

We Are the Church:

*The Life and Activities
of Small Christian Communities
in Eastern Africa*

*Including Highlights of the
RENEW Gala 2013 in
New Jersey, USA*

*1. The Life of
Small Christian Communities
in Eastern Africa*



Members of St. Kizito SCC in St. Austin's Parish participate in the launch of the book *Building the Church as Family of God: Evaluation of Small Christian Communities in Eastern Africa* at CUEA in Nairobi, Kenya on Monday, 3 September, 2012.



SCC members connect the Bible to daily life in a formation meeting in Nairobi, Kenya.



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St. Kizito SCC during their weekly Bible Sharing /Bible Reflection in Waruku, Nairobi, Kenya



Members of the SCCs class at Hekima College in Nairobi, Kenya Share their experiences.



St. Kizito SCC visits the "Amani na Wema Children Home" in Nairobi, Kenya



Weekly meeting of St. Kizito SCC in St. Austin's Parish, Nairobi, Kenya at the Amani na Wema ("Peace and Goodness") Home on Sunday, 20 January, 2013.



During the weekly meeting of St. Kizito SCC in St. Austin's Parish, Nairobi, Kenya on Sunday, 20 January, 2013 60 small orphan children receive personalized World Mission Rosaries from the children in the Fifth Grade at St. Patrick's School, Chatham, New Jersey, USA. The green beads represent the continent of Africa.



Members of St. Anne SCC celebrate at the opening of their first SCC meeting in the 2013 Year of Faith at St. Joseph the Worker Parish, Kangemi Nairobi, Kenya on 25 January 2013.

*2. The Activities of
Small Christian Communities
in Eastern Africa*



Wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Kwambok held in St Ann SCC Kangemi, Nairobi, Kenya. Being the Year of Faith 2013, St Ann is encouraging its members to get married in the Catholic Church.



Mr Benard Wanjala who played the role of Jesus in the Way of The Cross, falls for the first time. He is a member of St Kizito SCC that joined other SCCs on Good Friday in St Austin's Parish in Lavington Nairobi, Kenya on 29 March 2013.



Mr Marcellus Oppoloi, Chairperson of St Josephine Bakhita SCC carries the Cross during the procession on Palm Sunday at St Austin Church Lavington, Nairobi, Kenya on 24 March 2013



Mwalimu Simon Rurinjah and Mrs. Rose Musimba answer questions on the essential role of lay people in SCCs in the SCCs Class at Tangaza University College in Nairobi, Kenya in February 2013.



A demonstration of the weekly Bible Sharing / Bible Reflection in a formation meeting in Nairobi, Kenya



Lay Evangelizers Veronica Mbeti of Otiende SCC and Catherine Kimani of Yatta present Lumko SCC training materials to the Blessed John Paul II Parish Evangelizing Teams Formation Meeting on the 27 January 2013 at the Maryknoll Assembly Hall in Nairobi, Kenya. Now these materials will be available in a Train the Trainers (TOT) series of SCCs workshops.



St Joseph Subparish of Consolata Shrine: SCC Workshop for Bible Sharing and Reflection on Sunday, 24 June 2012, Nairobi, Kenya



Father Joseph Healey opens St. Kizito SCC's Women's Tailoring Project in Nairobi, Kenya



Some SCC members of St.Austins' Parish in Nairobi, Kenya during a Civic Education Seminar held in the Multipurpose Hall on Sunday, 24 February 2013 before the General Elections on 4 March.



Some members of St.Kizito SCC queueing at a polling station in Dagoretti North Constituency in Nairobi, Kenya on 4 March, 2013 during the General Elections.

*3. Networking of
Small Christian Communities
Around the World*



SCC members discuss the process of “RENEW Africa: Gathered as God’s Family” in Port Elizabeth Diocese, South Africa



Ms. Deirdre Malacrea of RENEW International, Msgr. Pius Rutechura, the Vice Chancellor of the Catholic University of Eastern Africa, and Sister Theresa Rickard, OP of RENEW International participate in "In the World Today? The Church on Her Way in Basic Christian Communities," an Intercontinental Symposium in Tuebingen, Germany from 17 -- 20 January, 2013.



*Front row: (Left to Right) Glenda, Dan, Joe & Sister
Back row: Fr. Xavier, Belza, Fr. Joe, Caroline*

SCCs Convention in Erie, Pennsylvania, USA ~ 25 July, 2009



SCCs Convention in Brandon, Florida, USA ~ 22 July, 2010

Front L-R Fr. Xavier Thelakkatt, Belza Ramos, Theresa Doyle, Caroline Adams, Rev. Bill Thaden; Back L-R: Fr. Krumm (NAPRC Director), Fr. Art Baranowski, Nancy Fischer, SSJ, Bro. Bob Moriarty.



