

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.

His election, consecration and enthronement to the office of Bishop of Ankole Diocese has been spoken of by some people as “the most peaceful, undisputed election and most excellent function we have had so far ...”.

I think I know a bit of the genesis and development of The Rt. Rev. Dr. K. George William K. Tibeessigwa.

On 1st December 2006 when I installed Bishop Kyamugambi as the 1st Chancellor of Bishop Stuart University – representing the Archbishop of the Church of Uganda and now Bishop Tibeessigwa – to be installed the new Chancellor, who was the Orator and gave a profound citation and introduction of Bishop Kyamugambi, little did I know that today, I would be the Orator and Bishop Tibeessigwa would be installed Chancellor. These are miracles and workings of God!

4. **Who is The Rt. Rev. Dr. George William K. Tibeessigwa?**

Family Background:

The Rt. Rev. Dr. George W. K. Tibeessigwa was born on 17th July 1945 to Mr. William and Edisa Kururagire in Ngomba, Rukoni, Ruhaama part of present Ntungamo District. His father was a Parish Chief in Ngomba Parish; and later a Court Assessor, Market Master in Ankole Kingdom/Mbarara District.

Early Childhood, Education and Service

- ☺ 1955- He started going to school, was most of the time, first class student and overall best student and leader. He is an alumnus of Bishop Stuart Teacher Training College (1963-1967), was a member of and Captain of Nightingale House; a student leader in various capacities (for 4 years), school practice group leader and Head Student. For communal work (6.00 a.m.) he was the College Ranger – taking care of all the trees, which make the perimeter/boundary of the present University land. He was Chapel Warden and together with the College Chaplain and later Principal (The Rt. Rev. Yoramu Bamunoba) and others were able to build the University Chapel of the Good Shepherd.
- ☺ He graduated with a Distinction/First class and overall/all round best student.
- ☺ He was a teacher in the Demonstration School (5 years).
- ☺ A Scout Leader for the school, college, District and Western Region.

- ☺ A eucalyptus forest, among many activities, was planted below the Demonstration school.
 - ☺ He was Acting Headteacher of the Demonstration school
 - ☺ He did his Cambridge School Certificate as a Private student of Ntare School.
 - ☺ 1973 – 1976, He was at Bishop Tucker Theological College. He held many ministerial roles especially as Minister for Library and Chapel, Choir leader for 3 years.
 - ☺ His Research paper was the best in Eastern Africa Theological Institutions. ***(Thesis: The Kinyankore Traditional Concepts of Sacrifices and Offerings under the Christian Evaluation (1967).*** Was the best all round student (Graduated with a Makerere University Diploma in Theology) and Ordination Certificate in Theology).
 - ☺ 1977, he was Principal of Kabwohe Divinity College
 - ☺ 1978-1980, he was Diocesan Secretary – West Ankole Diocese
 - ☺ 1980 – 1984, he studied in Canada at the Universities of Emmanuel and St. Chad and the University of Saskatchewan – Saskatoon where he graduated with a Bachelor of Theology; a Bachelor of Arts (Sociology and Psychology) and a Masters Degree in Divinity.
- Thesis: “The Role of Christian Education in the Church of Uganda (1984)”**
- ☺ He was Priest-in-charge of Christ Church Parish, Saskatoon.
 - ☺ 1985-1997, his ministry concentrated on preparing people for church and societal ministries and leadership at Bishop Tucker Theological College – Mukono.
 - ☺ He was a Lecturer in the Pastoral Studies department offering, Sociology, Psychology, Communication, Counseling and Guidance, Research Methods, Africa Traditional Religions and Christian Worship, Development Officer, Chaplain and Coordinator of Conferences.
 - ☺ 1994-1996, he was in South Korea at the Asian United Theological University – Seoul where he graduated with a Doctor of Ministry ***(Dissertation: “Worship in the Anglican Church of Uganda; A Critical Study (1996)”*** While there he was President and Chairman of Overseas Students’ Association and Priest-in-charge of the English Speaking Congregation of St. Paul’s Anglican Cathedral in Seoul.
 - ☺ He was a Chief Scout Commissioner for training for Uganda Scouts Association.
 - ☺ **He has been an External Examiner for the University of Stellensboch – South Africa, Kampala International University and before his election and**

appointment as Bishop of Ankole, had been appointed – External Examiner for Bishop Stuart University.

- ☺ He is a Trustee of the Church of Uganda
- ☺ He is an effective communicator, preacher, evangelist, teacher, prolific writer with my papers and Articles (unpublished).
- ☺ He has attended and or facilitated in many local, regional and international workshops, seminars and conferences
- ☺ He is acquainted with university education and systems – its challenges, development, sustainability and call for stable continuity.
- ☺ He is widely travelled.
- ☺ Bishop Tibe sigwa in his life, vocation and service to God and humanity has been:
 - A child of God – born again since 1957;
 - A steady, progressive, committed and industrious, academically sound and lover of education (one of our academic giants in our church and society by the grace of God).
- ☺ A humble, respectful (and respectable), loving, caring, compassionate, active, developmental, patriotic – loves peace and harmony of all people, conscientious;
- ☺ Workaholic and highly organized
- ☺ A good time manager
- ☺ Friendly, sociable, outgoing (genuine friend) interacts well with people of all ages, status and creed.
- ☺ A counselor
- ☺ A family person, Guardian of many
- ☺ A person of Integrity and dependable
- ☺ A good loving and caring husband, happily married (father and grandfather)
- ☺ Of pleasant and admirable personality
- ☺ He perseveres. He is a determined person, disciplinarian and a perfectionist. ***“...All things be done well, in a perfect orderly, fitting, organized and proper manner.” (1 Cor. 14:40).***
- ☺ He is a visionary, effective servant leader, administrator and manager, highly motivated and takes initiatives.
- ☺ He faces challenges with fortitude and with the attitude to take challenges positively and as opportunity to serve God and humanity and make positive contributions.

