

Master's in Pastoral Studies (MPS) Alumnus Celebrates a Trio of Publications

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Born and raised in Kisii, Kenya, Alloys Nyakundi came to study at the Loyola Institute for Ministry at Loyola University, New Orleans, Louisiana, USA because of his passion for leading and promoting Young People Small Christian Communities, or YPSCCs, in the nine countries of Eastern Africa where he was working with the AMECEA Pastoral Department. Alloys received his Master's in Pastoral Studies (MPS) with a specialization in Small Christian Communities in 2019.

During his undergraduate studies at Kenyatta University in Nairobi, Alloys gained valuable insights into the needs of Eastern African youth and how they can be met through YPSCCs. In a recent trio of publications, he shares these insights as they have been informed by his experiences and his studies.

The article "Youth Small Christian Communities (YSCCs): Creating the Path by Walking" appears in *Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment* (Institute of Youth Studies, Nairobi, Kenya, 2017) , which contains the proceedings of a symposium held at Tangaza University College in Nairobi, Kenya, in February 2017. His contribution explores how YSCCs help young people to connect their faith to their lives, discover their vocation and create meaningful community. He encourages more parishes to develop YSCCs.

Alloys also co-authored the chapter, "We Create the Path by Walking: Youth Small Christian Communities in Eastern Africa," that is found in *God's Quad: Small Faith Communities on Campus and Beyond* (Orbis Books, Maryknoll, NY: 2018). The chapter shares several case studies highlighting the experience of young people in various YPSCCs in Eastern Africa.

Finally the German article, “Neue Wege Schaffen: Klein Christliche Jugendgemeinschaften in Kenia” examines YPSCCs in Kenya; it appears in the journal *Forum Weltkirche* (July/August 2018) in an issue devoted to “Die Jugend Gewinnen,” literally, “How To Win the Youth.”

All these publications focus on Alloys' belief in the importance of working together as a team that is summed up in the Ugandan proverb, *One hand washes the other hand*. People who want to learn more about the YPSCCs ministry can visit the Small Christian Communities Global Collaborative Website [GO»](#)

In addition, two Facebook Pages offer more information:

- Small Christian Communities [GO»](#)
- Young People Small Christian Communities [GO»](#)

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