



MTENDERE MAIN SDA CHURCH

"Everlasting Gospel to all the world to Worship Him that made Heaven, Earth, Sea and the Fountain of Waters". (Revelation 14vs6-12)



CHURCH HISTORY

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Preface

This booklet presents to the reader an innovative and comprehensive compilation of information available in brief for the history of the church and may not contain all there should be about the church's history.

None the less this does not render the information inadequate as there were citizens still alive at the time of compilation, who were eye witnesses from the very beginning of church infancy journey, and whose minds contained fresh memories and gave an accurate account of the proceedings. In compiling the statistics presented in this publication, church records were used.

Admittedly, inaccuracies may not be completely ruled out due to lapses in human mind. However, every effort was made to avail in the archives an updated printed page.



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Abbreviations and Acronyms

CZC	Central Zambia Conference
Dec	Deacon
Eld	Elder
LCC	Lusaka City Council
LEMD	Lusaka East Mission District
SDA	Seventh - day Adventist
ZMK	Zambian Kwacha Currency

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Finally, I want to sincerely thank all members of Mtendere Main SDA Church for their encouragement, moral and material support and for the help they offered to me when I needed them in compiling this booklet and for making my stay at Mtendere Main SDA Church, while serving as an assistant church clerk in the period 2011 to 2012, worthwhile.

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1 *Mtendere Main Church History*

Mtendere Main SDA Church's historical background dates as far back as 1970 when it was started as a Branch under Libala SDA Church congregation at Waddington center, with a membership of 21, who then later congregated at the Late Br. Sakala's Mtendere C Section House. Since then Mtendere SDA Branch congregated at the above mentioned house before moving to the current plot where the church stands in 1971. It became a Company (Mtendere SDA Company) in 1972 and was organized into a church (Mtendere SDA Church) in 1975, and in consequence was officially constituted and recognised as a fully fledged congregation of the Central Zambia Conference (CZC) of SDA churches.

During the early 1970's church members, living in the vicinity of Mtendere Township, examined the possibility of establishing a congregation in Mtendere. Unfortunately not enough support for such a move could be mustered at that time. However, the seed of desire to one day have such a congregation had been sown. By mid 1970 this desire by members to have their own church building had grown to the point where they could start looking for a site on which to build. In 1971 the church was offered a plot (Number CH. 4043, B Section Mtendere) through the Ministry of Local Government, by the Lusaka City Council (LCC) on which it intended to build a church. In the same year it was decided that they commence with services on Sabbath and thus a temporal structure formerly known as the Chapel was erected, made out of reed mats, at the newly acquired church plot.



Photo: Courtesy of Elder A. K. Dube, 1990s

In 1973 the foundation for the first structure was laid with the help of Brother A. P. Jara (late). The church members were prepared to make the commitment needed, and fortuitously, this nucleus of members could, with their combined talents, provide the required leadership and skills needed to make the completion of the structure viable, as a result the structure was completed the following year, (1974). Other notable names in this process include Brother Buyungwe and Brother Sibanda (late), who donated two steel legged benches that were most cherished by the Church. It may come as surprise to most of you to learn that, some twenty-two years ago, on 3rd February 1990 the superintendent was Sr. Charity Kakwasha and Sabbath school attendance was 218.

In 1996, foundations were laid by church members with the help of Elder Nalishuwa of Chelstone SDA Church, to build a new structure, after attempts to extend the old building proved futile. The building of the new structure was commenced under the direction of Elder Hadebe (late) of Chilenje Main SDA Church. The church members still congregated in the old structure which was later swallowed up by the current mammoth church building. In 1997 the church received a donation of Five Million Kwacha (ZMK 5, 000, 000.00), from the then Republican President of Zambia Mr. F T. J. Chiluba (late), which saw the church structure built up to roof level.



Source: Mtendere Main SDA, 27th June, 1999.