- ☺ He never gives up until the goal is achieved
- ☺ He is faithful, transparent and accountable
- ☺ **His method of work is "TEAM WORK"**. Cooperation of all, participatory approach by all stakeholders is his strength.
- ☺ He gets irritable if and when plans threaten to fail or when people are lazy.
- ☺ He gets disturbed when people are uncooperative, lack unity or refuse to practice genuine love for God and one another.
- ☺ **His cherished virtues and wish for humanity, therefore, are:** Love, peace, unity, reconciliation, cooperation, faithfulness, truth, transparency, hard working, results oriented, practical faith, effective time use and management.
- ☺ Spiritually, he is born again. He prays and wishes all people the saving grace of God (Rom. 10:1)

In the Development Area

He actively gets involved in humanitarian welfare, community, family and personal development activities. In education, he has developed himself. Most of his academic, social and economic development, were done when he was mature, working, married and with a family.

His approach to development is Holistic/Wholistic. As an educationist and leader, administrator and manager in various capacities, he has made tremendous developments. He has been a member of many Local and International Committees, Boards and Councils. He has been and still is a member of the Church of Uganda Provincial Board of Education for over 10 years.

He builds well on what he finds there and adds on. He does not subtract. He strives for excellence. He fulfills St. Paul's charge: **"To build well on the sure foundation ... and be co-worker(s) with God."** (1 Cor. 3:8-15).

Wherever he has lived and worked, he has left monuments, commendable and clean track record.

Many times some people come and live on this planet. They pass on and are forgotten. Why? They do not make memorable, remarkable hallmarks by which they can be remembered. Let us live on earth, make positive contributions, try to solve

problems rather than being and adding more problems to the situations. We should try to uplift standards of people. Leave a legacy, a mark that once upon a time so and so lived here, worked here and made an effective impact/influence on people or institution. One famous Bishop had this to state: "Now that I'm existing, when I no longer exist, how will people then know that at one time I did exist?"

We praise God for the life and services of Bishop Elisha and Mabel Kyamugambi who made a tremendous contribution to Bishop Stuart University as I stated recently.

We praise God for the life, commendable services of Bishop George and Efrance Tibeessigwa who come to us with several desirable gifts and skills through natural endowment and formal training in educational theory and practice, leadership, administration, leadership management, organizational systems, counseling, communication, exemplary teaching, research and development.

Ankole Diocese and Bishop Stuart University in particular, you are blessed to have Bishop George Tibeessigwa a renown Orator for God's word, a brilliant Doctor in the Lord's service, nationally and internationally recognized and known for his efficient administrative, management, academic, several giftings, pastoral skills and vast experiences in life and societal organization.

Bishop Tibeessigwa, we have high hopes and expectations in you. Your vast experience in many fields especially related to education comes to us as a big package at our crucial formative level of the growth and development of Bishop Stuart University.

We join you in the struggle. Be assured of our support.

In-coming Chancellor Sir, you are used to the pioneering culture. You are **omutembuuzi**. Not that you have already achieved all and finished the tasks set for you on earth. Not at all.

The recognition of you and entrusted role and responsibility are because of the excellent performance and results you have delivered and registered as approved by God and humanity. By the grace of God, you have made a firm foundation and set a good standard. The instruments of authority and office that you will receive are for

more work to be done. More is still required of you. (We want more as Oliver Twist and his friends chanted).

We pray for you that together with the Stakeholders of Bishop Stuart University, you lead us to the acquisition of the many needed aspects of the University – especially the University Charter.

5. Conclusion

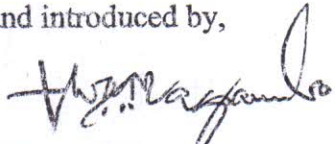
Guest of honour and the esteemed congregation, today we mark yet another great act or ritual of installing the 2nd Chancellor of Bishop Stuart University. The Ankole Diocesan Synod and the University Council had a better choice. You thought well. Thank you.

It is my great pleasure and singular privilege to introduce and present, **The Rt. Rev. Dr. George William K. Tibeessigwa, Bishop of Ankole Diocese as the In-coming 2nd Chancellor of Bishop Stuart University.**

For **“Our God Reigns” “Creating a World of Realised Potential.”**

In the name of God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. **AMEN.**

Cited and introduced by,



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QUICK FACTS ABOUT THE RT. REV. DR. GEORGE K. TIBEESSIGWA

Born	1945
Accepted Jesus Christ	1957
Student, Bishop Stuart College	1963-1967
Teacher, Bishop Stuart Demonstration School	1968-1972
Ordained a Deacon	1976
Got married to Efrance	1977
Studied in Canada	1980-84
Lecturer Mukono	1985-97
Made Canon	1991
Studied in South Korea	1994-96
Provincial Secretary	1998-2002
Principal Bishop Barham University College	2002-2007
Consecrated and Enthroned Bishop of Ankole Diocese	2/9/2007
Installed 2 nd Chancellor, Bishop Stuart University	8/12/2007