

HANDOVER TO THE NEW CHANCELLOR TO BISHOP STUART UNIVERSITY

- The Guest of Honour
- The Chancellor
- The Vice Chancellor
- The Chairman Governing Council & Council Members
- The Government Officials
- Religious Leaders
- The University Leadership Staff
- The University Guild
- The Entire University Students
- The Invited Guests

Ladies and Gentlemen, dearly beloved of God,

On behalf of my wife and on my own behalf, I take the privilege and honour to once again extend our heartfelt love and greetings to you all. We can never thank God enough for His love and providence of all time and enabling all of us to physically attend and witness this big ceremony of the installation of the beloved new Chancellor.

An inspired Jewish genius and wise leader by the name of King Solomon made a profound statement thus, "There is a season and time for every matter under heaven" (RSV) which the greatest Poet called Shakespeare clearly demonstrated that "where there is an entrance, there is an exit". This is a vivid message for me in particular. The first Chancellor must take the exit, giving way for the new.

What a rare blessing to be the first Titular Head of this University! This is a permanent designation. It remains a humbling privilege for me. I am so pleased to hand over to one of my best friends and confidants, that has just succeeded me as the forth Bishop of Ankole Diocese. Hallelujah! Certainly, I welcome him joyfully.

George, receive my full backing and prayers at all times. I hand you over to the sole Owner of this University as portrayed in her motto "**OUR GOD REIGNS**". He will bestow blessings that you need for this position and the institution.

It is very rewarding to serve with such gallant men and women as these of B.S.U. who are always willing to share thoughts and services relentlessly. It is an opportunity to interact with them by way of receiving and taking from one another. I am indebted to each one of them especially the administration staff. Right from the very beginning, the entire leadership of this University, not forgetting the Late Prof. Enoch Rukare and his staff, have been willing to give and receive constructive criticisms and advice aiming at building her further. I admire your cooperation, far-sightedness and risk taking.

Dear Guest of Honour, I am handing over as a very happy man that has lived long enough to witness the formative stages up to this one, when developments of growth are self evident. To name but a few: the increasing academic opportunities; strong and able administration staff fully determined to making her a competitive institution; possessing a Provisional License which must give way to a Charter; expanding infrastructure all around and most of all increasing student population. However, I still appeal to all citizens within reach and beyond to utilize this great facility at their door step. The administrators listen and sympathetically respond. They are here for everyone. They are focused, resolute and patient.

Our beloved Chancellor, at last you are here and really here. This University, as you know, aims at bringing opportunities nearer to the people especially those whose economic power is shaky. I hesitate to use the description 'poor'. The Lord's statements are always challenging now and eschatologically. *Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my children, you did it to me*". What a great recognition by the King! It calls on our intellect and faith for great application. My heart goes out for the underprivileged lot near and far. They should be beneficiaries, under proper guidance.

As I conclude, I have a dream that B.S.U. is developing into a great Centre and source of invincible researchers, inventors, discoverers and leaders in many of the lawful sectors under heaven.

I delightfully Extend profuse gratitude to many, but allow me single out, Prof. E. Sabiiti, Prof. Jossy Bibangambah for accepting to rear this child, B.S.U. despite underpinning problems of growth. My wife, Mabel is of course topmost for her consistent care and advice to me. I strongly vow that only death will separate me from this institution; she means a lot to me for I suffered for her.

"OUR GOD REIGNS"

J. Elisha Bibangambah

Happy Xmas