SCCs Convention in Brandon, Florida, USA ~ 22 July, 2010

**Sitting: Sr. Honora Nolte, OP (RENEW INTL), Standing L-R
Fr. Xavier Thelakkatt, Diane Kledzik (NAFSCC), Caroline Adams**



Members of the St. Isidore of Seville International Online Skype SCCs Weekly Bible Sharing / Bible Reflection

*4. Highlights of the
Renew Gala 2013*



RENEW INTERNATIONAL'S 14TH ANNUAL

Dinner Gala

Gala Home

Honorees

Journal

Tables

Auction

Thursday, June 6, 2013

Cocktails & Auction: 6:00 p.m. / Dinner & Awards: 8:00 p.m.

**Pleasantdale Chateau
757 Eagle Rock Avenue
West Orange, New Jersey**

Join us as we celebrate an exciting and successful year in our mission to foster a renewed spirit of faith in Catholics around the globe. The evening will feature live entertainment, delicious food, and an exciting charity auction.

With your support, RENEW is able to serve the needs of today's Church through innovative pastoral services and resources that build vibrant faith communities of hope and Gospel action.

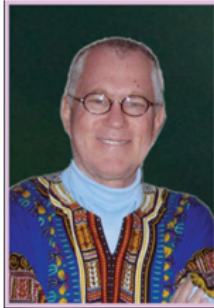
RENEW International 2013 Gala Honorees



Michael Catanzaro
President's Award

Awarded to that individual who through his/her actions and support, have advanced RENEW's mission of evangelization, spiritual renewal, and faith formation and played a significant role in bringing those efforts to individuals, parishes, and dioceses throughout the world.

Drawing on his successful banking career, Michael Catanzaro brings his gifts and talents to his role as Controlling Trustee, Secretary and Treasurer of the George Link Jr. Charitable Trust. In this capacity, he has advocated for and supported RENEW International's initiatives for many years. His dedication to many philanthropic causes and devotion to family stems from his strong Catholic faith.



Rev. Joseph G. Healey, M.M.
Msgr. Thomas A. Kleissler Award

Awarded to a person who exemplifies one or more of the remarkable qualities of Father Tom: demonstrates a visionary and missionary spirit of Church renewal, committed to justice as integral to faith, dedicated to the formation of lay leadership and devoted to spiritual renewal through the building of small Christian communities.

Since arriving in Kenya in 1968, Father Healey, an American Maryknoll missionary priest, has been a tireless promoter of small Christian communities as a model of Church life. His pastoral ministry, academic career, and writings have made him a leading voice in the spread of SCCs throughout Africa and around the world.



Lisa Marie Meehan
Spirit of RENEW Award

Awarded to that individual who through his/her actions, in both private and public life, has exemplified the Catholic values central to the mission of RENEW and through word and deed, spread that message of the Gospel to all.

Lisa Marie Meehan exemplifies RENEW's vision of connecting faith to life through her integration of values-driven living. A successful business professional at Merck, a wife and mother, she finds time to lead ambitious outreach efforts in her parish and community that support both young and old.



Display of Small Christian Communities activities promoted by RENEW International in Africa and around the world at the RENEW Gala.



Display of Orbis Books and Eastern African books on Small Christian Communities at the RENEW Gala



