

## AN ABRIDGED RESUME OF PERSONAL INFORMATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

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Education: B.A. (Philosophy and Religious Studies, HSU, Texas) 1971  
M.A. (Philosophy and Religious Studies, UoN. Kenya) 1976  
PhD. (Philosophy of Christian Education, SWBTS, Texas) 1980

### Areas of Teaching and Research:

*Biblical Studies in the African Context; Comparative Religion; Phenomenology of Religion; Philosophy of Religion; African Religion; African Religion; Religion, Culture and Communication; Religion and Society; African Religion in the Contemporary World; Christian Education in Africa; African Instituted Churches.*

### Significant Publications:

1. *The Impact of Bible Translations in Kenya*, M.A. Thesis, University of Nairobi 1976
2. *A Study of the Need Assessment Approach in the Development of External Education Programs*, Ph.D. Thesis, SWBTS, Texas. 1980
3. *The Church as a Teaching Community*, in J.N.K. Mugambi. Ed. Christian Mission and Social Transformation, Nairobi, Initiatives, 1989
4. *Who is Jesus in Africa, Priest, Prophet, and King*, In J. Schreiter, Ed., *Faces of Jesus in Africa*. N.Y. Maryknoll, Orbis Books, 1990
5. *Towards an African Church: A Critical Assessment of Alternative Forms and Structures*, In J.N.K. Mugambi and L. Magesa, The Church in African Christianity: Innovative Essays in Ecclesiology, Nairobi, Initiatives, 1990
6. *The Educational Mission of the Church: An African Perspective*, in A. Nasimiyu Wasike And D.W. Waruta, Mission in African Christianity: Critical Essays in Missiology, Nairobi, Uzima Press, 1993
7. *Tribalism as a Moral Problem in Contemporary African Society*, in J.N.K. Mugambi and Nasimiyu Wasike, Moral and Ethical Issues in African Christianity, Innovative Essays in Moral Theology, Nairobi, Uzima Press, 1992
8. *Marriage and Family in Africa, The Role of the Church*, in Douglas W. Waruta and Hannah W. Kinoti,, Eds, Pastoral Care in African Christianity: Challenging Essays in Pastoral Theology, Nairobi, Uzima Press, 1994
9. *Biblical Hermeneutics in African Instituted Churches*, in Hannah W. Kinoti and J. Waliggo, Eds., *The Bible in African Christianity: Essays in Biblical Theology*, Nairobi: Uzima Press, 1997
10. *Oriental Religions*, in J.N.K. Mugambi, Ed., Comparative Religion, Nairobi, University of Nairobi Press, 1990
11. D.W.Waruta and S.G.Kibicho, African Religion, Nairobi, College of Education and External Studies, Distant Learning Series (BRP 201&202) 1990
12. *A Gospel of Community, Compassion and Continuity* In Daniel Carrio, Ed. Contemporary Gospel Accents: Doing Theology in Asia, Africa, and Latin America, Macon, Georgia: Mercer University Press, 1997
13. *Socio-Historical Structures of Racism*, in Denton Lotz, Ed. Baptists Against Racism, MacLean, Va., BWA, 1999

14. *The Bible and Prayer in Africa*, in The International Bible Commentary: A Catholic and Ecumenical Commentary for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, William R Farmer, Ed. Collegeville, Minnesota: Liturgical Press 1998
15. Douglas W. Waruta, Ed. *Caring and Sharing: Pastoral Counseling in African Perspective*, Nairobi, Uzima Press, 1995
16. Douglas W. Waruta, Ed. *African Church in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Promises and Challenges*, Nairobi: All Africa Conference of Churches, 1996

Major Research Activities:

1. Internal Evaluation and Restructuring: National Council of the Churches of Kenya, 1994
2. Capacity Building of the Member Churches, National Council of the Churches of Kenya, 2006
3. Theological Program for the Organization of African Instituted Churches (OAIC) 2003
4. Theology of Life, WCC Program on the Uses and Misuses of Political and Religious Power, 1996

Other Academic Activities

1. External Examiner  
Makerer University, Uganda, Two three year terms  
Kenyatta University, One term  
Moi University, one term  
Maseno University, one term  
Catholic University of Eastern Africa, one term  
Kenya Methodist University, one term
2. Service Teaching,  
Maryknoll Institute of African Studies, *African Religion Interprets the Bible* (1994-07)
3. Postgraduate Supervision, 14 M.A. and 3 PhD candidates

Major Conferences Attended;

1. International Association for the Defense of Religious Liberty, Nairobi 1992
2. Religion in a Secular World, Jerusalem, Israel, 1993
3. World Conference of Religion and Peace, Italy, 1994
4. World Conference of Association of Theological Institutions, Nairobi, 1996
5. Baptist World Congress, Melbourne, Australia, 2000
6. All African Conference of Churches, Lome, Togo, 2000

Leadership Responsibilities

1. Executive Secretary, Association of Theological Institutions in Eastern Africa, (ATIEA) 1992-2002
2. Conference of African Theological Institutions (CATI) 1996-2003
3. Vice President, Baptist World Alliance, 2000-2005
4. President, All Africa Baptist Fellowship, 1988-92
5. Board of Directors, Christian Leadership Training Center, Nairobi, 1992-Present

Main Interests

Intercultural and Interreligious Communication and Understanding; The Recovery of the African Sacred Story and the Significance of African Traditional Beliefs, Values, and Ideals.

I have a special interest in nature and environment especially African indigenous plants

1. *Scripture Translations in Kenya*, M.A. Thesis, University of Nairobi 1976
2. *Need Assessment Approach in the Development of External Education Programs*, PhD Thesis, Southwestern, Texas 1980
3. *The Church as a Teaching Community*, in J.N.K. Mugambi, Ed. *Christian Mission and Social Transformation*, Nairobi: NCKK 1989
4. *Who is Jesus in African Christianity: Priest, Prophet and King* In J.N.K. Mugambi and L. Magesa, Eds. *Jesus in African Christianity*, Nairobi, Initiatives, 1989
5. *The Role of Religion in the Oppression and Liberation of Persons* Nairobi, EATWOT, 1990
6. *Chinese and Japanese Religions*, in J.N.K. Mugambi, Ed. *Comparative Religion*, University of Nairobi Press, 1989
7. *African Religion*, in BRP 201 and 202, jointly with Prof. S.G. Kibicho, Lecture Series for the College of External Studies, University of Nairobi, 1990
8. *Towards an African Church: A Critical Assessment of Alternative forms and structures* in J.N.K. Mugambi and L. Magesa, *The Church in African Christianity: Innovative Essays in*

Ecclesiology, Nairobi, Initiatives, 1990

9. *Tribalism as a Moral Problem in Africa* in J.N.K. Mugambi and A. Nasimiyu Wasike, Eds. *Moral Issues in African Christianity*, Nairobi, Uzima Press, 1992
10. *Caring and Sharing: Pastoral Counseling in the African Context*, D.W. Waruta, Ed., Nairobi, Uzima Press, 1994
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