



# UNIVERSAL CHASTITY EDUCATION 2021 ANNUAL REPORT

Faith Inspires. Hope is Born. Health Follows.







# UCE-USA Director Message

Dear Friends of UCE,

I extend a heartfelt "thank you" for your support of UCE's pro-life chastity education programs this year. In this letter, I share with you an abundance of "good news" about how your generosity enabled UCE to be a shining light to the mission communities in Uganda, Tanzania, and Burundi, conducting a total of 181 chastity education outreaches, resulting in 22,799 signed chastity commitments, and the transformation of so many lives!

The number of "2<sup>nd</sup> chance" testimonies, especially from Burundi, astound me. In the pages that follow, I invite you to read how UCE has helped reduce teen pregnancies, prevented human trafficking, and helped youth live healthy, godly lives. The message transformed a student who testified, "I appreciate the UCE teachings so much for I am like one who is resurrected from the dead."

I continue to be impressed by UCE-Tanzania's outreach to numerous public schools at different districts within their country and the high praises public educational officers there give to UCE's seminar. For example, in the Mpanda public school district, all 14 schools had been reached during 2019 and were re-visited during 2020-21. The academic scores of the students showed marked improvement there, with school administration attributing the improvement to the visits of the UCE team.

In Uganda, since schools were closed much of the year due to Covid-19, both Ugandan programs (Kasese and Masaka) increased radio outreaches. It is likely that many more people heard the UCE message than usual. Even though signed pledge cards could not be gathered during the radio outreaches, the call-in Q&A were continuous. Somewhat shocking questions about teen pregnancies, avoiding sexual coercion, drug and alcohol abuse, and unemployment were addressed by the UCE teams who empowered the young people over the airwaves with scripture and medical facts. Teams gave the UCE message in-person to community members that were allowed to gather during that critical time when extended lockdowns in Uganda had precipitated a general increase in various societal problems.

The UCE Board of Directors met every two months online, then had a wonderful summer gathering together. (See photo) I'm thankful to you, our financial supporters. It's for you that we produced the special "Meet UCE" online program of heartwarming video testimonies from UCE-Africa. I invite you to watch the full 40 minute program at <https://www.uceglobal.org/news-events/meetuce/>

Please kindly consider continuing your support to UCE so together we can reduce teen pregnancies and prevent HIV/AIDs/STDs, strengthen marriages, and uphold the dignity of the human person. It's you that makes UCE's international, pro-life mission work possible!

In Christ,

*Sarah J. Smith*  
Sarah Smith



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(Back to front, Left to right)

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



# UCE-Africa Director Message

Dear Donors,

I thank God in Jesus Christ for His mercies and protection of us. Last year was a year where we had a chance to reflect back about human life. It was not an easy year. In addition to the day-to-day challenges that we always face in reaching so many young people with the life-saving UCE message; vehicle difficulties, bad roads, poverty, we also suffered the global uncertainties caused by Covid 19. Burundi carried on outreaches as usual, but Uganda had two lengthy total lockdowns with schools closed and Tanzania had briefer school closings with other activities continuing near-normal. The UCE teams developed new and creative ways to serve the people. Smaller, high-risk non-school groups heard and embraced this life saving message and radio sessions reached thousands of people.

Let us hear (below) the words of UCE-Kasese Uganda Director who reported how the UCE message is being requested and achieving results in his region.

*Let me take this opportunity to thank the directors and funders who enable the UCE message to reach and save souls in Kasese, Uganda. Without this lifesaving message, where would our young people be? In the past, Kasese district was among the highest ranking areas with new HIV/AIDS infections, unwanted pregnancies, early marriages, school dropouts, forced marriages and polygamy. I am happy to report that through UCE outreaches, radio talk shows, and UCE Clubs and sports, people here are changing their bad sexual behaviors to abstinence and faithfulness respectively. And for those who have not misbehaved, they have said, "We will wait" until a holy and faithful marriage,*

*Whenever schools or other institutions have new students, they call the UCE team to instruct those students. No wonder that most people from Kasese are changing slowly, doing away with negative cultural beliefs such as girl children being unimportant and not in need of schooling but rather considered as a source of wealth for "bride price". Polygamy, fully embraced in the past, is now being abandoned.*

