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THE NEW DAWN

Illuminating Minds, Transforming Lives

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Journeying with OneVoice27 — "All Things New: Hope Starts Here"

Note to the Web Master

[This manuscript is laid out to mirror the structure of the MEU 'New Dawn'-style e-newsletter benchmarked for this issue: masthead, leadership message, department report, testimony, upcoming events, and social footer. Bracketed items in italics mark where photos, names, or department-specific copy should be inserted before publishing. Section order may be adapted to the web template. This issue has also been threaded with the global Church's OneVoice27 emphasis — "All Things New: Hope Starts Here" — in the masthead, the Vice Chancellor's message, the highlights list, and the footer; the department spotlight and testimony placeholders include suggested tie-ins as well.]

Dream Boldly, Serve Faithfully, Renew Together

In step with the global Church's OneVoice27 initiative — "All Things New: Hope Starts Here" (Revelation 21:5) — this issue carries that same note of renewal into the life of our campus.

A Word from the Vice Chancellor's Desk

Dear University of Arusha Family,

As we move through the second semester of the 2025/2026 academic year, we pause to give thanks for the faithfulness of God over our campus community. From the Test I sessions and the Food-Fair Day celebrations of June, through Academic Counseling Day and the UoA Camp Meeting of July, to the final examinations now drawing to a close this August, the Lord has walked with our students, faculty, and staff every step of the way.

This has been a season of renewal — spiritual, academic, and institutional. As final examinations conclude and our departments prepare for teaching practice, internships, and fieldwork, I invite every member of our university family to dream boldly about what God can do through this institution, to serve faithfully in the tasks before us, and to renew together our commitment to excellence grounded in Christian values.

This season of renewal also coincides with the global Church's launch of OneVoice27 on September 5, marking a year of unified mobilization toward September 2027. Its public message, "All Things New: Hope Starts Here," drawn from Revelation 21:5, echoes our own campus theme this semester: that restoration, in every sphere of life, comes only through Jesus Christ. As University of Arusha, we join our voice to this global call — inviting every student, faculty, and staff member to carry hope into their studies, their service, and their witness in the months ahead.

Thank you for your continued prayers, diligence, and partnership as we press toward the close of this academic year and prepare to welcome a new cohort in November.

[Insert closing and signature — e.g., Name, Vice Chancellor / Deputy Vice Chancellor Academic]

Growing Together — Highlights from This Semester

The second semester has been a season of steady progress across the University of Arusha campus. Among the milestones marked so far:

- Research Day & First Semester High-GPA Recognition (May 7) — celebrating the scholarly achievements of our top-performing students.
- Students' Association Election (June 1) — a new season of student leadership begins.
- UoA Environment Day (June 4) — reaffirming our stewardship of God's creation on campus.
- Food-Fair Day (June 23) — a vibrant celebration of culture and community spirit.
- Academic Counseling Day (July 2) — guiding students toward strong academic and career pathways.
- UoA Camp Meeting (July 27–31) — a highlight of spiritual renewal for the wider campus and church family.
- OneVoice27 Global Launch (September 5) — University of Arusha joins Adventist institutions worldwide in the "All Things New: Hope Starts Here" mission emphasis.

[Insert 1–2 photos from Camp Meeting, Food-Fair Day, or Research Day here]

What's Ahead — Upcoming on the University Calendar

As the 2025/2026 academic year moves toward its close, several important dates lie just ahead. Please join us in prayer for smooth examinations, fruitful fieldwork, and productive Senate deliberations in the weeks to come.

ACTIVITY	DATE
Final Examination Sessions for 2nd Semester	August 10 – 21
Internal Marking for Final Examinations	August 12 – 22
External Marking for University Examinations	August 23 – 24
Teaching Practice, Internship & Fieldwork (Degree) Registration	August 22 – 28
Academic Departments & Faculty/School Meetings (Non-Degree)	August 25 – 26
Teaching Practice / Pastoral / Practical Training for Degree Begins	August 31
Committee of Deans and Directors (Non-Degree)	August 31
Senate Meeting (Non-Degree)	September 1
Special / Supplementary Examinations — Certificate & Diploma	September 8 – 11
Marking of Special/Supplementary Exams — Certificate & Diploma	September 9 – 13
Academic Departments & Faculty/School Meetings (Degree/Non-Degree)	September 14
Committee of Deans and Directors	September 15
Senate Meeting (Degree/Non-Degree)	September 16
Supplementary & Special Examinations, 2nd Semester (Degree)	September 21 – 25
Supervision for Teaching Practice / Field Internship	September 28 – October 2
Teaching Practice / Field Internship (Degree) Concludes	October 9

Department Spotlight

Faculty of Theology and Religious Studies — Non-Degree Department

[Insert a short paragraph on current activities, enrollment, or achievements of the Certificate/Diploma in Theology programs — e.g., upcoming departmental meetings on August 25–26, curriculum updates, or student milestones. Where relevant, consider naming how the department's courses (e.g., World Religions, Philosophy of Religion) equip students to articulate the OneVoice27 message of restoration in Christ across different worldviews. Space also available for a spotlight from another faculty/department for this issue.]

Faces of the New Dawn

Student / Alumni Testimony

[Insert a short student or alumni testimony here, following the 'Unexpectedly Home' format from the benchmark newsletter — a name, a photo or short video link, and a 2–3 sentence pull-quote on how the University of Arusha shaped their journey. A testimony framed around personal renewal or restoration would tie naturally into this issue's OneVoice27 theme, "All Things New: Hope Starts Here."]

Looking Ahead to the New Academic Year

Mark your calendars for the milestones that open the 2026/2027 academic year:

ACTIVITY	DATE
Faculty/Teachers' Orientation	13 Nov 2026 *
New & Continuing Students Arrival	17 Nov 2026 *
Registration	17 – 19 Nov 2026 *
University Day	27 Nov 2026 *
UoA 19th Graduation	28 – 30 Nov 2026 *
Classes Begin	24 Nov 2026 *

[These dates reflect the pattern of the 2025/2026 almanac and should be verified against the official 2026/2027 calendar once released by the Registrar before publishing.]*

Stay Connected with the University of Arusha

Follow the University of Arusha on our official social media platforms for daily updates, event coverage, and stories from across our campus community.

Join us in prayer for OneVoice27, that all things may be made new through Christ — #AllThingsNew #OneVoice27

[Insert social media icon row: Facebook | Instagram | X/Twitter | LinkedIn | YouTube | Website — matching the footer style of the benchmark MEU newsletter]