



UNIVERSAL CHASTITY EDUCATION 2025 ANNUAL REPORT



Faith Inspires. Hope is Born. Health Follows.



UCE-USA Director Message

Dear Friends of UCE,

As another year passes, I continue to be grateful to you, our supporters, for making this beautiful ministry possible and fruitful. This past year UCE completed 387 chastity outreaches with 87,502 students who signed chastity commitments.

Behind the numbers are real people with their own stories of how they have been touched by the ministry of UCE.

In Burundi the Ministry of Health is thrilled that UCE is still there, because the Ministry of Health and UCE are the only two organizations sensitizing people about HIV/AIDS and abstinence. On page 5, I invite you to read the Provincial Director of Health Ministry's words of appreciation. Additionally, several students share their touching personal stories including refusing prostitution and saying no to pornography.

On page 6, I invite you to be inspired how one girl, who signed a UCE chastity card in 2020, embraced a life-changing "second chance." In Africa it is often said, "Our God is a God of second chance." Many young people in Africa embrace chastity as a "second chance." Additionally, sometimes people wonder what happens to youth, after they sign a chastity card. In Kasese they hold an annual gathering that invites all students that have previously signed chastity cards. They come together to celebrate and encourage each other. You can also read about this enthusiastic celebration in Kasese this year.

UCE-Masaka in Uganda continues to do 10 outreaches each month. They are proud of their accomplishments this year, which you can read about on page 7. I encourage you to take a moment to soak in the pictures on this page. It might surprise you that many students actively participate in some way during the outreach.

In Tanzania UCE met its goal of reaching a new district or region each year. This year UCE-Tanzania actually reached two new districts and an abundance of youth! On page 8, I invite you to read about reaching the new districts and how a couple of students, who signed UCE chastity cards 15 years ago, benefited from the program.

Be sure not to miss the page of thank you notes, which includes a heartfelt thank you from students and teachers about how UCE has touched their lives. It's you who make this beautiful ministry possible! You'll also find the page about UCE clubs that have played an important role to reinforce the chastity message after the outreach.

In summary, do you ever get tired of reading bad news? This report is full of good news. It's encouraging, uplifting, and sometimes simply amazing! Thank you for all that you do to make UCE's ministry possible and fruitful. I thank God for all the ways He has blessed the ministry. Please join me in renewing our efforts for another year of blessing.

In Christ,

Sarah J. Smith

Sarah Smith



Students embrace the UCE message with joy

"Give thanks to the Lord for He is good; His love endures forever." Psalm 118:1



UCE-Africa Director Message

Dear UCE community, friends and partners,

As we close the fiscal year from August 2024 to July 2025, we pause with deep gratitude to reflect on what God has enabled us to accomplish through the work of Universal Chastity Education.

This has been another year of great opportunity. We carried the message of chastity through outreaches, conferences, seminars, radio programs, and clubs, reaching thousands of young people in schools and communities. Even in the midst of a fuel crisis for some places, rising prices, and a rapidly changing digital world that exposes many young people to risky behaviours, the chastity message continued to shine in Africa.

Across schools, communities, and the airwaves, youth, teachers, parents and different leaders shared how chastity has saved lives and promoted healthy relationships based on trust, respect and true love. Many testified that through chastity, they have gained confidence, clarity, and courage to say yes to dignity, self-control, and healthy relationships. By embracing the chastity message, young people proudly continue to stand for the message of "True Love Waits," supporting one another and inspiring their peers.

We are especially encouraged by the positive feedback and strong support from teachers, school authorities, parents, and community leaders, who recognise the value of guiding young people toward responsible, respectful, and God-honouring choices.

None of this would have been possible without our faithful donors, whose generosity sustains this mission; the UCE board of directors; our UCE dedicated teams and volunteers, who tirelessly carry the message to the field; and our living testimonies, young people and couples whose lives reflect the impact of choosing to live a chaste life. You are the heart of Universal Chastity Education.

As we move forward, let us continue to use what we have to touch the lives of others. As the Word of God reminds us, "Let us not grow weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." And above all, we remember that prayer remains the key to success; the foundation of every outreach, every life changed, and every hope restored.

Thank you for walking this journey with us. Together, we are shaping a generation that chooses truth, love, and a brighter future.

With gratitude and hope,

Isaac Lema
UCE Africa Director



UCE Africa Director, Mr. Isaac Lema, visits with donors following his speech at the UCE banquet fundraiser in Pueblo, CO

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2025 Overview

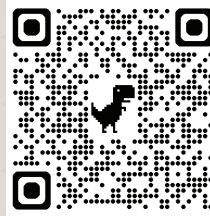


Ministry

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.

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.