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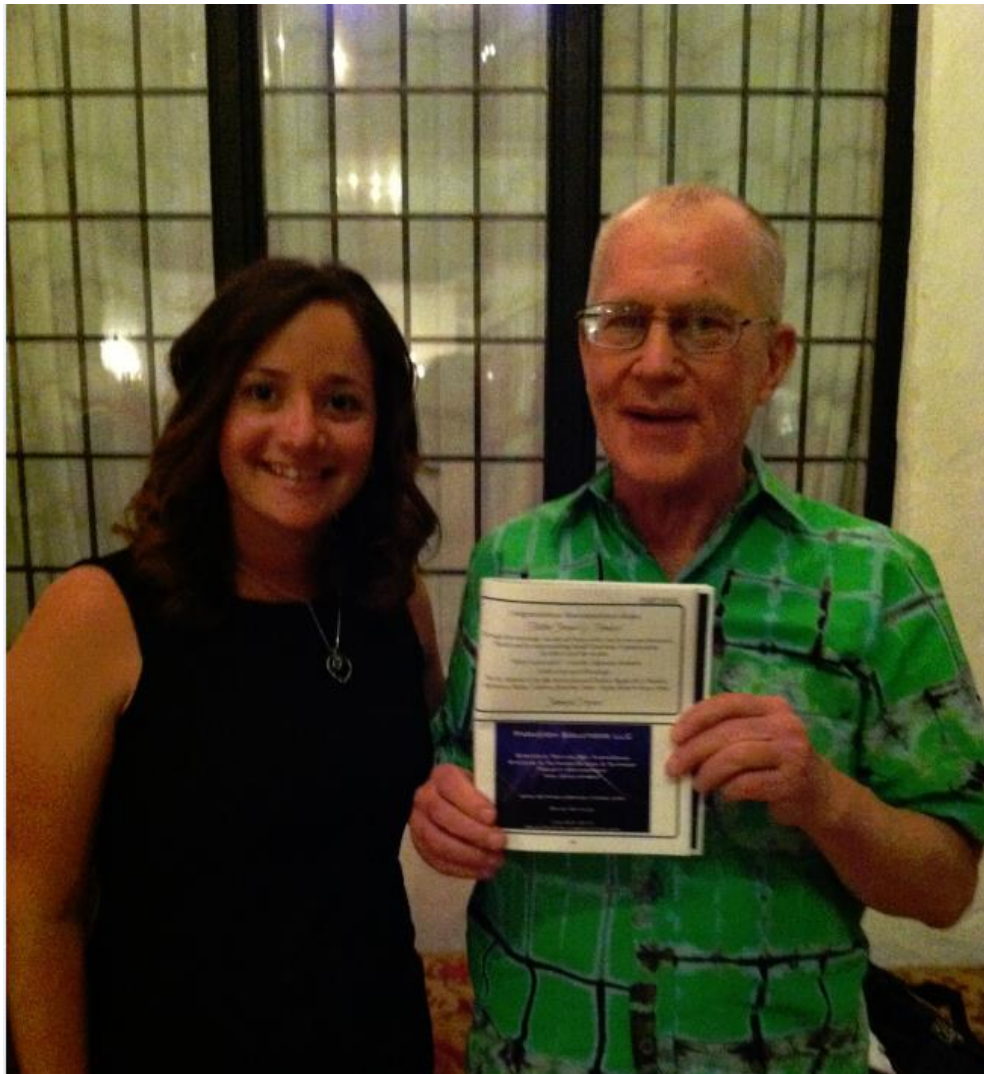
Display of African books, magazines, DVDs and carvings on African Culture and Traditions at the RENEW Gala



