment has been provided.

The retreat center has a sizable event ground where groups from churches or cooperates organizations can be rented for team building, weddings or even meetings. The management of the Centre will be highly sensitive to the aspirations of all who pay a visit for prayer or to start a prayer and fasting pilgrimage or anything related with it. The establishment of the various fields for team building has also demanded a good ample parking area where all the visitors will safely park their vehicles during their visit to the Centre.

Today as the Bishop commissions the Centre, we welcome all the Christians to spare a time for prayer and to consider Emmanuel prayer and retreat Centre as the place. The bishop has asked that the college manages the Centre up and till it will be able to stand on its own as a separate entity of the bible college.



PRINCIPAL'S WORD

Today we celebrate great courage of our 4TH Diocesan Bishop, Rt. Rev. Dr Timothy Gichere who spared no effort to see the re-establishment of Weithaga Bible College which had for stalled or rather had ceased operations for close to two decades. His vision to see the college reinstated again and encouraging the Diocese and all its partners to support it is the greatest celebration we can afford today. Indeed we celebrate great mind and purpose to see the growth of the Diocese in all spheres. The establishment of the college has seen the college under the three years of its existence, train 12 theological students who are now fully employed as evangelists in the church, and other 27 students who are ongoing, training for both the certificate and Diploma courses in Theology. We have also trained more than sixty students on certificate in computer courses.



Ven. Capt. Benard Kamau
Principal

Weithaga Bible & Technical College is established within the Diocese of Mt Kenya Central as the training arm of the Diocese, seeking to train and equip church leaders, the elders of the church, and other groups within the church to capacity build them for service. It seeks to fulfill the greatest desire of the founder missionary Rev A. W. McGregor. The subsequent church leaders who took over the work of building the mission of the church. In 1961, under the leadership of the retired Bishop John Miahiani, weithaga had eleven students.

Today as we celebrate the reestablishment of the college we welcome your prayers, support and goodwill as we seek to directly expound the dream of our Diocesan Bishop. Many years to come, we will pray that the Lord will go with us so that many years to come, our Bishop and the leaders who have always promoted this college will take pride with the great milestone we foresee in the coming days.

COLLEGE COUNCIL OF MEMBERS



**Chairman
Prof. Wachira**



Dr. Dan Irungu

PhD in Business Administration & Management, a Masters in Projects Planning & Management and a BED



Prof. Paul Nyaga Mbatia, Ph.D

An Associate Professor of Sociology with a specialization in Sociology of Development.



**Jennifer Nyambura Kimani
MBS, HSC**

Bed, MA in population Studies & Research and an Executive MBA in Leadership and Business Development.



Moses Muchiri, MBA

(BBA) Degree in Information Systems ,a Master of Business Administration (MBA) Degree in Strategic Management & Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) Degree in Information Systems



CPA Samuel Wangoto Mwangi



Ven canon John Miano Mwangi
Master's in Dev studies & a Degree in Theology



Ven.Capt. Benard Kamau

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, we can arguably say that from the foregoing, the future of Weithaga Bible College is very bright. With all the necessary infrastrucre laid, and with the required software in place, the shore is clear and the takeoff assured. We only await to see the College up there flying in the clear skies under the captainship of a visionary and energetic principal who coincidentally happens to be a Captain by training and modeling, one Ven Capt. Benard Kamau.As we venture into the 21st Century and beyond, we can only so in faith and hope that Weithaga Bible College will continue to produce men and women of Faith who will boldly proclaim Christ within this region and beyond.

Tukutendereza.



PRINCIPALS WHO HAVE SERVED AT WEITHAGA BIBLE COLLEGE

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| 1. Rev H.J Church | 9. Ven Peter Machira |
| 2. Rev Peter Riddle | 10. Ven Julius Gatambo later Bishop of Mt.Kenya Central |
| 3. Rev John Mahiani later Bishop of Mt.Kenya Central | 11. Rev Samuel Njuguna Gateru |
| 4. Rev Bedan Ileri later Bishop of Embu | 12. Rev Samuel Masaba from Uganda |
| 5. Rev.Samuel Muturi | 13. Ven canon James Gitau |
| 6. Rev Samson Gitau | 14. Rt.Rev Allan Waithaka |
| 7. Rev Allan Waithaka later Ass.Bishop | 15. Rev Dr.Washington Chege |
| 8. Rev Dominic Muthoga | 16. Ven Capt. Benard Kamau |