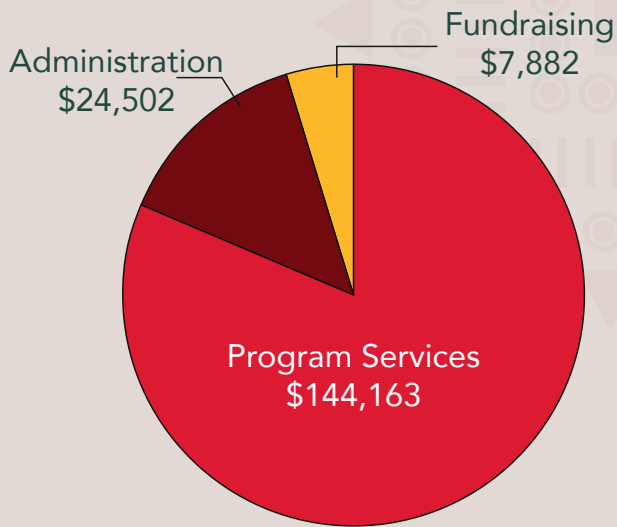
Scan QR code for a short UCE ministry summary video, "UCE: A Light Shines from Africa"

387 Outreaches

87,502 Chastity Commitments

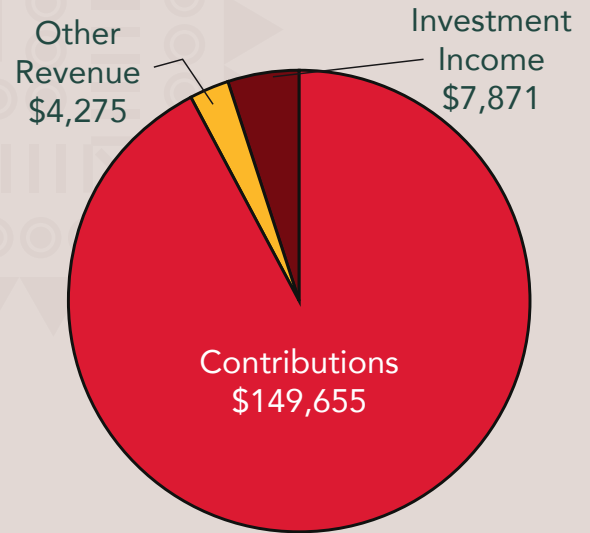
96 UCE Clubs

Financial



Operating Expenses

Program Services	\$144,163	82%
Administration	\$24,502	14%
Fundraising	\$7,882	4%
Total	\$176,547	



Revenue

Contributions	\$149,655	92%
Other Revenue	\$4,275	3%
Investment Income	\$7,871	5%
Total	\$161,801	

N.B. This annual report and these financial charts are derived from reporting for the UCE fiscal year ending July 31, 2025.

UCE-Burundi

39 Outreaches

10,141 Chastity Commitments

21 UCE Clubs



“Perseverance” summarizes UCE-Burundi’s outreach for this past year. Despite very challenging economic difficulties, including a severe fuel crisis and inflation that led to doubling and tripling costs, the UCE team has persevered and continued to transform a multitude of youth this year. Over 10,000 youth, 214 couples, and 39 schools were very grateful for UCE’s message this year. For example, here are some student and administrator testimonies from this year.

UCE Opened My Eyes

“I would like to thank God for sending us angels, because He knows all the secrets that is happening in our families. We have suffered a lot because of ignorance, but from now on, the UCE message has opened my eyes...” Joselyne

Smarter than My Phone

“Dear UCE Team, thank you so much for your teachings. I had a smart phone, and the only thing I used it for was to watch pornographic movies. I realized that those movies can lead me the wrong way. I decided to give back my smart phone to my parents and focus on school, with hope that I will become a medical doctor. God bless you.” Esther

“No” to Prostitution

“I’m 17 years old, and I grew from a rich family. My father is having a guest house, and I usually find couples coming for sexual work. One day a lady, who came for sex-selling, was attracting me. I was impressed to sleep with her, but I was stopped by a watchman nearby. After these teachings, I was imagining the possible STDs, including HIV, that I could get from her. Now, I’m going to advise my parents to not allow prostitutes to use our guest house. I will also share these teachings with the guest house workers, so they may know about HIV/AIDS/STDs. May the Lord bless you.” Eric

“They [UCE] are the only people apart from the Ministry of Health who are still contributing to reduce the number of people who are infected with HIV/AIDS.”

