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« Mourning over the death of Pastor Jeanne Françoise »

The Anglican Church members and Christian community of Burundi mourn the passing away of Rvd Jeanne Françoise NDIMUBAKUNZI, a clergy member of the Anglican Diocese of Bujumbura. Rvd Jeanne Françoise was one of the key women pastors in the Anglican church of Burundi.

She has been serving in the Diocese of Gitega mainly as Mothers' Union Coordinator before moving in Bujumbura Diocese in 2015 when she was entrusted with the position of coordinator in charge of Gender, Peace and Justice in the Anglican Provincial office.



Rvd Jeanne Françoise has been actively involved in fighting against gender based violence and to advance women's rights in accordance with christian values and human dignity. On behalf of millions of Burundian women and girls, Rvd Jeanne Françoise has advocated for equity and social justice both nationally and internationally through different forums and conferences.

Together with the leadership of SADC (Service Anglican pour le Développement Communautaire) - the Anglican Service for Community Development, Jeanne Françoise has strongly contributed to set up the SAFE HOUSE, where thousands of GBV survivors and perpetrators have been assisted and are now acting as agent of change in their communities.

« We all bear the mark of love and gentleness we benefited from Pastor Jeanne, as we all remember how she comforted us the time we were desperate because of the days of darkness we went through following the acts of violence we endured, at least she passed away after seeing us relieved and our hope of life restored », said one of the survivors who attended the funerals ?

Revd Jeanne Françoise has initiated solidarity groups of GBV survivors who are now committed to fighting against gender based violence in their respective communities but also are contributing to community development as now they are involved in economic activities through small income generating projects.

The Anglican church of Burundi and other faith based organisations particularly the Scripture Union where she served as a volunteer for over 26 years keep in memory the humbleness of a steadfast servant in the church mission.

ANGLICAN BISHOP APPOINTED AS COMMISSIONNER TO TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION COMMISSION

The parliament members have elected Bishop Aimé Joseph KIMARARUNGU, currently Bishop of the Anglican Diocese of Gitega to be the Vice-President of the Truth and Reconciliation Commissioners (CVR).

Bishop Aimé has been elected to take over the position that was occupied by Rvd Pastor Noé Clément NINZIZA. The nomination of Bishop Aimé Joseph is the third nomination of a clergy member from the Anglican Church of Burundi after the Archbishop Emeritus Bernard NTAHOTURI and Rvd Noé Clément appointed to contribute to the mission of this commission in charge of investigating and establishing the truth about serious violations of human rights and international humanitarian law committed until 2008, the date of the end of the belligerence.