WEITHAGA COLLEGE STUDENTS WHO BECAME BISHOPS

- 1.Andrew Adano Tuye ASS.Bishop of Kirinyaga-1993
- 2.Timothy Ranji Bishop of Mt.Kenya South-2004
- 3.Joseph Kagunda Mt.Kenya West -2004
- 4.Julius Karanu Muranga South-2014
5. Timothy Gichere - Mt.Kenya Central-2017

CURRENT MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

- 1.Lay Canon Prof.David Wachira-Chairman
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- 3.Lay Canon Dr.Dan Irungu
- 4.Arch.Aidah Munanu
- 5.Cpa Samuel Wangoto
- 6.Ven Samuel Karabu
- 7.Ven Canon John Miano
- 8.Mrs Jennifer Kimani
- 9.Mr.Moses Kamau
10. Ven Capt.Bernard Kamau

FULL/ADJUNT LECTURERS

NO.	NAME	COLLEGE ATTENDED	QUALIFICATIONS
1.	Ven. Capt. Benard Kamau	Daystar University St Paul University	Master PHD candidate
2.	Ven. Canon John Miano	Methodist University	Mt.Kenya
3.	Ven. Dickson Kabiru	St Paul East Africa School of Theology	Masters candidate(St. Paul's) Bachelor of Theology
4.	Rev. Samuel Karanja	Daystar University	Masters African Christianity
5.	Rev. Ephantus Irungu	East Africa School of Theology Daystar	Bachelor of Theology Masters In Business Administration
6.	Rev. Simon Peter Gatheru Mugwimi	St. Paul University	Bachelor
7.	Ven. Dr. Joseph M Wanyoike	Global & Kenyatta university	Bachelor degree 7 masterin biblical studies and theology Phd religious studies
8.	Miss Chege Purity	South Eastern Kenya University	Bachelor of Science (<i>Electronics</i>)

PROGRAMME

Time	Event	By
9:00am	Bishop Arrival Welcomed By College Board Chair Assemble At Theology Class For Briefing	
10:00am	Procession To unveil the plaque begins (at the dispensary)	<i>Bishop</i>
10:20am	Procession To The Retreat Centre To Unveil The Plaque	<i>Bishop</i>
10:45am	Main Service Begins	
	Call To Worship 1 st & 2 nd Readings	<i>Vicar Weithaga Parish</i>
	Welcome & Acknowledgment Of The Guests	<i>College Principal</i>
	Introduction Of The College Board Mem- bers	<i>Chair Of The Board</i>
	BOM Chair's Speech Gift To The Retiring BOM Member	<i>Ven. Jonh Ndegwa</i>
	Song	<i>Thomas William's Academy</i>
	Presentation Of The College Website	<i>Mr Moses Kamau Bom Member Assisted By The Principal</i>
	Presentation	<i>College Students</i>
	Presentation Of The Arahuka III And The Narration	<i>Bishop</i>
	Song	<i>Kelvin. Mburu(student) Dennis</i>
	Sermonic Hymn Sermon Offertory	<i>Vicar Weithaga Parish Bishop</i>
	Fundraiser Board Members Archdeacons Bishop & Guests Others	<i>Mc-Ven. Dickson Kabiru</i>
	Vote Of Thanks & Notices	<i>A/S</i>
	Final Benediction	<i>Bishop</i>

Conference facility coming up in a few years, will go a long way in placing the College at higher pedestal in as far as pastoral services are required by the other facilities not forgetting the schools around the College that require the same services. The Bishop looks forward to a time when the college will be a beehive of activities with a high number of student population for theology and other courses. The current Principal has his mind fixed on soaring up the student population by marketing the institution as the available regional hub for training Theologians for the 21st Century and beyond. He is capitalizing on the strategic positioning of the college and the rich heritage over the years even as he envisage a new crop of students and invigorate new energy into the institution as it were.

