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**EDUCATION:**

1998: Doctor of Divinity, Knox College, University of Toronto.  
1976: Doctor of Philosophy (Honors), Princeton Theological Seminary.  
1971: Master of Theology, Princeton Theological Seminary.  
1966: Diploma in Theology, Makerere University.  
1966: College Certificate, St Paul's United Theological College.

**1967- PRESENT: MINISTER OF THE CHURCH**

**Highlights:**

- (1) The Church has defrocked me three times: 1979, 1984 and 1987-8 on the basis of allegations that I am using the pulpit for politics.
- (2) The State has made three attempts on my life, fearing that I am involving the Church in politics.
- (3) 2004: with co-applicants, won the landmark constitutional case against the Attorney General and the Chairman of the Constitution of Kenya Review Commission on Referendum.

**A. RECENT PUBLIC INITIATIVES.**

A founder of Men for the Equality of Men and Women (MEW) (1999) and current Executive Director.

A founder member of the Center for Governance and Development, and former chairman of the Board.

A founder member of the National Convention Assembly/National Convection Executive Council (1997), where I served as Co-Convener and Spokesperson.

A founder member of Release Political Prisoners.

**B. LABOR EXPERIENCE**

2001-Present: House Husband.

1987-Present: In the struggle for multiparty democracy and constitutional reform.

1999-2001: Minister of Kinoo Parish.

1996-1998: Minister of Mathare Parish and Moderator of Nairobi Presbytery.

1993-1996: Minister of Dagoretti Parish.

1991-1993: Chaplain in Kenyatta National Hospital.

1988-1991: Minister of Tumutumu Parish.

1980-1987: Minister of St Andrew's Church and Parish.

1976-1980: Secretary of the Committee for the Training of the Ministry and Secretary of Lay Training Board. Secretary and Treasurer of the Training and Personnel Development Committee.

19769-70: Minister of Richardson Memorial Church and Olivet Covenant Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia USA.

1971: Head of National Mission to Tulsa Metropolitan Ministry, Oklahoma, USA.

1968-1976: Lecturer in Ecumenics, Department of Theology, Princeton Theological Seminary.

1967-1968: Minister in Chuka, Chogoria, St. Andrews and Dagoretti consecutively.

Other jobs: Waiter, Janitor, Tractor Driver, Dish washer, Watchman, Baby sitter, Princeton traveling choir.

### **C. MAJOR PUBLICATIONS:**

*The Divine Tag on Democracy* (Yaounde, Cameroon: Editions CLE, 2003) 370 pages ISBN 2-7235-0176-0

*Out of Silence: A Collection of Sermons* (Nairobi, Kenya: Beyond Magazine, 1987) 121 pages ISBN 978-9966984500

*Human Dignity and National Identity* (Nairobi, Kenya: Jemisik Cultural Books, 1987) 217 pages ISBN 978-9966858054

### **E. ECUMENICAL CONTRIBUTION:**

1976-1997: Served **NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES OF KENYA** in various capacities as:

- i) Chairperson of Theological Committee.
- ii) Chairperson of Ecumenical Loan Fund Probe Committee.
- iii) Chairperson of Research and Study Committee.
- iv) Chairperson the General Secretary Task Force Committee.
- V) Currently Member of Executive Committee.

1979-1994: Served the **WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES** in various theological consultations:

- i) Faith and Order Commission.
- ii) Church Mission and Evangelism.
- iii) Commission on the Church's Participation in Development.
- iv) Church and Society.
- v) UN Preparatory conference on Human Rights in Tunisia.
- vi) Ecumenical Monitoring Program for Southern Africa.

vii) Spoke at the joint UNDP and UNEP conference in Eritrea.

Served the **WORLD ALLIANCE OF REFORMED CHURCHES (WARC)** in various consultations:

- (i) Church and Society Committee.
- (ii) Theological Consultations on Church Union.
- (iii) Represented WARC in the United Nations Conference on New and Renewable Sources of Energy.

Served the **ALL AFRICA CONFERENCE OF CHURCHES (AACC)** as:

- (i) AACC Youth Chaplain
- (ii) Headed the AACC monitors delegation to the Malawi Referendum.

Chairman of **ST PAUL'S UNITED THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE** Academic Board in 1979 -1980.

A member of the Review Committee for Gikuyu Bible Translation.

**J. GLOBAL RECOGNITION:**

Honored by a resolution of the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky-*HR 18* (2004)

Recipient of the John Humphrey Freedom Award of the International Centre for Human Rights and Democratic Development (2000)

Recipient of the E.H. Johnson Award of the Presbyterian Church of Canada/E.H Johnson Memorial Trust (1995)

**I. HOBBIES:**

Doodling. Loitering with intent in the street, slums and rural communities. Shamba work. Story telling. Rock gardening and building a depository. Taste for argument.

**K. OTHER EXPERIENCE:** I have been killed three times by the State and have risen three times, 1977, 1997 and 1999.

**L. FAMILY STATUS:** Born on 7-4-1941. Married to Leah Wambui Njau on 27-4-1968 and have 5 children and 4 grandchildren.