

# Highlands-Nairobi Presbyterian Partnership

## An Overview



## The Highlands-Nairobi Presbyterian Partnership

The goal of the Highlands-Nairobi Presbyterian Partnership (HNPP) is to connect U.S. and Kenyan Presbyterians through Christian fellowship and cooperative Mission. Formally established in 1995, the Partnership has been active in making countless connections and driving long-lasting change between our presbytery and the 3 presbyteries around Nairobi, Kenya. The Partnership seeks to expand both American and Kenyan perspectives for each others culture, faith and practices.

We currently focus in three main areas:

1) Partnering sister congregations

2) Youth scholarship provision

3) Support for the Kasasule Health Centre



### 1) Partner with a sister congregation in Kenya

Churches in the Presbytery of the Highlands can elect to become a sister church with a PCEA congregation in Kenya. Session, outreach groups, PW, and youth group can share their culture and belief through videos, letters, and activities



Our HNPP team is encouraging the renewal and expansion of PCUSA-PCEA (East Africa) congregation relationships made between Sister Congregations of Highlands and Nairobi Presbyteries. Current technology has vastly improved the means to connect and share experiences. This part of the partnership does not involve sharing money, but rather our love and support for one another.

*There are some very simple ways to get connected:*

- *Send emails with church newsletters and information about events and holidays*
- *Quarterly videoconference calls through Skype, Zoom, etc*
- *Sending pictures or example of church activities (ex. Christmas and Easter decorations)*

Sister church connections add depth to our view of the world and to our faith



Full house at  
Dandora Church for  
both English and  
Swahili services  
(300 people each)



## Sunday School - Example

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE PART OF A FAMILY?

DOES OUR FAMILY LOOK EXACTLY THE SAME?

DOES OUR FAMILY ALL LIKE TO DO THE SAME THINGS?

OUR CHURCH IS PART OF A FAMILY TOO!  
AND WE HAVE A SISTER CHURCH!



## 2) Invest in a Kenyan child's education.

The HNPP team invites your contributions of any amount to assist with the educational support in two different schools:

- \$210 provide the annual cost of education and a meal in school for an urban boy or girl to attend the Presbyterian Education Centre (PEC). Located in the Soweto slum area, this school provides education and support for children of financially limited families who would otherwise not have an opportunity.
- \$350 is the annual fee at the PCEA Kibweze Polytechnic school, a vocational school for young men and women. This fee includes room and board as well as education for a school year. Studies include dressmaking, hairdressing, welding, electrical work, auto maintenance, and information technology.

For 2021, the HNPP awarded nine scholarships

At the Soweto P.E.C.



Olive Mwende



Ann Muthoni



Emmanuel Gitau



Shantel Shanniz



Evans Ongaye



Daniel Mumo

At the Kibwezi Polytechnic



Monicah Nzioki



Sammy Kioko



Miriam Kimundu

Donations can be made through the Highlands Presbytery directly or through their website:

[www.highlandspresbytery.org](http://www.highlandspresbytery.org) (select Nairobi-Scholarships)



## Lunch in Classroom – Presbyterian Education Centre



## Meet Olive Mwende – Student Presbyterian Education Centre



- Age: 10 years old
- Currently Grade: 5th
- Sibling: Brother, Sister
- Aspiration: Pilot
- Favorite Food: Meat



## Our sponsored students – Presbyterian Education Centre





### 3) Kasasule Health Center - health services for people in need

Founded in 2000, the Kasasule Health Centre (KHC) is located among the villages surrounding the small town of Kibweze. The KHC provides essential medical services for over 30,000 people in need. The KHC is funded by our presbytery churches and individuals, and the three presbyteries in Kenya.



The Kasasule Health Centre has been a great example of the partnership between Kenyan and American people.

This clinic provides basic services such as malaria treatment, newborn delivery and pre-/post-natal care, and respiratory infections. Over 12,000 checkups and services were provided by this small institution in 2020.

Funding goes to the staff salaries, purchase of medicines, medical camp support, and overall operations. Donations can be made through Highlands Presbytery:  
[www.highlandspresbytery.org](http://www.highlandspresbytery.org) (select Nairobi – Kasasule Health Clinic)



Basic health services are essential for those in need



## Kasasule Health Centre: Medical Camp

Our Partnership supports medical camps at KHC, where doctors and specialists can provide additional services to the community:

- Dental
- Eye Care
- Orthopedic
- Cancer screening

In 2021, we had 600 people treated over 2 ½ days!







## Kasasule Health Centre: The Cataract Bus

KHC medical assessments uncovered several patients who had severe cataracts. This could not be done at the clinic, but patients could not afford transportation, let alone surgery.

Our partnership setup the “Cataract Bus” providing cost effective transport for multiple patients to go to the hospital. Donations from the US covered the cost of each surgery (\$250 per person).





## The Highlands-Nairobi Presbyterian Partnership: Our Call to Action

Being involved in the partnership is fulfilling and touches many lives (including our own). There are many ways to be involved:

- Participate in a sister congregation
- Provide funding for scholarships
- Support the Kasasule Health Centre
- Travel to Kenya, or host visitors in the U.S.
- Become part of the HNPP team, organizing what we do



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