

EAST AFRICAN REVIVAL

Welcome to Gahini...The Cradle of East African Revival movement.



ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY

Justin Welby recently stated, "The average Anglican is a woman in her 30s living in sub-Saharan Africa on less than four dollars per day." Archbishop Justin visited the East African Revival Heritage Centre in Gahini, which he described as the "most beautiful place and the birthplace of the Anglican Church in the Great Lakes Region." During his visit the Archbishop declared the site a Regional Revival Heritage Centre, and spoke of the impact that the East African Revival had had on his personal faith.

In a sermon preached at Gahini, the Archbishop said that Gahini is the never-ending river that feeds the faithful with the Holy Spirit. He encouraged all present to keep praying for the betterment of the world, and for the building up of God's church for His glory.



DISTINGUISHING FEATURES

The movement was distinguished by its grassroots approach, spreading through small groups and personal connections. It aimed at addressing issues of personal holiness within the church leadership and the impact of modernity on church practices.

“In fact, the East African Revival introduced a mode of evangelism yet unknown in the church, namely, using every opportunity to preach the Gospel. All manner of social or religious functions are used to proclaim

REVIVAL

The East African Revival was and still is a move of God in East Africa and beyond. It was a significant religious renewal initiative that took place in East Africa during the late 1920s and 1930s. It started in the mid 1920's on a hill named Gahini in Belgian Ruanda-Urundi and gradually spread throughout the eastern mountains of the Belgian Congo, Uganda Protectorate, Tanganyika Territory, and Kenya Colony in the 1930s and 1940s. The movement was rooted in earlier religious revivals that had occurred in Britain, British North America, and Protestant Europe.

1936
Tanzania, Kenya
26th June 1936
Revival Explosion

1935-36
Buganda, Buhiga, Buye, Matana, Kigezi, Butare, Ankole

1931-34
Kigeme, Shyira, Shyogwe and other Rwandan missions

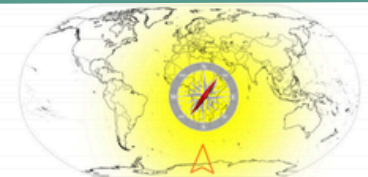
1930's
Seeds of Revival sown in Gahini produced fruits

1925
Gahini begins-Evangelisation, Prayer, Bible study.



KEY MOMENT

A significant event in the movement was on June 26, 1936, when Joe Church noted a remarkable spiritual experience happening among the people at Gahini.



PEOPLE

Key figures in the movement included Dr. Leonard Sharp, Dr. Stanley Smith, Dr. John Edward Church, Captain Geoffrey Holmes, Simeon Nsibambi, Yosiya Kinuka, and Kosiya Shalita.

Jesus Christ. Both happy and sorrowful events are an opportunity for the Gospel. Funerals of Revival brethren (and even unbelievers) are evangelistic campaigns as much as their weddings!”

- John Senyonyi, East African Revival 2013