*Last year, during the Covid lockdown, 95% of the schools that had been previously reached by UCE-Kasese, lost no students due to pregnancy on return to school. The other 5% of schools reported only one or two pregnancies. This was considered a great achievement by the parents, schools and institutions.*

*Fr. Peter Masereka, 2021*



*Fr Peter completes UCE training for Kasese pastoral agents, youth leaders, chaplains and spiritual directors who will reinforce the chastity message that the UCE team brings to the youth.*

We are grateful to the UCE Board of Directors for their wisdom of allowing UCE teams to continue delivering the chastity message through all various ways in Uganda, Burundi and Tanzania. We thank God that our team members are safe from Covid and remain eager to share the UCE message.

God bless UCE.

Isaac Lema

*"Without this lifesaving message, where would our young people be?"*

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



# 2021 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.

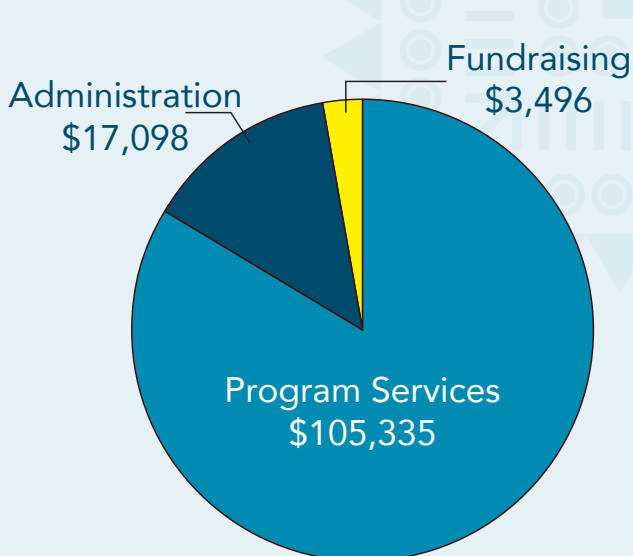
**181 Outreaches**

**22,799 Chastity Commitments**

**84 UCE Clubs**

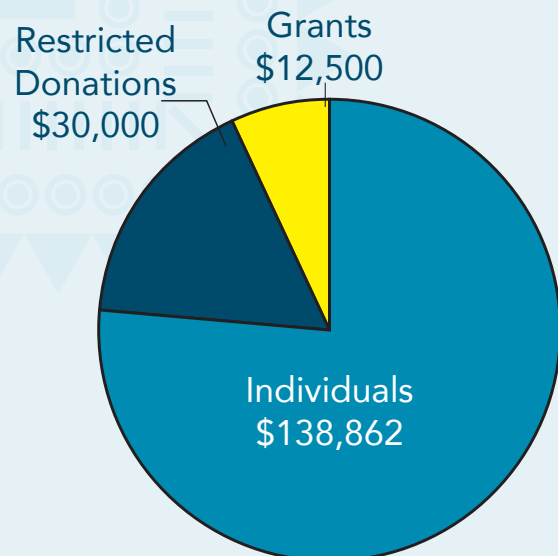
*UCE is a Christian interdenominational 501(c)(3) non-profit organization with Catholics, Anglicans, Lutherans, non-denominational Christians, and others working together for a common life-saving mission.*

## Financial



### Operating Expenses

Program Services	\$105,335	84%
Administration	\$17,098	13%
Fundraising	\$3,496	3%



### Operating Revenue

Individuals	\$138,862	77%
Restricted Donations	\$30,000	16%
Grants	\$12,500	7%

*N.B. This annual report and these financial charts are derived from reporting for the UCE fiscal year ending July 31, 2021.*

# UCE-Burundi

**37 Outreaches**

**9,618 Chastity Commitments**

**19 UCE Clubs**



Students and leaders are thankful for UCE's presence and chastity education programs. In Burundi at Kibakure, the 623 students who signed chastity cards appreciated UCE for bringing a strong message for them to stay healthy. They shared that although STD's and HIV/AIDS were increasing, many other organizations were "no longer talking about these problems and had even closed their doors due to lack of funding." They added, "UCE has stayed here for us, the youth of Burundi."

