



UNIVERSAL CHASTITY EDUCATION 2020 ANNUAL REPORT

Faith Inspires. Hope is Born. Health Follows.





UCE-USA Director Message



Dear Friends of UCE,

Thank you for your unwavering support for UCE's educational and life-saving programs during this unprecedented year! We began our fiscal year here in Colorado, USA, with our Annual Braai fundraiser in August 2019, enjoying a beautiful evening of barbeque, bluegrass music and fellowship on a warm summer evening, all to support UCE's international mission work. (pictured left)

Then on March 13, 2020, we had prepared to hold our "Chastity Heals" event and overnight prayer vigil the very next day, when I was notified that the event facility was immediately cancelling all activities due to COVID-19. I was stunned! Since then, COVID -19 and its regulations has affected all our lives similarly. In the USA, our June 2020 Braai fundraiser and fall Africa mission trip were cancelled.

Thankfully COVID did not affect UCE-Africa programs with the same

intensity as in the USA. During this time, my weekly conference calls with my colleague, UCE-Africa Director, Mr. Isaac Lema became invaluable. I was able to keep in touch first-hand with what was occurring in each of our countries, and share regular updates with you, our supporters, through e-newsletters and mailings.

Burundi continued to see a low number of cases. Their government closed borders but kept the schools, churches, and businesses open as usual. Thus, the UCE-Burundi team continued delivering their healthy, pro-life message to schools.

Uganda, despite low COVID-19 cases, experienced a severe country-wide lockdown on schools, churches, businesses and public transport in mid-March 2020. In summer 2020 some of the restrictions started to ease. By God's grace and thanks to your financial support, UCE took to the radio waves in Uganda to continue its chastity education. The UCE programs received numerous calls from listeners asking how to live a chaste lifestyle given their particular situation, as well as thanking the UCE team for the education.

In Tanzania, there was a COVID lockdown for a few months on everything except churches. The Tanzanian president encouraged people to go to church (while taking precautions) specifically to pray to end COVID and he declared three days of National Prayer in March. In May, he declared three days of National Thanksgiving for delivering the country from COVID. Cases still existed but numbers and new COVID infections were low. The Tanzanian schools re-opened and UCE resumed outreaches there in August 2020.

Never underestimate the value of your gift to UCE. Despite the COVID-19 pandemic, UCE's educational, life-saving programs have reached over 50,000 youth this year through **227 outreaches, with 41,500 youth signing chastity commitment cards!** Your gifts to UCE have helped to reduce teen pregnancies, reduce HIV/AIDS/ STDs, strengthen marriages, and give HOPE to the youth. Enjoy reading this 2020 Annual Report and learn how much your donations have done. We depend on you to keep UCE going strong! Thank you and God bless you.

In Christ,


Sarah Smith

"Be joyful in hope. Patient in affliction. Faithful in prayer." Romans 12:12



UCE-Africa Director Message

Dear Donors,

UCE became part of my life eleven years ago. I would like to share a bit about our journey since UCE was officially registered in Tanzania on January 19, 2009. We had our first outreach on April 7, 2009 at an Easter Conference and this was followed by another youth conference on June 26, 2009. In August, 2009, the founding directors of UCE, Drs. Kim and Ken Dernovsek, accompanied us to Mwembetogwa and Caglielo secondary schools, the first secondary schools to be reached. Since that time, 759 outreaches have taken place in Tanzania at 2 primary schools, 638 secondary schools, 42 colleges/universities, and 77 youth conferences. Since 2009, in Tanzania alone, a quarter million youth have been reached with 185,010 of these choosing chastity as a way of life. I am humbled that I was chosen in 2016 to be the UCE-Africa Director. I can say that we all thank God in Jesus Christ for the life, salvation and good health that all of us were chosen to carry the UCE message forward in Tanzania, Uganda and Burundi. I present to you in this 2020 Annual Report the good news from each of our programs in Africa.



