



UGANDA COUNSELLING ASSOCIATION (UCA)

Festive Season Message from the President

On behalf of the board members of the Uganda Counselling Association I want to take a great pleasure in wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

The year 2020 has been like no other year. It has been an extraordinary year! Allow me extend my condolences to those who have lost loved ones.

The uncertainties brought in by the Covid-19 pandemic continue to be with us. May I urge you to continue observing the ministry of health SOPs guidelines in the fight against Covid-19 even as we continue to provide counselling services to our loved ones affected.

I want to take more pleasure in welcoming you back from our just concluded annual conference. Sorry for those who missed but it was an experience of a life time. You may recall that we were set to have our conference in March but this didn't happen as we went into a lockdown due to the pandemic.

Allow me as well extend my gratitude to those that headed to the call of Ministry of Health and joined in the Covid-19 response Team. Thank you very much! As the ramifications of the pandemic continue to extend into our communities lets continue to find relevance to our times.

The birth of our Lord Jesus into this world perfectly embodies the meaning of Counselling. Let us continue to extend that which Christ ushered in.

I have been reflecting on the things I am most grateful for. Primarily among those is the talented team am working with. Thank you for the work you have been doing for the association and pray you continue in the same way even to next year. You have helped us provide award-winning services to our clients.

I remain impressed every day by the tremendous skill, passion and compassion of our staff, counsellors, volunteers and learners. I am also grateful for the strong work of Uganda Counselling Association to many people in our communities who give generously to help us provide care and fulfil our pivotal

mission of overseeing professional counselling practice, training, research and innovation activities.

Thank you to all of you who took part in UCA activities this year. I specifically want to extend our gratitude to Refugee Law Project for sponsoring the 16th Annual Counsellors Conference. It was gratifying working within the planning and execution of the conference! Thank you very much Dr Chris Dolan and your team at RLP. May this festive season come with all your heart desires.

I want to wish all of you seeking for elective offices success. Let us be vigilant to help our loved ones being affected by the excitement, violence and despair brought about by this political season. Let us remain the voice of reason in such a heated season!

I would also like to communicate to you that UCA office will be closed from the 22nd December 2020 and will resume from the 04 January 2021.

Love you all

May you have Merry Christmas and prosperous New Year!



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UCA President