Headmaster, Noel, was very grateful for the teen pregnancy reduction in his school and shared, "Dear brothers and sisters from the UCE team, I want to thank you so much for accepting my invitation to come back to my school. Remember you were here four years ago. When you came, I couldn't imagine that you could help because my school was in

chaos, but from that time, I haven't seen any pregnancy in this school. **My students were totally transformed."**



Youth signing chastity cards during Gasamari school outreach.

In the case of student, Ferdinand NIYOMUKIZA, UCE's message gave him a "second chance. " He said, **"I appreciate the UCE teachings so much for I am like one who is resurrected from the dead. "**



Amahoro Secondary School UCE Club girls netball team wins national cup victory.

At many schools reached by UCE, a UCE club is formed to support the students to uphold their chastity pledge through after-school meetings, teachings, and other activities. Amahoro Secondary School in Burundi had been plagued with a high rate of school dropouts, teen pregnancies and early marriages. But no longer, thanks to the UCE outreaches. The net ball team of the Amahoro UCE Club won the national cup competition and holds their trophy high. Congratulations!

The UCE-Burundi team celebrated the translation and printing 500 copies of the *UCE Manual* into their native Kirundi language. The *UCE Manual* answers hundreds of questions about sexuality that youth ask at an outreach.



UCE-Burundi unpacks newly printed UCE Manuals, Kirundi translation.



# UCE-Uganda, Kasese

**78 Outreaches**

**1,800 Chastity Commitments**

**35 UCE Clubs**



The UCE radio ministry has broadcast weekly for many years, so when Uganda closed down schools and churches for lengthy periods twice during Covid-19, the radio show continued on strong with team testimonies and a call-in Q/A session. The listeners living in this remote rural area where "spare parts" are a necessity to survive, fully understand the most important part of the UCE message: **"Life has no spare!"** The UCE team leader continues, *"Look at yourself as a precious creature because indeed you are. Guard yourself jealously. Most men and women are taken up by bodily lust-- not love. Don't submit to lust, for you will regret the unbearable outcomes. Let's keep our bodies holy, patiently asking God for the right, true, loving, God-fearing husband/wife who can embrace Holy Matrimony and become faithful to each other thereafter. Let us live holy lives for the glory of God for our bodies are temples of God."* (Ps 139:14 and 1 Cor 6:16)



UCE-Uganda Kasese weekly radio outreaches during two Covid-19 lockdowns.



As restrictions from Covid-19 finally decreased, the Kasese team visited schools with the UCE message. After the outreach the young people were encouraged to form a UCE Club to meet weekly to support their commitment to abstinence until faithful marriage. UCE Manuals and Holy Bibles were left with them to strengthen their resolve. After sitting in on an entire outreach, one teacher told the class, *"I am a teacher by profession and cannot provide this kind of information as clearly as this UCE team has done."*

The Kasese region had a wonderful surprise when a UCE "pioneer" team member from 2011 came home from the University and joined an outreach. She spoke about how signing the card back in 2011 had helped her fight temptation and sin and strengthen her personal relationship with God. **"Through the power of the UCE message, God will bless you to set and achieve your goals."**

A UCE-Kasese 2011 team "pioneer" returned home from the University to tell the students how making the commitment to abstinence strengthened her to succeed.



UCE-Kasese Clubs sports matches began again when schools reopened in May 2021.



# UCE-Uganda, Masaka

84 Outreaches

3,051 Chastity Commitments

5 UCE Clubs



As the UCE outreach to St. Gerald Education Centre in Katimba draws to a conclusion, UCE volunteer, Resti, asks, "How many choose abstinence?" Their signed commitments follow.



When the schools were closed because of Covid lockdown, the Masaka UCE team took to the radio airwaves, and listeners were inspired by these sessions. With the lockdown had come idleness and decreased income for many people which created additional difficulties: young girls being forced into marriages to support the family with their bride price, women prostituting themselves to help support their families financially, increased incidence of domestic violence, and a significant increase of usage of pornography via the Internet. The team provided guidance to the callers to address their long-term health and survival, encouraged by the message of abstinence for the youth, faithfulness for the married, and the hope of second chances for those who had fallen. The team reminded listeners to avoid the pitfalls of sexually transmitted diseases and HIV/AIDS, broken marriages and relationships, all of which would lead to future regrets. Prayer and turning to God were encouraged. A UCE team member, Rose, leaned into the

"UCE is a message of the heart, food for the soul and children are the right population to be saved."