Isaac Lema inspiring Tanzanian youth

We are sincerely grateful to you and to the UCE Board for their vision that we have UCE globally. They have dedicated their time and blessings from the work of their hands, directly or indirectly, to carry out the activities of UCE. As the apostle Paul wrote, *"Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain."* 1Cor. 15:58. Though physically far away from each other, we have never felt that distance in our hearts. We are united spiritually in our Lord, Jesus Christ. Together, we in Africa planned and prepared UCE programs in our hearts and minds and through our prayers, we achieved more than we had planned or dreamed of. **We continue to witness the wonders of God in our UCE programs.**

We have promoted and supported lives of chastity among our people. We are living testimonies and we continue to see many youth graduating from abstinence to faithful marriage. Today, we are enjoying marriages which were established through a foundation of chastity. Many people have wished for good marriages and UCE has been the bridge to that.

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God has taken good care of us. He has delivered us from the Covid-19 pandemic. No one on the UCE teams reported to have Covid-19. In March 2020, following an announcement by the Tanzania President and Minister of Health that we had no power or ability to handle the pandemic, we, as a nation, had three days of prayer. Then in May of 2020, we, as a nation, had three days of thanksgiving to God as no outbreak had occurred.

God bless UCE.

Isaac Lema

"Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth." Ps. 124:8

2020 Overview

Ministry

UCE Mission: To promote, through Christian principles, abstinence and faithful marriage as the healthiest way of life.

UCE Vision: To empower a growing number of people to be free from slavery to passions, STDs and painful memories by building and expanding sustainable networks of education to help people live healthier and longer lives.



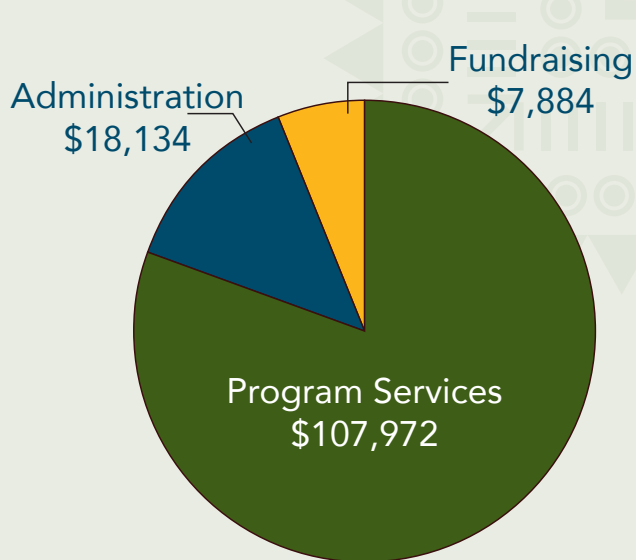
227 Outreaches

41,500 Chastity Commitments

95 UCE Clubs

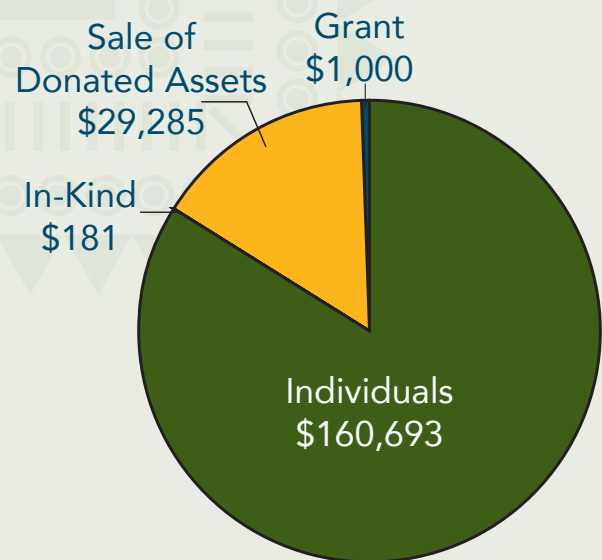
UCE is a Christian interdenominational 501(c)(3) non-profit organization with Catholics, Anglicans, Lutherans, non-denominational Christians, and others working together for a common life-saving mission.

