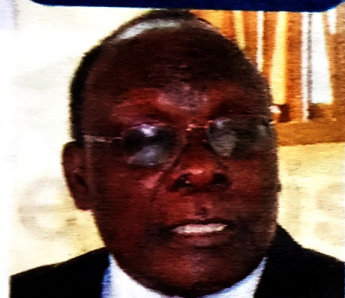


OPINION



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I was delighted to receive the news of the election of the Rt Rev. Dr Stephen Kaziimba Mugalu as the Archbishop of the Church of Uganda.

Archbishop-elect Kaziimba is the current chairperson of the board of trustees and consortium of Ndejje University.

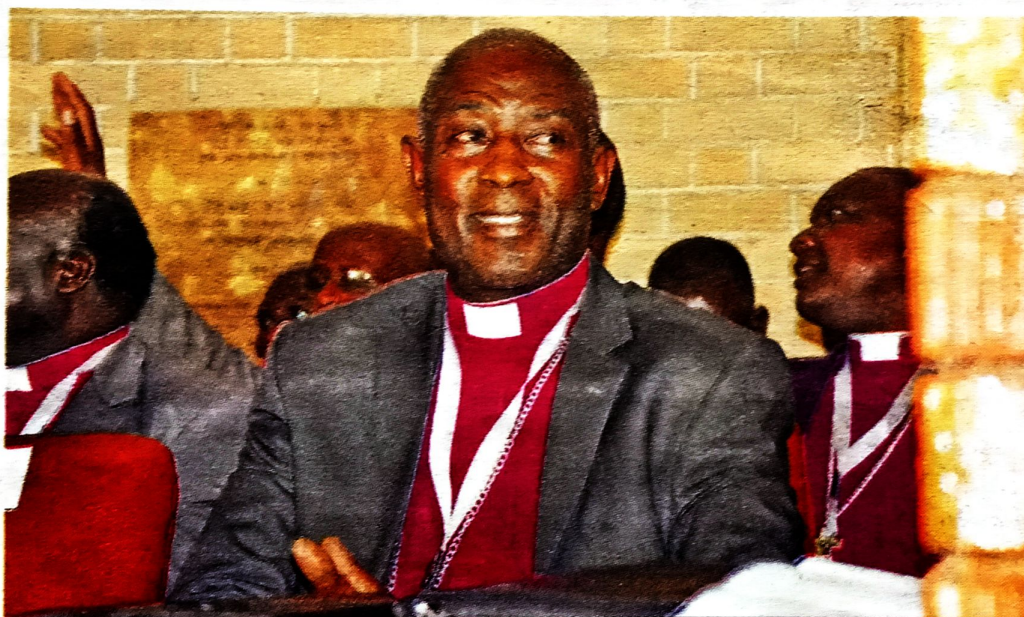
He had his secondary education at Seeta College Mwananjiri, Mukono district, where I also attended my junior secondary school in the late 1950s.

However, he also comes from a coastal zone of Lake Victoria (Kyaggwe), where I also hail. This coincidence in location and time is premised on the fact that Seeta College was the only private school for the underprivileged. Its unique feature was that there were more foreign students than Ugandans at that time.

It took me decades to know him. It was only when he

New archbishop is a great higher education devotee

The higher education domain requires his experience and level of education



Archbishop-elect Kaziimba will take over from Archbishop Stanley Ntagali

was elected the chairperson of the board of trustees of Ndejje University in 2015 that I knew him. This was a clear demonstration of God's favour upon both of us in our lives.

Dr Kaziimba is well versed

with higher education and has made a mark in the advancement of quality higher education at Ndejje University. Combined with that, he has fostered infrastructural development that has

culminated into the setting up of a hall of residence known as Noah's Ark at Ndejje University.

This came up as a result of his empathy towards the retiring clergy in Mityana

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Diocese, where he realised that they were retiring in absolute poverty and, as such, there was need to establish viable projects to sustain them.

He is also currently spearheading the construction of a modern chapel at the university and a foundation stone was laid during the 25th anniversary celebrations of the university.

The archbishop-elect is an energetic worker who, besides his entrepreneur skills, demonstrates great insight in instilling morals and values among the youth and this has become a trademark for our graduates and the alumni.

Despite his stature of a bishop, he is a great listener and accommodates divergent views before a consensus is reached. In fact, his key message is always embodied in the following statements: "Where there is faith, the impossible becomes possible", and "Our success is always derived from God's favour".

It is a great and unique opportunity for the entire country to have an experienced individual in higher education and resource mobilisation to become archbishop.

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I believe that he will continue to be steadfast in the promotion of higher education in Uganda and I wish him all the best in his new role.

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