Director, Victory Education Center



The UCE team inspires and brings hope to those facing difficult situations.

microphone, "Many times students have goals and fight hard to make it but haters pull them down and make them lose focus. **To those that are feeling down, God pulls them up and gives a second chance.** Some students may feel empty but God says, "Surrender all your burdens and I will relieve you and bless you." (Ps 55 :22, 1 Peter 5 :7, Mat 11 :28-30, Is 41 :10)

Fr. Deusdedit reads Holy Scripture to the youth group at Nazareth Parish, December 2020.



The *Dreams* groups (see COVER PHOTO) of hi-risk young women in Kyakamunya and Kisaabwa, requested that the UCE-Masaka team visit, then learned, and committed to the UCE lifestyle of self-control and abstinence, which is not what other organizations promote to them.



# UCE-Tanzania

30 Outreaches

8,084 Chastity Commitments

25 UCE Clubs

The UCE-Tanzania team was fortunate to be able to continue outreaches during most of the year. For example, in the Mpanda district, all 14 schools had been reached during 2019. Following the re-visits during 2020-21, there has been a progressive improvement in the academic scores. The teachers and headmasters have attributed these results to the change in behavior that they noted from the first visit of the UCE team. The Mpanda Municipal Council Education Officer, Ms. Lutungulu, recently expressed her appreciation, saying, "Any adult with parental ethics will run to the chastity message as the first and last social and biological education for children. **Within chastity, you find true love, responsibility, honesty, security, health and a Godly way of life.**" It is no wonder that visits from the UCE team are sought after by multiple schools and regions in Tanzania.



(Left) UCE-Tanzania broadly reaches rural Tanzania, but upon invitation took the chastity message to the big city school, Don Bosco, located in Dar es Salam.



(Left) A UCE Club graduation recognizes these Tanzanian students for receiving extra instruction and demonstrating competence in the principles of chastity such that they are better prepared to mentor their fellow youth with this message. Many of the currently most active UCE facilitators, such as Eng. Herman Nguki and Mr. Deogratius Ramale, advanced through this training themselves.



(Below) Often the UCE teams in Africa observe a teacher being powerfully moved by the message. Here pictured, the Kasekese, Tanzania school teacher pulls a chair over to share writing space with a student in order to sign his own chastity commitment card.



At Mpanda Ndogo Secondary School, Tanzania, the headmaster and teachers participated fully in the UCE outreach and were all taking notes. Upon conclusion, Headmaster Mr. Massawe said to the students, "This was more than a seminar. **There is no one here who is not touched by the UCE message, which is detailed scientifically and socially.** I wish the UCE team could continue being here so that we could explore some more life hints from you. Students, take this message seriously, please."



# UCE Reaches Community Groups

In all UCE program countries, school and church closures during Covid-19 gave the teams an opportunity to speak to community groups in need of knowledge and inspiration about chastity.

**Married Couples** sent pleas for help from UCE teams to strengthen marriages. Problems of unfaithfulness, polygamy, HIV/AIDS, men not providing basic needs for their families, child abuse, impending divorce, and children dropping out of school, prompted their willingness to hear a new message of “second chances” through faithfulness and chastity. In Burundi there were four such sessions given to groups of 20-30 couples. In Tanzania, UCE was invited by the Kigamboni Women’s Group Association to share with them and their children. In Uganda, the Mother’s and Father’s Unions of Kanyazi church and the married couples from Katembu were visited by the UCE-Kasese team with multiple couples signing fidelity cards.



*UCE-Kasese outreach to Kanyazi, Uganda couples*



*Masaka, Uganda police gather after their UCE session.*

**Police and Military** have been reached by the UCE message and their lives positively impacted, as well as the lives of those they serve. Such initiatives began in 2006 when co-founding UCE-Burundi team member, Rev. Charles, (now deceased) served as chaplain to police there. Now, in Uganda, the Masaka UCE team brought the life-saving message of abstinence and faithfulness to their police. A number of police had already contracted HIV, and one testified to the others, *“When a police officer dies from bullets, he is respected. When he does not live a virtuous life, he dies in shame.”*

**Transportation** “Boda-boda” drivers take people around the community for small fees on their motorized bikes, but they are notorious for their promiscuity. UCE-Masaka brought their message of second chances, abstinence, and faithfulness in marriage to this group.