Church members under the leadership of various building Chairmen and church administration soldiered on to see the current structure being roofed in 1998. River Side Roof Africa Project helped the church with 380 steel iron sheets in 1999 and this led to the completion of the roofing process and consequently the demolition of the old structure with only 120 people capacity compared to the new one of 800 plus membership being accommodated.



Photo: Courtesy of Br. Themba Mbewe, 2000

The above achievements could not have been done had it not been for God's workings through his children both from within and from without. Mtendere Main SDA Church was dedicated on the occasion of the church Dedication Service conducted in the New Church Building at No. 4043, B Section Mtendere, on Sunday 9th July 2006. The church building structure at its dedication was valued at not less than Seventy Eight Million, Zambian Kwacha, (ZMK 78, 000, 000 = 00).



Source: Own Photo, Mtendere Main SDA Church, 2012

Since its inception, the church has grown and excelled from a membership of 21 as a branch, increasing steadily to a membership of 299 by December 1986. Church record statistics showed a steady increase in church membership through the years. By 31st December 1998 the church membership was 494; 582 on 31st December 1999; 606 on 31st December 2000 (approximately); 833 on 30th June 2001 and increasing to a soaring membership of 966 by July 9th 2006 still on the rise to 1154 members as at 31st December 2011.

Being an evangelistic church, Mtendere Main SDA Church, is popularly known as the “Mother Church”. One of Mtendere main’s notable children are Chainama SDA Church, Chitukuko SDA Church, Kabulonga SDA Church, Kalingalinga SDA Church, Mtendere South SDA Church and the University SDA Church. The above Sister Churches are now fully grown, some with companies under them, and they equally share the same vision of excellence in church planting, making it a dynamic movement by preparing souls for translation, a mark distinguishing her from being an ordinary church.



Photo: Courtesy of Br. Ashley Moono; Mount Carmel School Hall (Under Construction), 2009

Soon after the completion of the church building, in 2007, the church started building the first set of five classrooms and two school offices and since then a few years later, a school hall, and then in 2011, the latest set of one more classroom and the building of the new ablution block which remained as no exception.



Source: Own Photo; New Ablution Block (Under Construction), 2012

Over the years, there had been a steady growth in the number of children attending our Church, and this necessitated the establishment of the Children's Sabbath School Divisions catering for all age groups; and the Children's Chapel whose worship services are conducted in the school hall every Sabbath.



Source: Own Photo, Children's Ministry, 2012

Also late in 2008 Mtendere Main SDA Church started its very own and first Nursery School (Mount Carmel School) with plans to extend it to a full scale Primary School in the near future. God has been good to us, and despite the various problems and challenges, we look forward with confidence to the future, knowing in whom we believe, and remembering with gratitude how that God has led and blessed us in the past.



Source: Own Photo, Mount Carmel School, 2012




We thank, and give praise to our God for the steady growth in folk attending our church, since our humble beginnings almost 42 years ago. Our thanks extends to everyone who has ever had a part in any service, or Sabbath School, or in any way helped or contributed in service or kind to the successful functioning of God's Church here at No 4043 B Section, Mtendere. To Him be the Glory.









Source: Own Photo; Mtendere Main, Sabbath 7th January, 2012

2 *List of Elders In Charge of Administration*

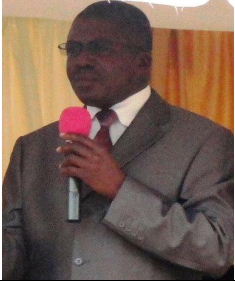


Since the founding of our congregation in 1970 we have had a number of elders serving us. Below is the list of leaders who were in charge of administration for your perusal.

