



UGANDA JOINT CHRISTIAN COUNCIL

PRESS STATEMENT ON: “EXPRESSING DISATISFACTION THROUGH NUDITY; A NO FOR RELIGIOUS LEADERS”

There is no role in life that is more noble than that of Motherhood. Mothers have a divine role of nurturing, counseling, mentoring, teaching and influencing children hence fostering goodness.

According to Scripture, our bodies are the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in us and was given to us by God. We do not belong to ourselves. We were bought at a price and therefore we ought to honor God with our bodies. (1 Corinthians 6:19-20). Because the Holy Spirit dwells there, our bodies are furnished with greatness. We should therefore be careful about where it goes, what it does, what it ponders and how we react using it.

As UJCC, we wish to express our displeasure at the conduct of Dr. Nyanzi Stella of Makerere University-Institute of Social Research of using her body to speak out on her frustrations. It may be true that she had made effort to reach out to the University administration to ensure that her grievances are handled but there can never be any excuse for her stripping naked in front of students; and the academic fraternity.

As a Mother, many look up to her as a teacher, mentor, social director and a custodian of morals. Proverbs 22: 6 states that “Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it”. So by undressing herself, was Dr. Nyanzi - a mother - nurturing, teaching, mentoring or influencing children for goodness? Certainly not!

Looking at the current environment at Makerere University and other Institutions where students often go on strike for one reason or another, would it be good to see them undressing as a way of expressing their dissatisfaction?

We call upon Makerere University administration and the committee that was assigned the task of looking into this matter to leave no stone unturned as they work towards resolving the underlying causes of this incidence.

Finally, we would like to appeal to our daughters, our mothers and all other Ugandans to honour our national motto which is for God and my Country.

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