*Masaka, Uganda “Boda-boda” drivers commit to chastity, March 2021.*



*UCE-Tanzania team speaks to law students at Iringa University.*

**Future attorneys** heard the full UCE message and 190 first-year law students pledged to chastity, after which one student proclaimed, *“I will make sure other youth will get to hear about chastity. I feel very sorry for all who have missed this opportunity, and I beg you to arrange another seminar for other classes. God bless you.”*



# UCE Protects and Empowers Girls

Empowered by UCE, all young people are strengthened, through Christ, with tools to remain healthy and pure. In Africa, due to extreme poverty, girls are especially susceptible to promises of gifts and payment of school fees in exchange for their “love.” UCE teaches them about “true love”, and that it “waits” and that their signed commitment cards to abstinence empower them to say “no” and to seek help when needed.

Girls are thankful that UCE has kept them alive and safe. Judith was in primary school when she was approached for sexual favors but declined them due to having learned about chastity from her older sister who had pledged to abstinence during a UCE-Masaka, Uganda school outreach. Another student, Jane, was empowered to seek help against sexual advances having learned from UCE to go to her mother, and her mother interceded. Likewise, Rose testified that it had been the UCE message that had equipped her to end “sexual threats” by reporting them to her teacher.



Girls learn the “A-B-C’s” of Abstinence until Being faithful in marriage, through Christ.

## Human Trafficking Prevented

In Burundi, a man had been pursuing Josette with gifts and promises, requesting that she leave her country to “marry” him in Zambia. After hearing the UCE message that day in school, she stood and told her classmates about this man’s pursuit of her and announced that she had chosen abstinence and she would “not go with the man to Zambia.”

Sometimes another girl’s experience becomes the best teacher of all. At a UCE-Uganda, Kasese outreach, a young woman spoke up, “I wish I heard this message before. I would not be suffering the way I am now.” Her tragic story had begun in secondary school four years prior. She had exchanged physical affection for a man’s gifts and she “thought she had it all.” She “lost concentration” in school. She became pregnant, left school, and was banished from home. The man denied and abandoned her. She became a “beggar sleeping in trenches” and tested HIV positive when she delivered her baby. She now “sells tomatoes and lives in a shabby room” with her child and must take medicines all her life. She finds the consequences of her behavior to be irreversible and at times unbearable, and she emphasizes, **“Take this advice seriously. Avoid the regrets, which are the worst disease.”**



Josette’s decision for chastity protected her from being a victim of “human trafficking.”

UCE teaches them about “true love”, and that it “waits” and that their signed commitment cards to abstinence empower them to say “no” and to seek help when needed.



# Clergy Endorsement



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OF KANSAS CITY IN KANSAS

Office of the Archbishop

June 4, 2021

Sarah Smith  
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Universal Chastity Education  
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Dear Mrs. Sarah Smith,

Thank you for the pleasure of learning about the outstanding work of Universal Chastity Education (UCE). This international, pro-life ministry has seen excellent results from your chastity education outreaches in the African mission countries of Uganda, Tanzania, and Burundi. It is inspiring to learn how UCE helps students and adults embrace chastity for the first time and others as a “second chance.”

It is wonderful to hear that over 530,000 youth have signed UCE chastity commitment cards since 2004. It is also uplifting to hear about UCE’s other successes including school principals reporting pregnancy reductions, HIV/AIDS/STDs have been reduced, and how many students have personally thanked the UCE teams for this message. Students have also testified how UCE helped them prepare for a faithful marriage, and the importance of staying in school while avoiding drugs, alcohol, and prostitution in order to achieve their goals.

I am impressed that UCE is able to have such fruitful results as a small organization. I hope my donation will help you further God’s work in your ministry. Your work has my full support.

Sincerely yours in Jesus, the Lord of Life,

A blue ink signature of Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann, written in a cursive style.

Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann



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