Financial



Operating Expenses

Program Services	\$107,972	81%
Administration	\$18,134	13%
Fundraising	\$7,884	6%



Operating Revenue

Individuals	\$160,693	84%
In-Kind	\$181	0%
Sale of Donated Assets	\$29,285	15%
Grant	\$1,000	1%

N.B. This annual report and these financial charts are derived from reporting for the UCE fiscal year ending July 31, 2020.

UCE-Burundi

56 Outreaches

12,754 Chastity Commitments

23 UCE Clubs



The UCE-Burundi National Director, Rev. Onesphore, wrote in his annual report to the UCE Board of Directors, "I love UCE and all of you who support this great ministry. It has saved so many lives." He continues that it has been easy to schedule outreaches as "many of the headmasters had been students of the UCE message in the past and are thankful for the benefits of this message in their lives". For example, the headmaster of Mukungu relates, "If this program could reach all the youth of Burundi, it would transform our children forever."

UCE will reach more in the future because the UCE Manual was translated into Kirundi this year. Additionally, 251 Bibles and 7600 abstinence booklets



were distributed. Ongoing UCE team outreaches will address ways to succeed in abstinence, faithfulness in future marriage, and to lead healthy lives. This year, The UCE team combined schools in close proximity into one outreach in order to reach more students cost effectively. A student at one outreach, Jovitte, shared, "I was touched by the UCE message and will dare to say 'no' to sexual contact before my marriage. These are the messages and the people we as youths are looking for. **I am now equipped to fight for my life.** May God bless UCE."



Another young man, Nestor, testified: "I drink too much and as you said, drinking causes the loss of self-control. It always happens to me. May I be forgiven of all the mistakes I have committed before because of drinking. Thank you for the transformative message that you brought to us."

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Rev. Onesphore leading a UCE outreach

UCE-Uganda, Kasese

32 Outreaches

2,046 Chastity Commitments

27 UCE Clubs



Teen Pregnancy Reduced: Kizito secondary school reported that before UCE outreaches, 10-12 students dropped out annually due to teen pregnancies. Today their enrollment is increasing without the loss of any student from teen pregnancy. The school asked the UCE team to educate parents about the challenges of early marriage, school drop-out, and HIV/AIDs. The UCE team, vital in educating the entire community, coined the popular local quip, **"Abstinence makes the heart beat longer."**

Academic Achievements Abound and are attributed to UCE. The 2019 student candidates performed well compared to past years and headmasters claimed that "the UCE sessions of abstaining from things that can divert a student's mind from concentration on classwork taught them discipline."

Election and induction of senior UCE student leaders occurs annually to maintain regional program integrity. Graduating UCE leaders move

on to institutions of higher learning, in good part due to the self-control they learned from UCE. They are well positioned to spread the UCE message in their new setting. An example is Mr. Hillary Bwambale, who had signed a chastity card in 2011. He was a UCE volunteer from 2011-2013, prior to being selected to further his studies in Germany. According to Hillary *"I thank God that He gave me the real knowledge of UCE that helped me to live a positive life especially when studying in Europe...It helped me stay focused and live a chaste life."* Upon returning to Uganda in 2017 he met his future wife, Gloria. They had been friends previously and she still had her UCE chastity card. In 2019, she completed her studies and they married. Today Hillary heads a vehicle engineering department and says, "Here we are, the fruits of UCE and we are so grateful for that."



Mr. Hillary Bwambale, at his wedding



A UCE Conference and training session was held for pastoral leaders in the Kasese district including the church communities: Catholics, Anglicans, Seventh Day Adventists, Pentecostals, and Evangelicals. In daily interactions and from the pulpit, they now bring the Gospel message of hope, encouraging abstinence for the unmarried and faithfulness for the married.

UCE radio talk shows reach the entire region, and became even more important during the corona virus lockdown.

UCE-Uganda, Kasese outreach to Kibwe youth

UCE-Uganda, Masaka

83 Outreaches

7,566 Chastity Commitments

20 UCE Clubs



UCE "Chastity Day" footrace participants

Prior to the onset of closure of the country by Covid-19, the team was met by hundreds of students at the secondary schools. In December, at a "Chastity Day" celebration at Kitovu, students participated in a cross-country foot race and bicycle race. While they competed, a friendly netball match took place between the female youth leaders and the

university students. This culminated in the full UCE message and the hope that it brings, to all the participants and the entire community. They were told that their first priority is to *value life*, followed by *respect of their bodies* and *control of their feelings* so as to *act wisely*. With all of this, the message of *second chances* through "our welcoming and forgiving God" was given.