UCE is the Voice to Reduce HIV/AIDS in Burundi

UCE even received words of thanks from the Regional Director of Health. “We want to take this opportunity to thank the Diocese of Makamba through the program of Universal Chastity Education.... Each year we celebrate World HIV/AIDS Day, and they contribute a lot. We live in a time when many people and organizations keep quiet on sensitizing against HIV/AIDS...They [UCE] are the only people, apart from the Ministry of Health, who are still contributing to reduce the number of people who are infected with HIV/AIDS. We congratulate them for their efforts.” The Provincial Director of Health Ministry in Makamba



UCE Volunteer teaching chastity to the students



Students attentive at a UCE outreach

UCE-Uganda, Kasese

124 Outreaches

22,659 Chastity Commitments

52 UCE Clubs



Five Years Stronger: A Compelling Second Chance

One student was relieved of sexual imprisonment when the UCE team reached her former school in 2020. At that time, she would escape periodically from school to meet boys for sex at the nearby trading center, and relied on birth control to prevent pregnancy. She said she was very comfortable with it, but when the team started their sessions giving the mission and vision of UCE, she listened carefully and reflected, *“Then one of the presenters talked about fornication, HIV/AIDS, their dangers, and asked if any of us students who were having premarital sex have ever known our HIV/AIDS status with our boy/girls friends? Within me I said no, and further asked for how long after a person can acquire HIV/AIDS virus.....Within me I felt a need for a change in my life.”*

After the outreach, the UCE team prayed with the students. From there, she got the courage to go for HIV/AIDS testing at a health center. The first test came back HIV/AIDS negative. They asked her to repeat the test after three months. She said she abstained for the three months and went back for the test, which was also negative. They said to come back after six months. She continued

“Within me I felt a need for a change in my life.”

abstaining from sex for six months and was found to be negative. She decided to abstain from sex even now, during her second year of university. She says she wants to finish her degree, start working, and find a true husband who will stand by her in marriage.

Before changing her life, she went to school to please her parents and saw boys to get money and other gifts. After the UCE outreach in 2020, she became a new person. Even her discipline and academic performance improved tremendously. At the UCE outreach this year, she encouraged other students to abstain from sex. *“It’s possible if you decide to do it. And you live with no worries; you become confident in yourself and very sure that you are free from HIV/AIDS and unwanted pregnancies.”*

UCE outreaches, clubs, radio programs, seminars continue to transform the youth in Kasese

3500 youth came together at the annual gathering in Kasese for all youth who have signed chastity cards. The young people encouraged each other in their chastity journey and were reminded that abstinence/faithfulness is very possible. During this celebration, the Bishop of Kasese also wedded nine couples, who had previously made chastity commitments. He applauded the UCE ministry for the great work and sacrifices that help a multitude of souls.



Celebration for 3500 youth with their signed chastity commitments. It included the Bishop wedding nine couples who were touched by UCE.



Youth have fun competing in a UCE sports club match

UCE-Uganda, Masaka

120 Outreaches

17,714 Chastity Commitments

15 UCE Clubs

This dynamic UCE team continues to do 10 chastity outreaches each month, reaching thousands of students each year. The team is grateful for these accomplishments this year:



► Entrusting everything to God and teaching the Word of God: Prayer is a key component of UCE. Volunteers are role models to the students.

Youth praying to God.

► Active youth engagement and incorporating activities such as skits: UCE message is shared in an engaging manner to keep the attention of the students.

Youth excited about the message



► Questions Answered: Students are asking touching questions. Volunteers make sure they answer all questions clearly.

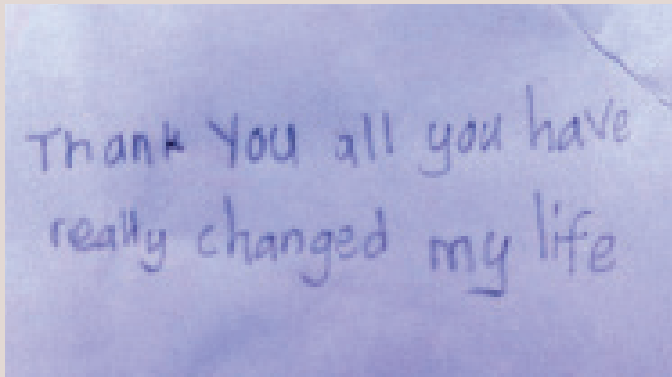


Youth participating in a UCE outreach

► The UCE commitment card is explained well: Students are signing chastity commitment cards with confidence. Students are proud and thankful to sign them. Teachers are also informed and thankful.