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on the subdivision of the Diocese of Mt.Kenya South, students from Kiambu were recalled by their new Bishop to go to a newly created Bishop Kariuki College. Some were midway in their Theological training at Weithaga. This also destabilized the smooth running of the College for some time. However, the student number rose with time and the college continued with normal operations. When the Provincial Board of Theological Training ordered all Diocesan colleges to close down in order to build the Provincial institutions like St.Pauls, some colleges did not close as ordered. Weithaga was the first to close since Mt.Kenya Central is known to be compliant. One of the main colleges that never closed was Kabare. Instructively, the Bishop of Mt.Kenya East was David Gitari who by then was the Chairman of the Provincial Board of Theological Training. *Talk of the hyena and the rabbit who planned to go beat their wives one evening. The hyena beat his wife so bad, while wamabuku was busy beating drums.*

FUTURE PROJECTIONS

The story of Weithaga Bible College has been an on-off affair. It has not operated continuously as the case would be. The trajectory has been an up down silent one for many years until when Bishop Timothy Gichere decided to change the trajectory all together. In 2017, on assuming office, the new Bishop set on a path to revive and awaken the giant that is the Weithaga Bible College. As alumni of the College, the Bishop immediately setup a Board to look into the welfare of the college. He also organized a big fundraiser to raise money for key infrastructural and office equipments. The Bishop did not stop there, he gave an Episcopal Order that henceforth, all Diploma Courses for theology will be undertaken at Weithaga. Before then, students from this college were flocking Kabare and Berea Colleges for Theological training. This stopped henceforth and the first cohorts of 7 students were enrolled in September 2019 under the pupilage of the Rev. DR. Washington Chege who was **the** Principal.

The eight students were:

1. Duncan Mwangi
2. Casper Kimani
3. Francis Mbau
4. James Maina

5. Peter Mwangi
6. Francis Munyaga
7. Charles Gichigo
8. Eshter Karuga

Since then, the college has been admitting students almost every Semester. The future projection is that the College will run independently with all the necessary things in place namely; the Faculty, the student body, the Chapel, Subordinate Staff and such. With the Diocese now focusing on establishing a prayer and retreat center within the College compound, this and the

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FORMERLY MCGREGOR BIBLE SCHOOL

INTRODUCTION

The history of Weithaga Bible College cannot be written or told without mentioning the Weithaga Mission Centre that came before it. The story would also be incomplete without mentioning the pioneer missionary Arthur Wallace McGregor commonly known as Mangereka who did the pioneer mission work in Kikuyu land. Macgregor arrived in Kabete in 1900 and started a mission station there which later became St.Paul's Kabete Mother Church from where all mission stations in Mt.Kenya region sprung from. Kabete is an important station because it's from there that McGregor travelled to Weithaga to start a mission station in 1903. It's also at Kabete where Bishop Sospeter Magua and his wife Peninah are buried.

THE CENTRALITY AND THE HISTORICITY OF WEITHAGA AS A MISSION STATION AND LATER AS A BIBLE SCHOOL AND A PRAYER, RETREAT AND CONFERENCE CENTRE.

Before establishing a mission Centre, Missionaries considered many factors such as; the climate of the area, availability of enough land, proximity to the main road and the topography of such a place. Weithaga is strategically placed in a cool well watered place that is very close to the main road. It's strategically positioned in a hill from where you can see different places atop the highest point for security purposes. The mission station sits on 22 acres of land with flora and fauna all over under indigenous trees some over 200 years old. Over the years, the area has occupied a Church, learning institutions and a Hospital which was the first dispensary in Muranga which was later transferred to Muranga town and is today Muranga Level 5 Hospital.

In 1903, Arthur Wallace McGregor left the Kabete Mission and went to found the Weithaga Mission Centre. McGregor had arrived in the Kenyan Coast in 1890. He first arrived at the court of Chief Karuri Gakure at Tuthu before heading downwards to Weithaga. In 1904, he started the first Church which also acted as a school during weekdays. The first pupils were; Karuri wa Karuri, Njoroge Kigonde and Muturi. The three boys commonly referred to as *ihii cia Bwana* formed the first Catechumen who were baptized on 5th Feb 1905 by the then Bishop of Mombasa, the Rt.Rev. Peel. The mission station grew with time and gave birth to other mission centres e.g. Kahuhia, Muthiria, Gatuya and others.