The UCE team giving an outreach on the radio

UCE teams took to the radio waves, which was a new endeavor for them. "These radio talks are so good because they have helped us spread the UCE message." Due to country-wide closures due to Covid-19, UCE-Masaka was required to curtail its' outreaches to the schools. Radio broadcasts allowed them to share the message with the students while adding parents and other members of the community. During one broadcast, a caller who heard the message for the first time, requested that the team visit his home and promised that he would mobilize his neighbors to hear the "Godly UCE message".

A person named Francis called in and shared on a radio talk show that in the past he was ignorant of the UCE message. He explained that many people believed that, regarding sex, "practice makes perfect" but that after hearing the UCE presentation, he now understood that this was instead a "statement for failure." His own family had been impacted by *all of his sisters having died from AIDS* so he recommended that students can remain healthy and study hard by following the UCE message and that "when the right time comes, they shall enjoy their lives to the fullest and with no regrets."

Outreach attendees requesting chastity cards at Misanvu Teachers College



UCE-Tanzania

56 Outreaches

19,134 Chastity Commitments

25 UCE Clubs

The UCE-Tanzania team reached two new districts this past year, returned to a school to address graduates, and at another school outreach, the team were themselves impressed when the teachers all asked to sign “faithfulness in marriage” cards. Read more below:

Sun Secondary School requested that the UCE team return to the graduation ceremony to speak to all of the students, half of whom had missed the UCE presentation earlier in the year. The school wanted to be certain that all the students heard this important message. Also in attendance were parents, officials and other community members. As the team began, the students who had been at the UCE outreach began to shout “True Love Waits. True Love Waits.” Headmistress Sr Anna Ussiry, at the conclusion of the presentation announced, *“This is more than love to us. Since the first outreach day, we observed practical behavior changes even in students who seemed reluctant to hear the message, but now, abstinence is the only song ringing in their heads.”* The convocation speaker, Madam Chaula, then emphasized the message everyone had just heard, “As UCE has stated, we wish you to abide in chastity so that at the end of the day, the nation will be proud of you when you will become doctors, teachers, and lawyers.”

The UCE team reported an awesome moment when the teachers themselves gave powerful witness to the students: “At the end of the outreach at Kolero Secondary School, the UCE team asked which students were ready to sign chastity cards but it was very surprising that *all four married teachers requested to sign faithfulness cards to renew their commitment to marriage*”. After the outreach, the principal thanked the UCE team for the chastity message and announced, *“It is God’s grace to have this kind of education and it is officially from now on that our school has a UCE Club.”*



Teacher committing to chastity

Students listening attentively to a UCE-Tanzania outreach



“Abstinence is the only song ringing in their heads.”

UCE Clubs

	<u>Burundi</u>	<u>Tanzania</u>	<u>Uganda, Kasese</u>	<u>Uganda, Masaka</u>
UCE CLUBS (#)	23	25	27	20

What is a UCE Club?

After a UCE outreach at a school, when there is strong interest and a good staff person to “mentor,” a UCE Club is formed. Within UCE Clubs, the chastity message is reinforced peer-to-peer, supported by mentors and UCE student leaders. Abstinence skills are strengthened and the new club members are prepared to be the future leaders. The students may choose to incorporate sports, music, traditional dance, and drama.

UCE-Uganda, Kasese utilizes their clubs to reach the entire community with the UCE message. The Kasese team reports, “Some may not show up for outreaches or even to church. But with sports, you will see all kinds of people. As the game is played, UCE team members commentate on the match on loud speakers and at the same time, pass along the chastity message.” Pictured here is the jubilant UCE-Uganda, Kasese Club in Kyabikee, receiving with gratitude their new balls to replace “the balls that had got weary beyond repair.”