Students sign chastity commitment cards with confidence



Student thank you note to donors



“Keep your virginity because it is as valuable as gold.”
UCE Volunteer,
Rose to the Youth

UCE-Tanzania

104 Outreaches

36,988 Chastity Commitments

8 UCE Clubs

New Districts Reached

Each year UCE strives to reach a new region or district. Since UCE-Tanzania began, they have reached 32 districts in 16 regions out of 26 regions of Tanzania's mainland. This year they reached two new districts, Igunga and Nzega, in the Tabora region. Between both new districts, the team reached 82 schools, including 27,989 youth in total. Out of those, 26,556 students signed chastity commitment cards. One significant issue they reported in those districts was human trafficking, especially to young school girls facing the challenge of walking six to 18 miles round-trip to reach school and return home.

There was heartfelt gratitude among teachers and students for UCE's message. For instance, this thank you came from a school teacher in the new district: *"Thank you for this chastity education that you have shared with not only our students, but even for us teachers. We have learned a lot, and we are grateful for having you today. May God bless you. On behalf of other teachers, we have one major request, please allow this school to establish a UCE club so that we can oversee the results of the impacted knowledge at our school...."*

15 Years and Counting

The UCE team was grateful to meet UCE members who were now teachers. The team was very happy to meet Madam Eliza, who had signed a card in 2010 while she was at Miyomboni Secondary School in Iringa. She was able to testify to her students about how UCE had helped her. She said, *"It has helped me avoid various temptations, and so far, I have succeeded. Now, I am a teacher. I am married to someone I love, because of living a chaste life."* Madam Eliza Mogwa

"I heard about UCE in 2010 while I was a student studying at Highland Secondary School in Iringa. I was among those who signed the chastity card. I acknowledge that the program is good and helpful, not only to students, but also throughout life." Mr. Julius Nyangali



Students excited to show off their chastity pledges



Students reciting their chastity pledges

UCE Clubs

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 in 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.”



Students have fun during a UCE sports game and pass on the message of chastity from the sidelines



Students receive new UCE sports club uniforms and a ball

In UCE-Tanzania about 25 students celebrated their UCE Ilula club graduation with gratitude and cake (see picture)! These participants have undergone continued lessons and discussion about how to live out their chastity commitment and have received a UCE certificate to honor their achievement. Reuben, a participant in the club, said, “Being in the UCE club was an unforgettable experience. Personally, I am very happy with my fellow students. Let’s not forget our promises and continue to live a good and healthy life.”



106 students graduated from the UCE-Tanzania club in Mwanga in April 2025. One student proudly receives his certificate recognizing his achievement (see picture).

Appreciation from UCE-Africa

Student Thank You Notes

"We sincerely thank the UCE team for the valuable knowledge you have imparted to us. Fellow students, as we have learned today, engaging in sexual activities at a young age and before achieving our goals poses serious risks to our health and jeopardizes our academic dreams. I urge all of us to apply what we have learned. Thank you very much, and may God bless you." President of the Student Government at Mwasala Secondary School

Thanks for coming I have appreciated for your wonderful and courageous communication and I wish God makes me to change. When I complete my studies and I want to join your team what should I do to join your team Because I am concerned.

Thank U 4 saving our lives. This situation has helped me to change from bad to good today.

Appreciation from Teachers

"We are very grateful for your visit to the school and for providing this important education for the growth of our youth. It is very special that students have received this knowledge in such a clear manner and with real-life examples. It shows that abstinence is possible, and students should take care of themselves in order to fulfill their dreams." Mr. Nicolaus, Samson Pemba Mwakipanga Secondary School

"I am grateful, and it is the right time for this community to receive this chastity message. I am very happy. I believe that the students will change. As a teacher of life skills, I am happy, and I see that my work will be easier because my students have heard this education from other people. This has aided the understanding of the students greatly because if they have started sexual activity, they will stop, and if they haven't started, they will wait." Madam Odelia Mwashiku Secondary School



The student above expresses joy for signing a chastity card



Students read and sign their chastity card

Clergy Endorsement



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Sarah Smith
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Dear Sarah,

Greetings in the peace of Christ!

I want to take this moment and express my deep gratitude for the good work that you are doing with the apostolate Universal Chastity Education. Your work in promoting, through example and education, the beautiful truth of chastity according to our Lord's design is a noble mission, and brings the light of truth into a world shrouded in darkness. Our world is wounded and increasingly enslaved to sexual sin. But there is hope. The growing numbers of youth and young people who are pledging to chastity before and after marriage because of this apostolate, is a sign of witness to the growing discontent towards what the world has to offer.

I am thankful for all that Universal Chastity Education is accomplishing, and I am happy to give my full support to their mission. I am comforted by the words of our Lord and I pray that he fulfills his promise to all involved in this important endeavor: "But whoever obeys and teaches these commandments will be called greatest in the kingdom of heaven (*Matthew 5:19b*).

Entrusting you all to the loving embrace of the Blessed Mother, know that with my prayers for you, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

The Most Rev. James D. Conley
Bishop of Lincoln

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