

## News of MU Dioceses linked with Birmingham

### **Bukedi**

Contact with the MU coordinator Mrs Betty Nesihwe in the last 2 years means we have received photos and news of various activities in which the branches have been involved or organised.

In April Mary's Day is celebrated and many churches are busy with that. Photos of this at St Peter's Cathedral Tororo 2023 follow:





Preparing to celebrate Martyrs Day on 2<sup>nd</sup> June in Namugongo, Uganda happen annually, but in 2023 Bukedi diocese was also very busy as they helped organise a mega women's conference.

Betty said activities included hosting the worldwide President of MU, Sheran Harper, in the Eastern Region of Uganda and she was a blessing to them and they shared with her their challenges.

The 15 Archdeaconaries in the Diocese have been building capacity of leaders in their roles and entering members in the register for MU (some photos follow):







19<sup>th</sup> October - Bukedi MU had a conference for clergy wives. The agenda included:

**Prayer for Bukedi MU activities** included the wives, and also the future the need for leaders to steer development at household level to create conducive environments for family and child growth and development.

A schools' programme where they mentor young girls and support them with challenges of early parenthood.

Encouraging income-generating projects to boost this area. Major challenges are a low-income base and the need of transport in this large diocese to facilitate MU activities.

## News and Photos from MU Southern Diocese, Malawi

In addition to the Birmingham Anglican Church 'Malawi News Digest' we had contact during the year with Gertrude Malikebu the MU Diocesan President in Southern Diocese

Cyclone Freddy affected the whole Diocese of Southern Malawi, upland as well as the low-lying areas. MU cancelled The Annunciation celebration as they were mourning the death of so many people. Most of the houses in the villages were built of mud so they didn't withstand the cyclone

Most of the MU members lost their houses, crops and household items so in Birmingham, Mothers' Union and churches responded with collecting and sending requested items in the container which was packed in June and eventually unloaded in November. (After a delay in customs)

### **15-17<sup>th</sup> September 2023 - Mothers' Union Annual Conference (Southern Diocese)**

Members from the 36 parishes attended this joyous occasion.

Below 'The women welcoming Right Reverend Alinafe Kalemba and his wife, Mercy



The women during the service:



“Women servers”