MCGREGOR BIBLE SCHOOL

The first Anglican Bible School in Kenya was established at Frere Town Mombasa in 1903. It was later transferred to Limuru in 1930 and renamed St. Pauls Divinity School. Later in 1955 it became St. Pauls United Theological College and in 2007, it was awarded a Charter becoming St. Pauls University. Historically speaking, the college as we know it today was transferred from Embu to Weithaga in 1944. The College offered courses for Lay people up until 1959 when the first two Theology students were admitted. These two students were: Justin Muna and Ben Nyahu who were the first to be ordained by Bishop Obadiah Kariuki in the new Diocese of Fort Hall created in 1961. The first African Principal for Weithaga Bible College was Rev. John Mahiani who became principal in 1961.

WHY ESTABLISH A BIBLE SCHOOL?

With the growth of mission centres in different places, and with the number of Christians getting baptized going up every day, there was need for Ordained Ministers to cater for the need of the growing centres and Christians. By 1950, the whole of Mt. Kenya had just a handful of Anglican Ordained Clergy who had been trained at the Divinity school in Limuru. Among the few were native Clergy like, Obadiah Kariuki, Elijah Gachanja, Shadrack Mliwa, Petro Kigundu, Samuel Mbatia, Harmuel Toro, Filex Nyoro, Samuel Nguru among others. It is imperative to note that by 1938, Revival Brethren's had visited Kenya and had come up to Kahuhia spreading the Revival message wherever they went. Many Lay people got saved around this time as well as a few Clergymen.

According to Gathogo J. (2017), by this time, there was a huge cry for theological education that was spiritually and intellectually stimulating. The Lay untrained Theology of the East Africa Revival Movement was strongly informing the social ecclesial discourses of the time. The Revival Brethren's are known to put more emphasis on unrealized eschatology which deals with the future heavenly concern as opposed to the realized of present holistic concern. Given that the Tukutendereza Brethren were the Lay preachers in most of the Churches, and further that the clergy were few and apart, there was an urgent need to start training Clergy for Ordination. The first two Ordinations were enrolled in September 1959 for a three month Ordination course.

THE GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE COLLEGE OVER THE YEARS.

Since 1959, when the first two students were enrolled, the college has trained many more students some of whom have gone on to become Bishops later in life as we shall see later. The course duration has been changing with time with some going for three months, one year, and two years and so on. All this went on until January 1980, when the three year course began proper with a class of 17 young men namely;

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| 1. James Njenga | 7. Timothy Ranji | 13. David Nyoro |
| 2. John Kipukel | 8. George Tharau | 14. James Kienye |
| 3. John Kamau Theuri | 9. Wilson Kamau Mwangi | 15. John Mwangi Gikon-
yo |
| 4. Titus Njuguna | 10. David Irungu | 16. Henry Ngochi |
| 5. Charles Karuga | 11. John Njau | 17. Joseph Kamau |
| 6. Peter Nyoro | 12. James Macharia | |

That was a complete class that pioneered the three years Diploma Course at the Weithaga Bible College.

It is important to note that in 1975, the Diocese of Mt. Kenya was divided into two to create Mt. Kenya South and Mt. Kenya East. A young highly educated and visionary man aged 37 years took over as the new Bishop of Mt. Kenya East. David Gitari was among the four people to get a Theological Degree in Kenya in the early 1970s. The first one was John Mbiti. Gitari was young and energetic and he considered Weithaga College not sufficient to train his members of the Clergy for his expansive Diocese which went all the way to Marsabit and Moyale. He immediately came up with a plan to start a Theological College in his new Diocese. St. Andrews Kabare was started not just for Theology but for secretarial and other soft courses. All the students from Mt. Kenya East went to the new school founded in 1977. Fokolore has it that a certain donor wanted to give a 20,000 dollar cheque to Bishop Magua for a project of his choice. Due to his Tukutendereza spirit he declined the cheque. Bishop Gitari heard of it and went to the donor with the master plan of Kabare College, the rest is history. Nevertheless, it is a fact that Bishop Gitari demanded to be given half the books that were in the Weithaga Library by the time the Diocese was subdivided. Bishop Magua sent his Provost and a few other senior clergy to talk to Bishop Gitari who insisted on getting his equal share of the books. Bishop Magua had no option but to order the books to be counted and divided into two. *Gitari alikuwa Hatari*. In 1984,