There were three UCE Club conferences where students, still in school, who have signed chastity cards, gather with the purpose of building skills and sharing experiences about how each student has managed to live his/her commitment. During a UCE-Uganda, Kasese Club conference, UCE volunteers gather with students next to their UCE Club sign which states, “Time wasted is never recovered.” (pictured left)

A UCE Club graduation occurred at Kigurunyembe secondary school in Tanzania and 44 students were congratulated for passing their national exams and participating in the UCE Club for two years. Sr. Canisiane told them, “*Chastity life is the life which God called us to live. The society is in need of this kind of education. You are educated so as to educate others. Please go and help others so as to save this generation.*” This UCE Club (pictured right) is known to be the “only strong club at the school” due to its importance in positively shaping student behavior.



“Time wasted
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Testimonies

The Chairman of a local council for the sub-county of Kasese, Uganda said in his speech after the UCE sessions, *"According to what I have heard and witnessed, UCE advocates strongly for responsible sexual behavior that will pre-empt any risk of HIV/AIDS, STIs by the promotion of abstinence outside marriage and fidelity within marriage as the surest ways of prevention. It should be seriously noted that the concern of Universal Chastity Education is not simply the health message of avoiding HIV/AIDS, but also the theological message of being true to the meaning and purpose of human sexuality... from now on, I pledge to take it seriously. I invite the youth to also make their commitment. Thank you UCE."*

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Head Master, Mr. Joseph Ntongolo during Kasokola secondary school outreach in Tanzania, stated to all those present, *"After I introduced the UCE team, I had planned to return to my office to do some other work. But from the beginning of the seminar I found myself interested and remained until the end. I have never heard such a wonderful seminar like this. I wish we could have given you the whole day. No one, whether students or teachers, are tired of listening to you. This is because the education you have given has touched every corner of life: social, economic,*

*academic, and health issues. In short, the **UCE message is a whole life package**...Today will remain as an historical day to our school. I advise you students to take care of the commitment cards. It will help you to refer back to the message and remind yourselves that abstinence is the key to academic performance. Thank you very much and we beg you to come again and again to give us this education."*

Who are we? We neither have money to give them, nor authority as government officials to order anything to be done. We are grateful to God in Jesus Christ for this. **We have the UCE gospel and that makes a difference.** Acts 3:6 Peter said *"I have no silver and gold, but what I do have I give to you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk!"* Here we don't have money or authority, but we have chosen to embrace chastity. This is what we need for people to live a healthy life.

~UCE Volunteer, Herman Nguki



"UCE would not have happened in the absence of God blessing it, God planning it to happen, God wanting it to happen, and God seeing the fruit..."

UCE Emeritus Board member, Donald J Banner (pictured above), spoke to supporters during UCE's 15th anniversary year. Mr. Banner served on the UCE Board for 12 years. He is a highly respected attorney and community member and is active at his church, *Pueblo Christian Center*. He said, *"Anytime you start a business or non-profit, the failure rate is significant. So it has to be an act of God that Universal Chastity Education is still here 15 years later. UCE would not have happened in the absence of God blessing it, God planning it to happen, God wanting it to happen, and God seeing the fruit of the efforts that Ken and Kim Dernovsek have made."*

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March 27, 2020

Dr. Kim K. Dernovsek
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Dear Dr. Dernovsek:

I would like to acknowledge the excellent work being done by Universal Chastity Education (UCE) in Africa. Whether in Uganda, Tanzania, or Burundi, UCE's efforts to promote, through Christian principle, abstinence and faithful marriage as the healthiest way of life, has greatly helped to prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS.

In addition to the enclosed check, please feel free to use my name and office in any fundraising efforts in the Diocese of Colorado Springs. The mission of UCE is critical to the health and well being of hundreds of thousands of youth and married couple who have signed commitments to chastity.

I strongly recommend UCE to the pastors of the Diocese of Colorado Springs. Their programs have a proven track record of success. I also encourage that pastors contact UCE to learn more about their programs with the knowledge that this apostolate has my support.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Michael J. Sheridan
Bishop of Colorado Springs

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