Display of Maryknoll magazines, brochures and bookmarks at the RENEW Gala



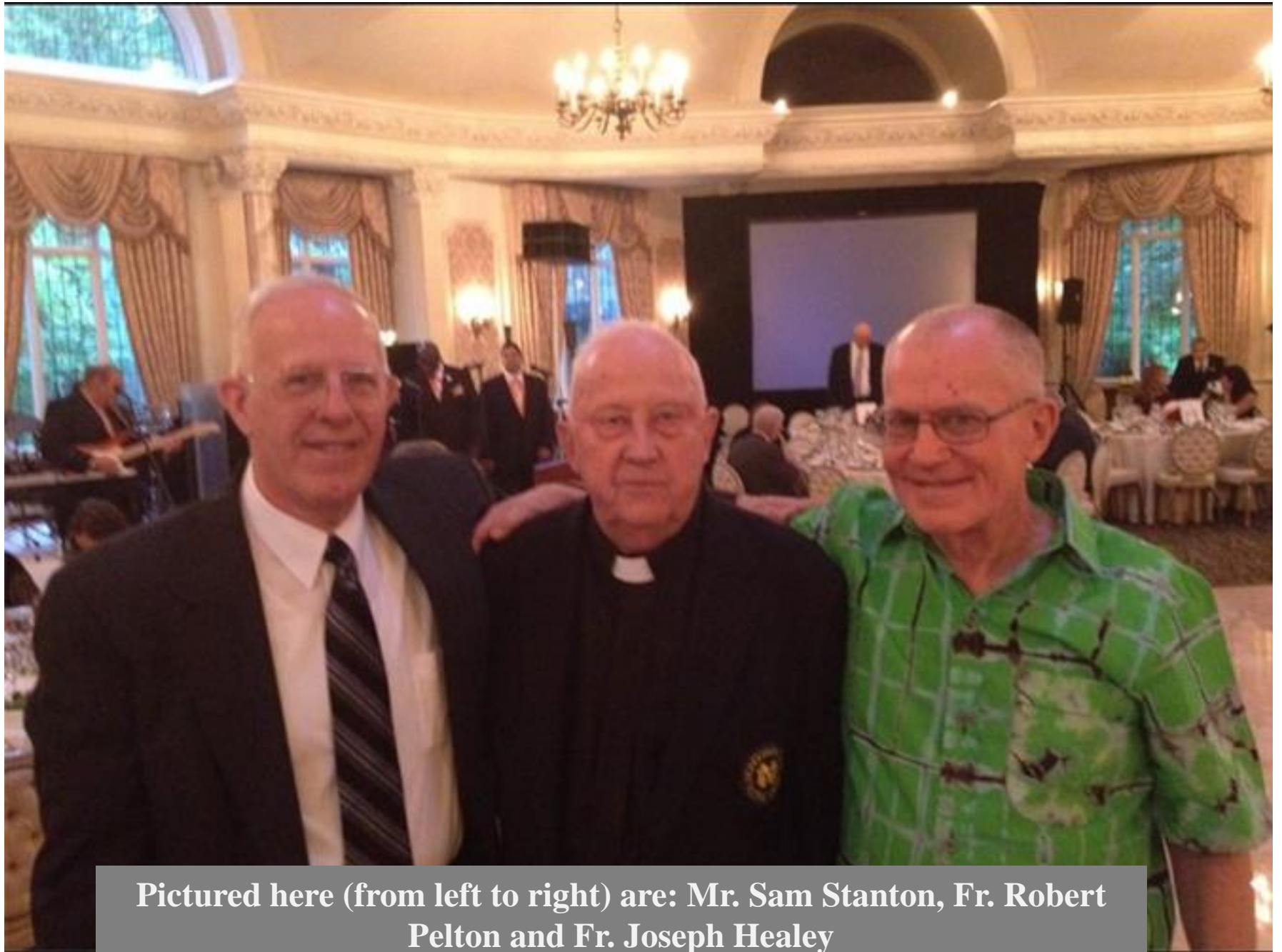
Display of African vestments, stoles, cloths and shirts along with the Small Christian Communities Website at the RENEW Gala



The St. Isidore of Seville International Online Skype SCCs Family surprised Fr. Joseph G. Healey with a congratulatory message in the program at the RENEW Gala



Pictured here (from left to right) are: Sister Ann Mutinda, MM from Machakos Diocese, Kenya; Rev. Joseph G. Healey, MM; Sister Theresia Ndesoma, MM from Moshi Diocese, Tanzania; and Jen Ehrentraut Segro from New Jersey, USA



Pictured here (from left to right) are: Mr. Sam Stanton, Fr. Robert Pelton and Fr. Joseph Healey

**Father Joe Healey talking with
members of his family
in the Africa Room at the
RENEW Gala**





Members of Father Joe Healey's family at the RENEW Gala



Four Maryknoll priests at the RENEW Gala



Fr. Joe Healey accepts the Msgr. Thomas A. Kleissler Award from Sr. Terry Rickard

Short Speech by Father Joe Healey, MM at the RENEW Gala

Thank you, Sister Terry, for your kind introduction. I am delighted to receive this Msgr. Thomas Kleissler Award on behalf of the 120,000 Small Christian Communities (SCCs) in the nine countries of Eastern Africa. The members of my own St. Kizito SCC in Nairobi, Kenya greet all of you. The Women's Sewing Group made the shirt that I am wearing for the first time tonight. The children in my SCC greet your own children and grandchildren. Please bring home to them some Ghanaian chocolate on the table in the Africa Room (and don't forget to take some for yourself!). I would like to welcome the two African Maryknoll Sisters to come up here to the microphone, please. Sister Theresia Ndesoma, MM is from Moshi Diocese in Tanzania. Sister Ann Mutinda, MM is from Machakos Diocese in Kenya. When I asked them what we should do tonight they said, "Sing a SCC song, of course." It is a clapping song so you join in too. It is called "*Iende Mbele Injili*" in Swahili that means "Let the Word of God Go Forth" and is used during our *Bible* Processions.



Fr. Joe Healey & Sr. Theresia Ndesoma look on as Sr. Ann Mutinda leads the room in an African song.

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Small Christian Communities (SCCs) are
a New Model of Church and a
New Way of
Being Church today.
SCCs are not a movement
in the church.
They are the church *on the move*.



A SCC is a small neighborhood, parish-
based group in an urban or rural area in
Eastern Africa



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