Portrait Photo	Name and Initials	Year	Position
	Elder Malunga R. F (Late)	1970	Branch Leader
	Elder Ngulube (Late)	1971	"
	Elder Gondwe F. M	1972	Company Leader
	Elder Ngulube K (Late)	1973	"
	Elder Shonga G. M. E	1975 – 1976	Administrative Elder
	Elder Hapeya R	1977 – 1978	"
	Elder Katongo	1979	"
	Elder Shonga G. M. E	1980 – 1982	"
	Elder Muchenje	1983	"
	Elder Shonga G. M. E	1984 – 1985	"
	Elder Muchenje	1986	"
	Elder Shonga G. M. E	1987	"
	Elder Mwenya M	1988	"
	Elder Nkandu J	1989	"
	Elder Dube A. K	1990	"
	Elder Hakalima N. H	1991	"
	Elder Musonda E	1992	"
	Elder Nyati M	1993	"
	Elder Malumbe H	1994	"
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See Photo Above	Elder Dube A. K	1996	"
See Photo Above	Elder Hakalima N. H	1997	"

	Elder Phiri H	1998	"
	Elder Malupande Mark	1999 – 2000	"
	Elder Katupa M	2001	"
See Photo Above	Elder Hakalima N. H	2002 – 2003	"
	Elder Mulenga M. C (Late)	2004	"
	Elder Mazabuka B	2005	"
	Elder Nalishuwa K	2006 – 2008	"
See Photo Above	Elder Malupande M	2009 – 2010	"
	Elder Nyambe K. G	2011 – Current	"

3 *List of Pastors Who Served the Church*

Since the founding of our congregation in 1970 we have had a number of pastors and a few elders serving the church as district leaders of Lusaka East Mission District (LEMD) from time of inception as a branch to date.

Portrait Photo	Name and Initials	Year
	Pastor Mainza (Late)	
	Pastor Chileya	
	Pastor Nyambosi	
	Pastor Koko	
	Pastor Supuni	
	Pastor Ndatoya	
	Pastor Halwindi B. C	1987
	Pastor Mugwagwa Alex	1988
	Pastor Lubasi J Silishebo	1989
	Pastor Malunga C	
	Pastor Ekeleti Peter Chabala	1990 - 1991
	Pastor Malipilo Duwell	1991
	Pastor Mwale Henry	
	Pastor Mulambo P	
	Pastor Hamankuli	1995
	Pastor Mwenya M	
	Pastor Mufaya Nawa	
	Elder Walubita A	

	Pastor Sichilima W	
	Pastor Chimbo Elvis	2000 – 2001
	Pastor Moyo Derrick. B	
	Elder Sona K (Late)	
	Elder Walubita A	
	Pastor Phiri Moffat A. C	2002 - 2004
	Pastor Chisala J. K	2004 - 2008
	Pastor Hamusokwe	2008 - 2010
	Pastor Shangala Faxon	2011 - Current

To all these dedicated men and their wives we are indebted for their guidance and faithful service to our congregation, and to them we say a sincere 'Thank you'.

4 *Our Church History in Pictures*



Photo: Courtesy of Elder Alfred K. Dube, 1990s

Working not for recognition but doing work worthy of recognition, Mtendere Main SDA Church



Photo: Courtesy of Elder Alfred K. Dube, 1990s

Eld. Alfred K. Dube, Mtendere Main SDA Church – A Delightful Sabbath



Photo: Courtesy of Elder Alfred K. Dube, 1990s

Mtendere Main SDA Church – A Delightful Sabbath



Photo: Courtesy of Elder Alfred K. Dube, 1990s

Some members of Mtendere Main SDA Church: Standing from left to Right – Eld. Malumbe H, Eld. Muunga C, Eld Hakalima N, Eld. Ngoma B and Eld. Zimba C. Sitting from left to Right; Eld. Cheembo F, Dec Mbewe A (Late), Eld. Mazabuka B, Dec. Phiri M and Eld. Dube A. K



Photo: Mtendere Main SDA Church, 27th June, 1999

Some Members of Mtendere Main SDA Church during the , 1999



Photo: Courtesy of Elder Alfred K. Dube, 2009

Some Elders and Deacons of Mtendere Main SDA Church, 2009



Source: Own Photo, Mount Carmel School Hall (Under Construction), 2009



Photo: Courtesy of Br. Ashley Moono, Mount Carmel School, 2009

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*'I love the place where you live, O Lord, the place where your
glory dwells.'* - Psalm 26: 8



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